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USFS
Mr. Shane Jeffries
Prineville, OR

Dear Sir,

I am against the Lemon Gulch Trails Project #58831, the mountain bike trail complex/park in the Lemon Creek watershed. I would like to request a personal response from Mr. Turner & Mr. Jeffries.

I request the, **NO ACTION** alternative on the above project!

1. Critical elk & deer habitat. They birth & rear their offspring in this area.
2. The offsite camping & the biking on the steep trails will cause **EROSION & COMPACTION! Something I thought the USFS doesn't want to happen anywhere in the National Forest!** This will destroy the Lemon Creek drainage.
3. USFS doesn't have the funding now to keep up with their maintenance. Actually they are taking out Restrooms everywhere. Then you are going to put in 3 trail heads with restrooms & parking lots. Who is going to maintain all of this? The amount of garbage will be ridiculous, with no one to clean it up. Sure they will volunteer to clean things up. Then the newness wears off. Where does that leave the National Forest. Full of garbage & human waste!
4. It will fragment the Forest.
5. The traffic will be horrendous. Crook County Road Department does not have the budget for all of the maintenance it will take to keep the roads maintained.
6. When, not if an accident happens the response time will be very long, since there is no cell service up there. The golden hour goes by fast. The Crook County EMS is short staffed with only a crew for one ambulance. They have 2 ambulances now, buy will have to buy a third one, which will cost us the tax payers!
7. We are in severe drought & the off sight camping would increase the wildfire danger.
8. This project should be addressed through an Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Analysis didn't cover all of the negative impacts!

How does the USFS plan to mitigate my concerns?

Thank you! Cade Ostrander

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