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USFS
Mr. Shane Jeffries
Prineville, OR

To Whom it May Concern,

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

This letter is to inform the USFS that I am calling for the **NO ACTION** alternative to the Lemon Gulch Trails Project#58831.

Some of my concerns:

-Interferes with the birthing & rearing of elk & deer. This area is critical habitat for them & is locked/closed for about 6 months out of the year. This will force the wildlife out of their area!

-As of 1-1-23 there will no logging allowed on anything 70% or more slope. So why would you allow a bike trail/complex to be put in. It will disturb the land & cause more **COMPACTION & EROSION** then logging would ever cause!

-USFS is not prepared or have the funds to enforce offsite camping or riding. Don't tell me they can be trusted to follow the rules, because it's human nature to push the limits!

-It will fragment the forest.

-Will bring noxious weeds that the people who live up there will have to contend with. The weed seeds will get stuck in the car & bike tires & then will spread all over the area. There is already a lot of noxious weeds in the area.

-There needs to be an EIS(Environmental Impact Statement) done. The Environmental Analysis didn't cover enough of the negative impacts to the watershed & human environment.

-The Mountain bike trail construction will disturb the tree roots & the resistance to insects & fungi will decrease. The resilience of the forest will be compromised & more susceptible to wildfire.

I would like to know how you are going to mitigate my concerns!

Thank you!

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