

From: Dr. John Frachella, [REDACTED]

To: Mr. Randy Moore, Chief, USDA-FS, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0003

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Dear Mr. Moore,

The Lemon Gulch Project in Lemon Creek is a bad idea because it will damage land and vegetation, disturb wildlife, reduce forest resilience and increase wildfire threat in Oregon's driest, most at-risk-of wildfire region.

How does this project not warrant an EIS vs. EA?

From a political/official standpoint you will say you have no influence on EA vs. EIS... even though you do.

I'm an avid outdoorsman, as well as avid mountain biker who rides trails in the Ochoco region. I oppose the creation of parking lots, restrooms, or the use of machinery to build trails that alter the natural complexion of the forest floor in the Lemon Creek drainage. The environmental sensitivity of Lemon Creek drainage will be easily damaged by large groups of riders drawn to it by advertising and publicity. Natural forest-loving riders can eventually find already-existing trails on their own in smaller numbers, not in throngs being shuttled to the tops of trails by school busses, as is planned at Lemon Creek.

The Lemon Gulch Project demands an EIS!

I say this from experience riding in the Ochoco National Forest, as well as from riding throughout the now vastly human- and machine-altered Cascades.

Thus, I request that you please reconsider supporting the Lemon Gulch Project without an EIS!

Respectfully,

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