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USFS
Mr. Shane Jeffries
Prineville, OR

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to inform you that I object to the proposed Lemon Gulch Trails Project#58831! First of all I would like to request a **Personal Response** from Mr. Turner & Mr. Jeffries.

Next I would like to request the **NO ACTION** alternative.

Some of my concerns:

- a. Interferes with the critical elk & deer habitat. They birth & rear their offspring in the watershed. The elk & deer would loose their habitat & be forced to leave the area. Thought the USFS was here to protect critical habitats of the wildlife. This area has been the elk & deer's habitat forever, so you think it's okay just to displace them for a bike trail???? I'm not against mountain bikes or trails, but there are many, many trails in the woods that aren't in the middle of critical habitat!
- b. The treaded trails on steep & talus slopes are not sustainable & will cause **COMPACTION & EROSION!!!**
This is the two things the USFS has never allowed, whether it be logging or any other project the USFS does!
- c. The complex will fragment the forest.
- d. This proposal needs to be addressed thru an EIS, not just the Environmental Analysis, since there are so many negative impacts to the drainage!
- e. Most equestrians don't support this complex.
- f. The complex would reduce the resilience of the Forest.

Please consider not doing this project in Lemon Creek watershed.

How does the USFS plan to mitigate my concerns?

Thank you,

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