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Comments: I do not participate in mountain biking due to my age..81. However, I live in Prineville and cherish our wonderful Ochoco National Forest. I have friends who are "bikers" and am aware of their need for trails near Prineville. I have followed this proposal from day 1, and believe anyone who has an interest in the development of them has had adequate opportunity.

This plan is a good beginning to allow ALL people to enjoy this beautiful work of nature. Hunters, 4 wheelers, campers and other users do a lot of damage to the forest. It is not unusual to make a trip to the Ochocos, just to enjoy seasonal changes or for a quiet ride and walk and see meadows torn up by 4 wheelers, beer cans, shotgun shells and intentional destruction of the trees, flora and meadows.

We have a lot of NIMBYS in this community who seem to want it to return to the clear cutting and logging days and bring back the saw mills. Fortunately, there are many new people here who want to see progress for the community. Well planned recreational activity is essential to growth just as much as infrastructure, good schools, robust retail, and visitor friendly.

Approve the Lemon Gulch project. It is essential. Don't allow a few people to deny anyone who wants to participate in outdoor recreation in the Ochocos.