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Comments: Dear Ochoco National Forest Supervisor,

I support of the Lemon Gulch trail network in the Ochoco National Forest. As a mountain biker living in central Oregon, I believe that spreading the wealth of quality biking trails to many communities is good policy.

The COTA trails in my area are top quality, making use of natural features and contours, seamlessly blending into the forest. I have no doubt that the trail network proposed in Lemon Gulch will provide a quality riding experience and will be inclusive of riders of different skill levels. Expanding on the Central Oregon trail network is very much needed to spread out the usage and the benefits. Establishing dedicated bike trails will reduce the likelihood of user conflicts on other trails in the Ochocos. Alternative 6 sounds to me as a good starting point since it provides a good balance of trail types, and sufficient mileage to make it worth the trip from other towns in Central Oregon.

As a resident of Bend, it is obvious that mountain bike tourism is a valuable addition to local economies.

?Thank you for your consideration! Doug