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As an avid mountain biker and conservationist, I would like to voice my support for the development of the the Lemon Gulch trail system. Given how popular this area is for equestrians, cyclists, and hikers, it would be wonderful if we could have dedicated trails (or signs indicating which user receives right-of-way) to avoid conflicts.

Prineville will not only still remain a small, close-knit community, but the citizens of Prineville will have quicker and easier access to outdoor activities with the construction of the new trails. Bike tourism will boost the local economy, as they patronize bike shops, cafes, breweries, restaurants, and other businesses for post-ride necessities and entertainment. One has only to look at the town of Oakridge to see how small town character need not sacrificed to accommodate bike tourism, and to see how in fact a local economy benefits from this type of tourism.

The mountain bike population is only going to continue to increase. An important part of keeping recreation on our shared public lands sustainable is planning now for increased future use so it can be managed appropriately, while minimizing environmental impacts.