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Comments: The Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association is presenting our Letter of Interest regarding the proposed Ouachita National Forest Quartz Mining plan, currently under consideration for approval by the US Forest Service. The Ouachita National Forest borders our incorporated private community on both our western and northern boundaries.

Specific items of interest with this proposed quartz mining operation are:

1. The potential impact on the watershed which supplies water for the stand-alone Hot Springs Village Water System. Over 17,000 residents plus a large visitor population are currently served by HSV's water system. That system supplies up to six million gallons of water per day, with HSV's water rated as "non-contaminated" under Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Standards.
2. The potential impact of proposed mining operations on the natural beauty of the forested areas directly abutting our western and northern boundaries. Those natural aesthetics are a major factor in HSV's continued growth and our property values.

This Letter of Interest is intended to establish Hot Springs Village's rights to further comment and/or request any required Federal, State, or County funding to correct and/or repair any negative impacts these mining operations may have in our community.