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USFS  
Mr. Shane Jeffries  
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Dear Sir,

I am against the Lemon Gulch Trail Project #58831-Mountain Bike Complex/Park in the Lemon Creek Watershed. I am requesting the **NO ACTION** alternative.

I also would like a personal response from Mr. Turner & Mr. Jeffries.

It's critical elk & deer habitat. Elk & deer give birth there & rear their offspring. It's locked & closed off for 6 months a year so the wildlife is not disturbed while birthing & raising their offspring.

**COMPACTION & EROSION** from the construction of the trails, offsite camping, biking on steep trails are not sustainable & would destroy Lemon Creek drainage! Will fragment the Forest!

As of 1/1/2023 No logging on slopes of 70% or more. So why do you think you should be able to take all sorts of heavy equipment in there & make bike trails?

The increased usage would definitely increase the risk of wildfires.

USFS can only have 3 miles of trails & roads in a section. Lemon Gulch has 5 sections. Therefore you can only have 15 miles total. There is already that many miles in there. So it is at the limit/over right now!

They need to do an EIS, since there were so many negative impacts found from the Environmental Analysis.

Noxious weeds will be brought in on the cars & bikes tires from other cities & states. We are already fighting so many noxious weeds in Central Oregon!

COTA just went out & picked their place to put their trails/huge complex! The public can't just go pick a place & demand it be theirs. If that was the case then any logging company should be able to go pick out any area of logs & demand they can log it!

When an accident happens there is no cell service up there. There is the "Golden Hour" for a victim. The response time will be lengthy. We are a rural community & only have 2 ambulances. This complex will require us to purchase a 3rd one, which we the taxpayers CAN NOT AFFORD!!!!

How are you going to mitigate my concerns?

Thank you!

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