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I wish to let you know that I am against quartz mining in the area of Paron and around Lake Winona.

Both Lake Winona and the Saline River are used as sources for water for Arkansas cities (Little Rock & Benton respectively).

The Saline River... all four forks... considered to be one of the most clear and pristine rivers in America. Please do not do damage to it.

The area around Lake Winona is historic. My parents met when my father was in the CCC Camp in Paron. The 'CC Boys' built the roads around the lake. The area near the dam provides places to picnic and camp. My great grandparents homesteaded on Berry Mountain on the road to Lake Winona.

Our natural resources are much more important than any money these people would make and the terrain would be damaged. Might we also assume that the trees of the National Forest would have to be cut for the mining companies to get in and get that they want?

I remember back in the 1970s when people came here to just pick up crystals lying on the ground. We thought that was bad and wondered why they were allowed to do that. People took the crystals and sold them to tourists coming through on the highway.

Major objections to doing damage to the terrain and to the ecology of the area as well as to the wonderful recreational value of the area.

I have no way to digitally sign this but I can verify that I am a resident of Paron and that I am opposed to doing harm to the natural resources of the area. This is our beautiful home. We ask that you do not do damage to it.

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