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To Whom It May Concern,

I object to the Lemon Gulch Trail Project #58831; Building a Mountain Bike Trail Complex-Park in the Lemon Creek watershed. I would like a personal response from Mr. Turner & Mr. Jeffries.

I request the **"NO ACTION"** alternative.

* **COMPACTION & EROSION** will occur from the offsite camping, biking on & off the trails, & the making of the bike trails that use very heavy equipment. I always thought the USFS doesn't approve of compaction & erosion in the National Forest.

* It will fragment the forest.

* We have been in a drought for many years. The offsite camping, increased foot traffic would increase the wildfire danger.

* The drainage is critical elk & deer habitat. It is closed/locked 6 months out of the year. The elk & deer would be forced out the drainage. This has been their habitat forever. Doesn't the USFS protect the wildlife if this is critical habitat.

* A EIS needs to be done because of the many, many negative impacts.

* The USFS is removing at a very fast pace restrooms since they don't have enough funding to maintain them. But they want to put in 3 trail heads with restrooms, parking lots, etc. Who will be maintaining these? The build up of trash & human waste when the restrooms aren't maintained will be horrible!

* Most of the slopes up there is more then 70%. As of the first of the year there will be no logging on the 70% or better slopes. So it makes no sense that you should be able to make bike trails. The compaction & erosion will be horrendous!

8 Noxious weeds/problem. The car & bike tires will be bringing in weed seeds from lots of other areas.

How will the USFS mitigate my concerns?

Thank you!

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