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Comments: Dear Slater Turner and the Ochoco National Forest,

I support the Lemon Gulch Project within the Ochoco National Forest. Trail systems have proven their benefit to both health and economies across Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. I am frequently traveling the Western United States on road trips and for work. In all cases, I am consistently supporting local communities through direct spending in those communities through everything from gas stations to groceries to local shops to restaurants. This includes Bend back in 2017 before I decided to move here.

The trail network proposed in Lemon Gulch works well into the existing infrastructure and provides the combined needs of everyone from recreationalists, local communities and the parties who want to graze and utilize the public lands the ways they have historically.

Mountain bike tourism has been shown time and again to be a valuable addition to local economies. Studies have shown that in Oregon alone, mountain biking cuts \$26 million annually in health care costs. In Oakridge, Oregon mountain bikers spend \$2.3-\$4.9 million every year.

?Thank you for your consideration.

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