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Comments: I strongly support the proposal to amend the 2005 Mark Twain National Forest Plan to include updated standards relating to timber management near National Recreation Trails.

This proposal would finally provide formal corridor protections for the Ozark Trail, which it has never had before.

Why this matters:

1. The amendment would create a 100-foot timber-harvest buffer on both sides of the trail, except in specific cases like restoration, salvage, disease, or safety.
2. Updates the Forest Plan by removing outdated standards that didn't protect the trail corridor.
3. These protections will help safeguard the condition of the trail, making it more sustainable and easier to maintain for years to come.

Thank you!

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