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Comments: I support this project. While I would prefer the alternative allowing the greatest number of bike trail miles, I can be satisfied with the alternative supporting the lower number. The value of having specific use-built trails, close to town, supporting a popular and economically valuable forest use seems to me a no-brainer for both the community and the forest. Cyclists certainly cause less resource damage than the off-road, motorized users who tear up hillsides just to see if their vehicles can handle the slope, or the muddy conditions, or whatever. National Forests are public lands and must be managed to the benefit of the greatest number of users. It is not a private rangeland, or an exclusive backyard. The Prineville Community has expressed disappointment that their economy has suffered with the decline of the timber industry, here is an opportunity to develop new businesses, bring jobs and tourist dollars to the community.