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I'd like to leave a public comment on the recent proposal to open up 337 acres of the Ouachita National Forest for quartz mining. I reject the justification of the proposal, cited below:

"This action is needed, because market conditions suggest that a demand for quartz exists, and preliminary reconnaissance determined that a viable quartz deposit may be present sufficient to warrant additional investigation." Quartz miners will tell you quartz is getting harder to mine out. All they will do is destroy our beautiful forests.

Please choose to prioritize life over profit.

We can choose what our priorities are, and our priorities need to lie with the ecosystems and waterways that give us life, not extraction of resources at any cost. What is actually necessary is the protection of ecosystems and the preservation of clean drinking water. I needn't remind you of the affects this plan will have on both.

I hope the Forest Service will acknowledge that Quartz is not necessary to life, that ecosystems and clean water are, and will prioritize accordingly.

Sincerely,

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Paula Abney