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Comments: I know that the Lemon Gulch Project, would be a great thing to proceed with. Our family has hunted and recreated for decades, in the Ochocos. And myself, have MTB there, for a few years. And statewide also. Have been to MOAB, 4 times this year. I used to work for the FS, in the Wallowas. And now a ranger near Sunriver. So I have seen, helped build and frequently used the trails. As have my son, grandkids and friends. We have taught them to responsible and safe MTB riders. I am disabled, as is my son and grandson. We can't hike much, due to our disabilities, but can and live to ride. Don't need the e-bikes yet. But we have talked to others who do. They absolutely love them. It gives them a chance to enjoy the outdoors, they never used to have. It's great for the body, mind and spirit. That goes for all trail users. This especially goes for locals,, survivors and related to the Prineville Hotshots that died in 1994. And the Granite Mt Hotshots, survivors and families, from Arizona. They lost their lives defending our forests, so we all have these opportunities, to use Our forests. For the Greater Good for all. To us and myself, to not proceed with this project, would Dishonor their memories and what they fought for. I was trapped in a wildland fire once, and we had to deploy our shake and bakes. Still have scares from that. Also was in the 2020 Labor Day fire in Detroit. Lost my home, but made it out. Still dealing with the aftermath of that. MTB riding is my salvation, as it is to others, like me. Please don't take away more places to do so, in Oregon. I understand the concerns the local landowners have. As did we, until the 2020 fire, obviously changed that. I think you all do a great and necessary job. And must follow the rules. Thank you kindly for that. But this project is really for the greater good. As our forefathers wanted. For our generation and others to enjoy. Thank You, for what you do. Gary.