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Comments: I support the Ochoco Lemon Gulch trail system proposal. I've been a resident of Bend for almost 30 years and a mountain biker for close to 40 years. COTA is an excellent organization and has years of experience building trails that are safe with minimal environmental impact, and respect the local community. I've been riding the trail systems in Bend and Redmond for years and even with the population growth and more people on the trails I very rarely find riders causing damage to the environment or the trails being overcrowded, even when the parking lot is full. I see a variety of ages, locals, and visitors enjoying the trails. COTA also does a great job educating riders on how to be safe and respectful riders. I think this trail system would be a wonderful addition to recreation opportunities in Prineville and a direct benefit to the community.