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Comments: Dear Slater Turner and the Ochoco National Forest,

I am writing to express support for the Lemon Gulch project, specifically Alternative 2. This project lays out a comprehensive plan to address varying trail users and seeks to reduce conflict amongst user types. This user conflict is an ongoing issue in other parts of Central Oregon, where planning of trails has been more incremental than cohesively, master planned.

The Lemon Gulch project also fills a gap in Central Oregon's cycling community. There are many downhill oriented mountain bikers in Central Oregon and extremely few downhill oriented trails. This project would provide an opportunity to serve this group of users in a way that they have been pleading for many years (myself included).

Cycling has been a transformative activity for me. It has helped me to improve my physical and mental health in ways that nothing else has. It has also helped me to find belonging within a community of supportive people, businesses, and organizations. The Lemon Gulch project provides an extremely valuable opportunity for the Central Oregon community (and visitors) to better their overall health and wellbeing on a continued basis.

Approval of the Lemon Gulch project would provide a planned and sustainable trail system that would limit conflict. Approval would mean serving an underserved portion of the Central Oregon community. And approval would allow for access to powerful health benefits to its users.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sam Johnson