

### **MSP Disclaimer on Ozark Mountain State Park Comments**

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## **Ozark Mountain State Park Comments from Dec. 4, 2017 Public Meeting**

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**Zip Code: 65809**

Please do NOT sell any parks!!! Thank you for making these wonderful resources available to everyone!

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**Zip Code: 65672**

I would absolutely love to see the beauty and history contained inside the Ozark Mountain State Park preserved. I hold the history of this area, as well as the beautiful nature, in high regard. I would like to see hiking trails, similar to ones at Herring, be laid down in the park. I would love to see the historical structures on the property be maintained and completely 100% preserved and protected from vandalism.

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**Zip Code: 65616**

Lets keep the park going. Even the land that is not developed! Lets keep it we can fix it up later. Keep our land safe!

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**Zip Code: 65809**

Please don't sell the parks! Thank you for your service!

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**Zip Code:**

State Parks are vital and I support the development of all the new state parks in question. Don't sell these unique gems.

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**Zip Code: 65664**

I'm for developing the park. with the amount of development occurring in this area, such as set aside would provide a great opportunity for residents and visitors to enjoy unspoiled nature.

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**Zip Code:**

- Keep a significant portion that represents the primitive beauty of the bald knobs, natural glades and woodlands.
- Trails for hiking and horse back riding -Guided trail walks for tourists, locals and school children - Designated area for camping so as to minimize human footprint -Areas designated for wildflowers to increase pollinators-bees, butterflies and bats. -Signs along trail walks for education and appreciation of geology, trees, plants, animals, etc.

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**Zip Code: 65648**

It is not prudent to sell the new parks even though there is no money to develop them at this time. As the population grows in our state, more green space will be

necessary for recreational purposes. Develop these parks as we go along for future generations to come.

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**Zip Code: 65165**

No timeshare or vacation development. Look for public Funds Issue Bond. Merge with Paul and Ruth Henning Park Look for public funds Issue Bond

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**Zip Code: 65401**

Open as much of Ozark Mountain SP as fast as possible. Develop it further as monies allow.

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**Zip Code: 65679**

Please keep this land preserved. Please don't sell it for development. Thank you.

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**Zip Code: 65616**

Keep this hiking park open. Upkeep is minimal. Do not sell. Timeshares development has raped our beautiful landscape.

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**Zip Code: 65672**

Keep adding to and promoting your hiking trails. I would like to see trails that have tent camping sites on your larger property

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**Zip Code: 65616**

A beautiful piece of property that everyone need to have the opportunity to travel through. A public park says it all. Allow ATV trails, biking and hiking. So let the land help make you money. Homestead owner

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**Zip Code:**

1. Really important to preserve this glade habitat. Seeing the maps impressed on me the need to protect the riparian corridor along East Roark and Roark creeks.
2. Preservation of the surrounding water shed is crucial when measured against already existing development in Branson area
3. Excellent opportunity for natural area exploration by school kids, families and tourists in the Branson/SW MO area
4. I am more supportive of dirt trails rather than asphalt/concrete trails. Understand need for handicap accessibility but natural is best to preserve ecosystems.
5. Another opportunity for professional employment in the community
6. More nature viewing/enjoyment than Table Rock State Park.

Different opportunities for recreation and preserving natural environment.

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**Zip Code:**

Would love to see natural trails, possibly some limited concessions. Exciting opportunity for the area

Zip Code: 65686

Ozark Mtn. should start slow. Dayuse and trails - low overhead. Connect trails w/Henning (MDC) - have a trail along Roark Creek to MDC Tower Henning trail head parking lot. Find partners to make this park happen. It is the right park at the right place - Branson. Thank you!

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Zip Code:

I think Ozark Mtn. S.P. would benefit from restoration of its natural features, such as its bald knobs and glades. As far as development goes, I believe hiking trails and look out/overlook stations would help enhance visitors experience of the park.

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Zip Code: 65723

Continue w/conceptual development plan - open parks. Don't sell! Thanks

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Zip Code: 65248

Revise the 'all options are on the table statement' to include 'with the exception of selling these lands.' CFM supports wise and well-planned development of these properties, but will not accept selling as an option. Thank you.

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Zip Code: 65611

Save cabin, school house Trails Basic Unitlitys House, shed Demo. Keep it simple

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Zip Code: 65611

I would like to see the property left a state park. Table Rock is one of the busiest parks and we could use another state park in the area. I also would love to not have it developed from a family aspect. Thank You :-)

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Zip Code: 65616

Property in its natural state should not be turned over to developers bulldozers. I believe it is very important for future generations to experience and understand the natural conditions from what current development sprang. The "vanishing wilderness" does not need an extra nudge in Ozark Mountain Park

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Zip Code: 65616

I hope DNR keeps the Ozark Mtn St. Park. It will greatly enhance our glade habitat and give us the opportunity to interpret our natural and cultural heritage. We need these places for all citizens.

