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Comments: I am writing to strongly oppose potential quartz pit mining above Jessievile, Lake Winona, and The Fourche in Arkansas. The Oucachitas are hardly the only place in Arkansas where quartz is plentiful. There is no need to break public trust like this by mining land designated as a national forest. This land belongs to the public, not to mining companies. The Ouachitas are an ancient mountain range, and ancient mountains do not simply grow back. Mining these ones would be an unbelievably shortsighted mistake. Even the reduced 207-acre alternative plan, with the projected potential for sediment, spells disaster for tourism, wildlife, and water. This would affect all of Garland. I urge all parties responsible for this decisions to consider the devastating long term effects.