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Comments: Dear Sir:

Please reconsider the extensive development of Rich Mountain and the surrounding areas. Please protect the rare species that are only found on Rich Mountain and in the Ouachitas. Please keep streams and creeks free of pollution for the safety of fish and aquatic life. In order to avoid erosion, please minimize impact of trail and road construction and maintenance. Please protect the natural beauty that is enjoyed by Arkansans and visitors to our "Natural" state. We need to do this for our future generations.

The Ozark Society is recommending alternative 3 for the Ward Park and Eaglet 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 Park Zones will provide protection for native plants, animals and stream water quality. Minimal road development will keep Rich Mountain more natural and protect Queen Wilhelmina and the Ouachita Trail from over development. Thank you for your consideration.