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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Lemon Gulch mountain biking trail system. In my experiences as a recreational mountain biker I have found trail systems to be quiet, almost always litter free, and the users to be friendly and respectful. It seems to me the citizens of Prineville would welcome this type of group into their community as it is bound to give a boost to the economy and help the small business owners.

Further, I'm not an environmentalist, but I have to think having an established trail system will have a minimal impact on the flora and fauna. When I've visited public lands that do not have trail systems in place I've noticed a lot of "social trails" which tend to cause erosion, and negatively impact plant and animal life.

Lastly, given the rise in obesity levels and well as mental health issues, particularly among our youth, a trail system such as Lemon Gulch can have the potential to contribute to both health issues mentioned. There is solid, reputable research that has found exercising outside can lead to lower B.M.I. levels and reduce depression and anxiety.

Sincerely,

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