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Comments: I am writing in support of Alternative 2 for the Lemon Gulch Trail System in the Ochoco National Forest. I live in Redding, Ca but also have a summer cabin in Central Oregon. I am the Manager/Planner for a 20+ year old mountain biking group of older riders (55-75 years old) in Redding, CA. Annually, we take a 6 day trip to a mountain biking destination that involves 2 days of travel and 4 days of riding. I choose these locations based on having a variety of trails and a network that is typically 50 miles or more in length. Adopting Alternative 2 will create such a network that would allow us stay in Prineville in rented homes and eat at local restaurants and use the local bike shop, gas stations and supermarket (and in rare cases the local hospital). The other alternatives would not create a long enough system to attract our group. We have found mountain biking to be a life long activity that just better over time, even though we may drop the black diamond rides. Our group of 15 riders is strongly in support of Alternative 2. Thank you.

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