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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Of the 6 options i would prefer to see option 2 as the final decision.

I feel that a larger option of trails will help to disperse the trail users and therefore have less users forced into one area.

Being familiar with trails I do see that there is significant area for wildlife to roam around and between the trails.

While I understand that grazing rights are a long standing tradition within the national forests I feel that times have changed and national Forests need to be accessible to the masses, not a select few who have been lucky to hold very cheap grazing rights for a long time.

While there may be some disturbance to grazing animals, I give credit to these creatures that they are adaptable and will see m minimal disturbance to their annual routine.

As far as people who live close by and do not want a change in their lifestyle....welcome to the current times of over population and increasing land use. This is happening to everyone in most places. Trails are busier and more people are venturing outdoors to experience nature. of which I am thankful for as that often encourages people to be aware of our beautiful landscape and natural areas.

The Lemon Gulch trail network was brought forward by a collective group of people within the Ochoco Trails Group and decided upon as the best place to allow the expansion of recreational opportunity for mountain bikers while allowing equestrians to have access to other areas and keeping the potential of user conflict to a minimum.

Please do not allow a small group of locals who want to keep there own 'private' grazing and hunting area to themselves and not let others enjoy the beauty of the lemon Gulch area.

Haven't another recreational opportunity close to the Town of Prineville will allow and encourage Prineville locals have an area to recreate and encourage a healthy active lifestyle.

Having been a mountain biker myself for over 25 years I have been pleased to see that mountain biking is now a recreational activity that has participants of all walks of life. It is open to all people of any gender, race, political view, age and background.

It is not an exclusive 'club' All participants are welcome and encouraged.

I do not see ongoing maintenance and care of the trails as being an issue. If the trails are build correctly and professionally from the onset, maintenance can be kept up to date with minimal work. These trail will not be built instantly, It would take several years to build the entire network. Central Oregon Trail Alliance is very active in the area and I feel confident that maintenance and upkeep will not be a problem.

Thank you for considering the Lemon Gulch Trail network and I look forward to recreating and participating in the maintenance of the trails system in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Paul Lissette