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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I am writing today in support of the Lemon Gulch trail proposal. As the Central Oregon area continues to grow I think it's important that we continue to invest in our forests and opening up different areas for recreation. Creating a trail system in lemon gulch allows the residents and tourists to the area to spread out in the region rather than being grouped in a single area, resulting in over use.

As a crew leader for COTA I understand the impact that a large volume of users can have on a trail system that is maintained by volunteers. Creating additional areas allows for volunteer opportunities in other cities, while also lowering the trail usage in all areas.

I believe alternative 2 is the best option because it will make this area a destination where visitors can spend multiple days riding and enjoying everything else the area has to offer. The area will provide a diverse set of trails that can be enjoyed by beginners to experts. Mountain biking is only going to continue to grow so it's important that advanced trails are provided to minimize rogue/social trails from being created without approval, or users modifying existing trails.

If alternative 2 is not approved then I think alternative 6 is the next best option.

I look forward to seeing this project move forward and enjoying this area with my family.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mark.