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Comments: I wish to support the Ozark Society comments.

Ozark society is recommending Alternative 3 for the Ward Park and Eagleton Zones, and Alternative 4 for the Fire Tower and State Park Zones. This will reduce the total number of chairlifts from 5 to 2, with no chairlifts in the Fire Tower or State Park Zones. Alternative 4 for the Fire Tower and State Park Zones will also provide better protection for native plants and animals, water quality in streams, less road development on steep slopes, help keep scenic views and the upper portions of Rich Mountain more natural, and provide better protection for the traditional uses for Queen Wilhelmina State Park and the Ouachita Trail. Tourism is expanding in Arkansas, but let's do it carefully, protecting as much natural beauty as possible, including natural flora, fauna, and the peaceful call of nature itself. Thank you for proceeding with caution and emphasis on conservation and preservation so that visitors in the future will know they have come to Arkansas, not Disneyland.

-- Marti Olesen