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USFS  
Mr. Shane Jeffries  
Prineville, OR

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to object to the proposed action for the Lemon Gulch Trail Project #58831: Building a Mountain Bike Trail Complex/Park in the Lemon Creek watershed. I am requesting the "**No Action**" alternative. I am requesting a **PERSONAL RESPONSE** from Mr. Turner & Mr. Jeffries!

>Disturbance to the watershed

>According to the USFS you are not to move a rock out of it's natural habitat! This will happen! As a longtime timber faller, a USFS person who was hiding up above me, was going to write me up because I moved a rock out of its natural habitat. If I didn't move the rock the stump would have been too high. I told him it was not in it's natural habitat since it had fell from the rocked road above.

>After Jan. 1, 2023 there will be no logging of timber on any land with a 70% slope or more! This area has a lot of slope with 70% plus slope. So why would you allow a destructive bike complex to be built there???? The bike complex will cause more damage then a logger ever would. The bikers don't care what they damage! They go off & make new trails on their own.

>The **compaction & eroslon** caused by the offsite camping, biking on steep talus trails are not sustainable & would be detrimental to the Lemon Creek drainage!

>Critical elk & deer habitat. It would interfere with birthing & rearing of this wildlife. Elk & deer would be forced out of the area. This area is closed & locked off for 6 months out of the year.

>USFS doesn't have the funding to enforce riding & offsite camping. USFS has decommissioned a huge portion of the restrooms, due to lack of funding. Makes no sense to put in new ones they can't service & take care of!

> Increased usage would increase the likelihood of forest fires!

How does the USFS plan to mitigate my concerns?

I could go on, but this is just some of my concerns!

Thank you! Dean Staniford

