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Comments: As a hunter, angler, hiker, and general outdoor enthusiast, I sincerely value diverse, healthy forest habitats. As such, I strongly support the proposed action (Alternative 2) as developed by the U.S. Forest Service in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Too many people are easily misguided by false information and do not truly understand the need for diversity in forest stands through disturbance, whether by Mother Nature or active forest management.

Old growth forests are only part of the equation, and allowing all forests to become monocultures of mature stands would result in biological deserts for many species.

The best quail and turkey populations in AR are in the actively managed segments of the Ouachita NF. Alternative 2 provides a science-based pathway to healthy forests, streams, and wildlife, and I urge you to make Alternative 2 the final preferred.