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Comments: Dear Slater Turner and the Ochoco National Forest,

Our group, 44Trails, is a non-profit trails advocacy group based on the east side of Mt Hood. We would like to add our support for the Lemon Gulch proposed trail network in the Ochoco NF.

Our group is very aware of the increased demands that growing populations and the growing interests in outdoor recreation place on existing trail networks and existing users. We applaud the thorough environmental and social research that has led to this progressive proposal.

We believe this trail network will help benefit Crook County and specifically Prineville in a multitude of ways including public mental and physical health, economic growth as well as providing new venues for youth to engage in healthy activities. This proposal will also help to keep Oregon as a top-notch destination for mountain bikers from around the world.

Our group works very closely with the Mt Hood National Forest and truly appreciate the partnership and work that goes into planning, building, and maintaining trails on public lands.

Thank you for your consideration.

44Trails Board of Directors