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Comments: I'm opposed to the Lemon Gulch mountain biking trail development. There are hundreds of trails already established in the central Oregon area. Additional development will negatively impact soil and water resources and exponentially increase the user traffic to this forest region. Some portion of these users will be negligent stewards of forest resources, but all of them will be disruptive to wildlife regardless of their intentions. Additional car trips will contribute to air pollution and traffic issues to nearby Prineville, which is already strained under the population boom of Bend and Redmond. Instead of opening up new areas, further development of established trails should be pursued to enhance recreational opportunities where human visitation has already intensified. Once an area is developed, it generally never can return to its wilderness character, and these ecosystems are lost forever to human impacts. Please look after the health of our forest ecosystems and stop this project. Thank you.