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Zip Code: 65721

The Ozark Mountain Stat Park is very important and significant historically as well as environmentally. The preservation of the Garber Schoolhouse is important to our local history and culture and closely tied to the Shepard of the Hills. A few dollars for restoration of the schoolhouse and interpretive, but primitive trails is all that is necessary to preserve this special area for futer generations. To sell this property to private individuals would be a major loss to local citizens and visitors alike. The park can and will be a economic generator for both the DNR and local economy. The Ozarks natural area, especially in the Branson area is disappearing at an alarming rate. This park serves as a representation of a beautiful and limited resource. A visual and protective area for the upper Roark Watershed. There is great significant "Public" value in the property

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Zip Code: 65616

This is historic property and should be treated as such. Minimal development - gravel parking, paths, washroom, trash receptacles. Wilderness parks are very important and combine with conservation state park land, and watershed protection in Taney County. Please do not let developers in!

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Zip Code: 65616

This park would be an important addition to the southwest Mo area. People flock to Branson for many reasons including hiking and outdoor recreation opportunities. It doesn't have to be highly developed; could mirror Hennings minimal development. Thank you for this great opportunity. All my friends would use it.

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Zip Code: 65616

Keep Mo Parks public - You're doing a great job! Keep affordable for everyone. Thanks!

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Zip Code: 65802

Please keep all 4 new state parks. They are economic drivers for rural MO - \$1 in, \$26 to local economy. People use and support parks - 80% of voters voted for parks and soil tax. Being outdoors in our parks is good for physical, emotional and spiritual health - also important economically. Parks and attention to natural resources help people understand the connection between our individual and community health and the health of our water, soil, air and food. Help maintain our parks and natural resources.

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Zip Code: 65672

Something I would really like to see is a possible acquirement of the ghost town of Garber. The Garber Schoolhouse is on the park land. I would love a trail leading from the schoolhouse to Garber!

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Zip Code: 65802

State Parks are very special places. For some, these public places are the only places they can experience and enjoy nature, escape the city or reconnect with friends and family. As the population continues to increase, I think the value of state parks will too. Let's keep them.

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Zip Code:

I am very excited about have 3 new parks to visit. I hiked at Ozark Mountain last year. It has history, varied terrains and beautiful views. And is so close to Branson. I enjoy hiking, paddling and seeing nature.

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Zip Code: 65721

The park should be developed to preserve, conserve and restore the Ozarks landscape. In addition, the use of the park should be consistent with the Mission of State Parks. This park should not be sold.

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Zip Code:

Since voters approved a tax increase just for the MO parks, that revenue should be spent for the parks. Greitens needs to keep his hands off that revenue and let it used where the voters intended

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Zip Code: 65616

I would like for the land to remain as a park and in one large parcel.

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Zip Code: 65672

Selling these properties would rank as one of the dumbest, most short-sighted actions ever taken by Missouri State Government. DON'T DO IT. Keep these properties preserved for current and future generations of the public.

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Zip Code: 65673

I believe we should: 1. Continue to keep State Parks for the outdoor activities and keep them free - Including Ozark MTN 2. Best Outdoor and natural areas that are affordable for families. We need to keep these areas where nature is available for all. 3. Many people use and enjoy our Missouri Parks. The people already spoke w/an 80% vote of yes to keep all of our State Parks.

Ozark Mountain Park can be another beautiful and easily accessible park with much geological and historical significance. Keep the Parks

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Zip Code:

Keep it as it is. We are losing the Ozarks.

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Zip Code: 65672

Please do not sell one inch of any Mo State Park or Conservation Area.

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Zip Code:

Would like to see a gravel parking area. Marked trails similar Ruth and Paul Henning trail and White River Valley Trails. Enjoy hiking these trails.

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Zip Code: 63123

Hold meetings in St. Louis, KC and N Mo. If funds are not available now land bank the properties. DO NOT SELL Due to a lack of meeting in STL I am driving 500 miles to express my opinion

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Zip Code: 65616

I would like to see a gravel parking area and marked trails.

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Zip Code: 65616

An undeveloped parcel of this size is a tremendous asset to our region and state. I believe it should be opened to the public in stages - Limited facilities at first. DO NOT SELL THIS ASSET TO A PRIVATE OWNER.

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Zip Code: 65612

It is important to save the Ozark Mtn Park from development! The natural beauty is important but the ecological needs of the park are equally vital. The runoff from development will create a huge problem for Roark Creek! Tourism is vital for Taney County - additional trails for eco-tourism will help the tax base for the county. We need to care for our environment and land. Don't sell our Parks!

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Zip Code: 65686

I would love to see low impact trails and very little if any development at this state park "Ozark Mountain" in Taney County. Leaving it a more natural area is preferable to me. Under no circumstance should it be sold or traded to private owners for development. We are losing too much public land and the Ozarks will continue to develop. We need to protect and preserve what little public land we have. This area desperately needs more eco-tourism and trails are a perfect

inexpensive way to provide access to the natural beauty we offer.

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Zip Code:

Ozark Mountain State Park land should be kept in the state park system! The area is a treasure!

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Zip Code: 65739

I want to see this park remain as a park. It would be great continuation to the Henning Conservation. Hiking should be the main drive, not motorized vehicles.

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Zip Code: 65616

I would love this area to have items for all people to enjoy. For example, difficult trails for the avid hiker and easy trails for the challenged hiker. In addition, biking trails, horseback trails, and picnic areas for folks to enjoy. An outdoor amphitheater would be amazing to enjoy music that echoes through the hollows. It would be fun to have things for the adventure/thrill seekers (i.e. zipline.). It is important to get our youth to celebrate and appreciate the beauty of the Ozark Mountains.

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