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Comments: Dear Slater Turner/ Ochoco National Forest,

I'd like to voice my support for the Lemon Gulch trail network outside of Prineville. This potential network can really add to the attractions offered for outdoor recreation in Central Oregon.

As a cyclist I would prefer to see option #2, however as I am based in reality, I think that Option #6 has the best chance to please all interested parties.

Overall the new network can enhance and expand local riding and recreation opportunities, contribute economically to the area, and distribute user loads across different parts of Central Oregon. It's a modern trail system, designed for mountain biking and will doubtless draw folks from Bend and Redmond, and even locals.

From what I understand, I believe two local ranchers that hold leases to the area are voicing the most strident opposition, with unproven claims about affecting wildlife and ecology. Let's not let a vocal minority derail a progressive project that brings health and economic benefits to another part of Central Oregon.

Thank you,

David Anthes

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