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Comments: Dear FS,

Re: Lemon Gulch Trail System #55831

I started mountain biking when I turned 50 and have never looked back. It has made a major difference in my quality of life since I started (the sense of accomplishment of learning new skills, staying active, meeting people, volunteering for something that benefits people and more thoroughly enjoying the outdoors). Therefore, I support this project and in particular, option 2. I enjoy all types of two wheeled activities (XC mtbnkng, downhill mtbnkng, dirtbike riding and moto-road riding). While engaged in all those activities I constantly look at the impact of the activity on the environment (comes from my long career as a professional civil and environmental engineer in the role of a public works director). What I have seen over the years is the most impact on environment has come from equestrian traffic on trails and open range grazing of cattle. Biking and hiking doesn't come close to the negative impact of those activities, yet those two activities are almost totally uncontrolled/regulated. Let's get the Lemon Gulch system approved and built. Thanks. Larry Waters [REDACTED]