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Comments: To whom it may concern,

First and foremost I would like to say I oppose this project as it seems to have been hidden from the general public for quite some time. I sat in a meeting with your local forest director, and when he was asked about contacting the affected landowners he couldn't give an answer as to why they weren't contacted. He clearly stated that the landowners have the Forest Service' contact information if they wanted to ask questions, but forgot to tell the landowners that the project was being proposed.

A person in the audience asked why they the permit holders weren't contacted and the supervisor said that they didn't have the contact information of the permittees. He was put on the spot again when that person said to Mr. Slater "you mean to tell me the Forest Service doesn't have the contact information of the people it has given permits to on those allotments?" and Slater had nothing to say.

I don't put the blame on Mr. Slater, he's just doing a job. But I do put the blame on the entire Forest Service department for the Ochoco's for not advertising this project to all local area citizens and especially those who would be affected by it. There are plenty of other places to put in biking trails that are not in the Ochoco National Forest and those places should be explored.

As the Mayor of Prineville I can not support this project and will do all I can to help stop it and support the people who's lives this directly affects, my family included who happen to run cattle on and adjacent allotment.

Thank you,
Jason Beebe