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Comments: As a native life long Arkansan who has spent 1000s of hours in the Ouachita Mountains and surrounding ring areas, I am 100% against the Mining Project proposed for Garland and Saline counties. Really anywhere in our state. Just because market conditions show somewhat of an interest does not justify the harm opening up mining will do to our forests and environment. The risks far outweigh the reward and this action will not serve the greater good. I want to preserve our land for my daughter and all the daughters after.

Also important- fresh water is not infinite. The Big Blakely Creek-Lake Ouachita area of the proposed sites has a high chance of seeing a 629% increase in sediment delivery per year. On the Upper North Fork of the Saline River, the proposed action has a high chance of delivering a 1,335% increase in sediment per year. This is particularly relevant to me as a Little Rock resident, since some of our drinking water comes from Lake Winona.