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Dear Sir:

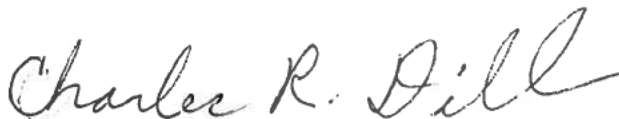
December 19, 2022

I am writing to object to the proposed action for the Lemon Gulch Trails Project #58831.

I am requesting a PERSONAL RESPONSE from Mr. Turner and Mr. Jeffries.

The EA doesn't address the following items:

- 1) The proposed trails on steep slopes will not be sustainable. Water drains placed on these trails will not work. To be effective a drain will have to be placed at an angle to the trail to direct water off the trails, an angled drain will tend to deflect a bike off the trail and the narrow width of the tire will cut through any soil berm of the drain.
- 2) The EA states that a 18" wide trail will be cut. This width can't be made with any mechanical means as no equipment of this width is made which can construct a trail in the timbered talus slopes. This means a minimum of a 4 foot wide trail will have to be constructed, dramatically increasing the disturbance to the land.
- 3) The EA does not address the concern I expressed in my first letter. With the construction of this project, no future timber removal projects will not be possible. All projects will be shut down by the bikers. With no timber removal, the area will continue to increase fuel loading, putting the whole valley at risk of wildfire.
- 4) As marked on the ground the proposed trail system is within 40 yards of the Green Mountain Trail. With this close distance users will connect the systems with illegal trails. This was not brought up in the EA. How will illegal trails be treated?
- 5) With any off site camping on the proposed trail system the chance of escaped camp fires is very high. No access will be possible for fire engines on the trail system.



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