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Comments: I have not extensively investigated the number of trails that are in the Ochoco NF, though what is maintained I know is limited. I believe existing trails outside of wilderness areas should be maintained and enhanced to accommodate bikers and hikers. It would be nice to see a map of existing trails in the NF, which might allow for increased awareness and use, which could disperse visitors versus a concentrated trial system. However, I feel that as populations increase, and recreation use increases, the ability to disperse visitors becomes challenging. It's also inevitable that more people will want to experience serene areas. I think those that live on Wild Cat Rd do not accept that and are unwilling to make a compromise. Increased vehicle traffic seems to be a bigger issues than the bike trails. Parking lots up high for shuttling takes away from the experience than many bikers enjoy. That's working to get to the top, not using a vehicle. This also lowers the number of parking lots. I believe these projects should be low impact. Hand dug trails, closing roads and building trails on those roads, or connecting them might be a good way to limit the impact on wildlife. Also, is Lemon Gulch the only option? What about the drainage to the north of Lemon Gulch. North facing hold more moisture, is cooler, and there is less residential around. Just my thoughts. Thanks !