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Comments: Let my entry stand as a positive and supportive stance for this Lemon Gulch project. I do wish to comment that I believe leaving out Class 1 electric assisted bicycles is a mistake, especially regarding the growth of ebikes and the diversity of class of user health, age, disability and otherwise) it would allow access to these wonderful trail miles. I am a former Bend, OR citizen who was very involved with COTA back in the early and mid 90's. I have seen the trails come a long way and have observed Bend's growth in the mountain bike community at large along with other trail users. Central Oregon is a wonderful playground with lots of opportunity to enjoy the public lands. As a current MTB and eMTB user and trail builder, I believe there is a void in education surrounding electric bikes and their efficacy with both using and assisting to maintain and build trail systems. I believe that the Forest Service should adopt a plan that allows Class 1 electric bicycles to access the same multi-user trails that we now enjoy by foot, hoof, and tires. Thank you for your consideration.