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Comments: Dear Slater Turner and the Ochoco National Forest,

I am writing in support of the Lemon Gulch Trail project in the Ochoco National Forest. I've been a mountain biking coach in Central Oregon for the last few years, and Deschutes County Search and Rescue Volunteer, and I can say with a high degree of certainty that there is unmet demand for a well thought-out and managed mountain biking trail network in the Ochoco National Forest. The Lemon Gulch Trail network is indeed that - a very well thought-out project in the right location and would go a long ways toward satisfying the demand.

Additionally, from a personal perspective, one of the primary reasons I support the project is to provide families more mountain biking opportunities in the Ochoco National Forest. My family and I have found very little in the way of safe, managed trails in Ochoco National Forest where we feel comfortable mountain biking with our children. We try to spend time in the Ochoco National Forest to unplug and teach our children about our wonderful Central Oregon natural landscape, but currently find ourselves turning elsewhere. That said, the Lemon Gulch Trail network shows a wide variety of trails suitable for all levels of riders, and we would welcome, and regularly frequent, such a well-conceived project for the area.

We sincerely thank you for your consideration!

Kind regards,

Marty Brill (and family)