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I am writing to object to the proposed action for the Lemon Gulch Trails Project #58831: Building a mountain bike trail Complex/Park in the Lemon Creek watershed.

Good morning,

I am writing today to express my strong objection to the project stated above. As a life long resident of Prineville I have hunted and fished in that area nearly all my life. The addition of this trail system is not needed and unwanted. I would ask you to look at other states who have implemented these types of projects and the many issues they have caused.

That being said I am more worried about the health and safety of the wildlife especially the deer and elk fawns that reside in this area. An expansion of this type will have a severe impact on them. I am especially worried about the mule deer herds that live there as mule deer numbers are declining rapidly due to poor management already and removing more habitat would be detrimental. The removing of habitat is one thing but couple that with the addition of stresses of off road camping, the influx of people and the stresses this puts on the wildlife and you can see how this is a recipe for disaster.

I strongly urge you to please stop this action from moving forward and put the best interests of all parties at the forefront of your decision making process not just a select few. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Eddy Howard
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