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Mr. Shane Jeffries
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Dear Sir,

This letter is being written to tell the USFS that I am against the Lemon Gulch Trail Project #58831: Mountain Bike Trail/Complex. I am choosing the **No Action** alternative.

I would like a personal response from Mr. Turner & Mr. Jeffries.

I feel the damage that will be done to the watershed from the bikes & offsite camping will cause **Compaction & Erosion**, that would be unreparable.

USFS needs to transition to an EIS, since there will be huge negative impacts to the watershed & to the human environment!

The trail construction will damage the land & vegetation with the huge equipment they bring in.

The mountain bike riding will disturb the wildlife: Elk, Deer & non game species will become displaced. This is critical habitat & is closed-locked 6 months out of the year so elk & deer can birth & rear their young!

I am concerned with the possibility of wildfires with the the increased usage.

Noxious weeds are a concern. With the increase of traffic bringing in seeds on their car & bike tires, especially from other cities & states.

Mountain bike/cattle & equestrian interactions will be disruptive & dangerous.

Most of the terrain is a 70% slope or better. This was logged over 40 years ago by helicopter because of how steep the terrain is. As of Jan. 1. 2023 no logging will take place on 70% or better slope. So why should a bike complex be allowed to be built?????

Why was COTA allowed to pick their own area for this huge complex? The public can't pick an area & tell the USFS they want it. To me that seems illegal! A logging outfit can't go out and find a plot in the forest & tell the USFS they want to log it!

How is the USFS going to mitigate my concerns?

Thank you!

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