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Comments: Hello Forest Service,

I want to say thank you for continuing to move the Lemon Gulch project forward.

As a local resident of Crook County and an avid mountain biker, I am very excited about the Lemon Gulch mountain bike project. This is a great opportunity for public land to be used by the public. I mountain bike and cut firewood often near cows near Gray Butte. Mountain biking and grazing can coexist in the same areas by my experience.

The resistance to this project seems more of a cultural resistance from people who are resistant to change. Prineville is changing and development can be managed in a good way to maintain a healthy rural culture. Seeking compromise while continuing to make this place a better place for everyone seems to be the best option to me. I have three young kids and I want to see more opportunities for them to get outdoors and enjoy the Ochocos. Putting in these trails will allow for more opportunities for people to get outside and enjoy our beautiful mountains. Thanks for listening, compromising and moving forward.

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