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As a landowner in the Mill Creek valley I want to express my objection to the purposed mountain bike trail in the Lemon Creek area. This area is classified by the Oregon department of forestry as an extremely high risk area for fire. As a retired professional firefighter/ paramedic for the city of Salem ,Oregon. I can honestly say with the summer drying of vegetation, the winds that shift directly almost hourly and the slow response time for mitigation of a fire incident, the potential for a catastrophic fire is real.

I know the forest service is aware of the extreme fire risk because every year they post restrictions on us landowners at the beginning of Mill Creek Road , like no open burning even in a recreational fire pit , no operation of equipment like chainsaws or gas powered leaf blowers etc.

A mountain bike trail could bring hundreds of people at the very worst time of year for fire. The total reckless and disregard for the lives and livelihood of the people that live here and count on a safe fire season just stymies me. I guess they didn't learn from the Santiam fire that took the life of two people and placed several in the burn center in Portland. People that make these decisions have to be held countable

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