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Dear Sirs:

RE: Proposed Lemon Gulch Trails Project #58831: Building a mountain bike trail Complex/Park in the Lemon Creek watershed

I am writing to support opposition to above-referenced proposal with reasons stated below:

- ❖ Habitat for wildlife would be damaged/modified by new, heavier concentrated human usage, leading to reduction or loss of deer and elk populations in the area.
- ❖ The Forest Service would be burdened by management and enforcement of, 1) rules of riding trails use and off-site camping, plus 2) increased traffic will further damage habitat and increase need for road route management.
- ❖ The proposed Complex while providing somewhat specialized recreation will affect wildlife and human inhabitants in the area that will not be reversible once the initial interest diminishes.

This proposed project has few recreational benefits for a relatively small segment of our populous. There are many developed trail/road areas available for use by the mountain bike trail enthusiast. To create a new one in a unique and wild area seems unnecessary. Being a mountain bike enthusiast to a lesser degree I try to see both sides, but I am a supporter of maintaining a beautiful land first.

Sincerely,

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