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Comments: RE: Lemon Gulch mountain bike trails.

I have lived in Central Oregon since early 1981. We did not have mountain bike trails then. And, now we have a wonderful system that allows for wildlife, hikers and mtn bikers. Vision to care for the land and allow for new things is important as our entire state is growing. The not in my back yard mentality is not helpful and the negative reaction and untruths about the system seem misguided. I have seen this negativity on other projects throughout the years (The Bend Parkway) for one. It took 5 years longer. Allowing the forest service to do their job and make a safe reliable mountain bike system for Lemon Gulch brings recreational opportunities that are cared for and carefully constructed. Please allow this to happen. Thank you.