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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I am a lifelong Republican and also an avid mountain biker and I support the full implementation of the 52 mile system of new trails.

I find it funny how this issue of adding more trails for the community has become part of the culture wars but really has nothing to do with politics or party. It appears the opposition is a very loud vocal minority whom just don't want outsiders in their community. They decry libertarian values but simply do not want more traffic in their neck of the woods despite the fact that this project will not cost them a dime and will only financially benefit their community. They welcome in Google and Facebook data centers yet they don't want outsiders enjoying the Ochocos. I find the stance of the few opponents completely hypocritical.

Having spent time growing up on a family farm in Texas the comments about mountain bikers running into cows are ridiculous and detached from reality.. This new trail system will provide a place for mountain bikers to go and will allow them to separate from those who ride horses. These trails will also serve as a boon for those who like to run in the woods. Furthermore, the mountain biking community is very proactive about picking up trash. Whenever I see trash on the side of the trail I pick it up and take it with me to dispose of later and I know a lot of other folks do too.

For the economic benefit of Central Oregon and for the enjoyment of the residents here, please support the full implementation of the Lemon Gulch mountain biking trail system.