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Comments: Dear Slater Turner and the Ochoco National Forest,

I'm a local Central Oregon mountain biker and support and would love to see the Lemon Gulch trail system come to fruition. It would provide a great resource for getting into and enjoying the Ochoco region. The location being near Prineville seems ideally suited for economic benefits to the region. The proposed trail system itself will provide fun recreation for all ages and skill levels with the additional benefit of reducing conflict between equestrians, hikers, and other users of the area. Based on the USDA environmental assessment, it points out that much of the planning has taken into account wildlife and grazing in the area. Actions like seasonal limits on access and trail avoidance of grazing areas, wildlife should not be detrimentally impacted. I would love to see the full 52 mile proposal be approved (Alternative 2 in the environmental assessment) but if that cannot happen I strongly hope that Alternative 6 is a fair compromise.

My experience with the local mountain bike community has been that people are friendly, considerate, and conscientious stewards of the environment and Central Oregon. I believe the Lemon Gulch project would be a great addition to Central Oregon for many generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.