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Comments: Dear Slater Turner and the Ochoco National Forest,

I am writing in support of the Lemon Gulch trail network in the Ochoco National Forest. As a mountain biker I am very excited to see a proposal like this in Central Oregon.

The type of trail network proposed in Lemon Gulch provides a modern, desirable riding experience that fills a need that is severely lacking in Central Oregon. I believe this trail network has a high likelihood of reducing user conflict on other trails in the Ochocos. Alternative 2 provides the highest volume and range of trail experiences, and therefore will have the most impact in drawing mountain bikers away from other trails. I understand that compromise is required when accounting for other factors such as ecological and resource impacts; of the other alternatives presented, alternative 6 offers a reasonable range of trail styles and mitigates a large amount of concerns raised with alternative 2.

I live in Central Oregon and I'm an avid mountain biker. I travel the United States to ride bikes. As cities are sprawling, all outdoor recreationists are losing access to opportunities to get outside. This trail network will reduce unsanctioned trail building which will help protect resources and erosion. Alternative 2 with the largest mileage would attract mountain bikers to this area and alleviate user conflicts on high horse traffic trails in the Ochocos.

?Thank you for your time and consideration.