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Comments: I am in support of the trails being proposed in the Ochoco National Forest. As a user of the current trails, it is well noted that the current trails do not meet the needs of the whole community in providing accessibility, both in difficulty level and in travel from town. I would like to see trails that meet more levels of riding that would suit the inexperienced and experienced rider alike.

In particular the forest service should reconsider its preferred alternative and change that to alternative 2 which is approximately 51.3 miles. This alternative clearly falls within the objectives of the Forest Plan and meets all the goals and objectives of this project.

The environmental assessment clearly shows that impacts between alternatives 2 (and the others) and alternative 6 are either potential, short term or nominal. Alternative 2 maximizes all economic, social, health, and environmental benefits to the community. Alternative 2 creates the best potential for reduced user conflicts throughout the ONF, builds trails for a variety of users both on and off bikes, includes all mountain bike skill levels and is inclusive of adaptive designed trails. It only makes sense to me that we would want to pick the alternative that would get us closer to our plans objectives of 468 miles of recreational trails designed for a variety of users including mountain bikers while reducing user conflicts.

Thank you for your work on this project. And again I respectfully ask that you reconsider your preferred alternative and move forward with alternative 2. We need a system that meets the changing demands of both our National Forest system, and our growing and diverse community.