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Comments: I'm writing in support of the Lemon Gulch trails project, and in particular, in support of the full build, alternative 2.

Mountain biking in Central Oregon is primarily in the Deschutes National Forest. This was fine in the 1990s when Bend didn't have a Target or Trader Joes but the times have changed. Oregon needs more trails to reflect the population growth--notice our additional member in the House of Representatives--as well as the corresponding increase in outdoor recreation.

The Lemon Gulch area represents not only more trails for Central Oregon, but indeed trails that serve the advanced mountain biker with challenging steepness and features not found in the area.

Adding trails in the Prineville area would help reduce the carbon footprint as well as reducing traffic on US 26 because residents of Prineville, Redmond and Madras no longer need to travel all the way to Mt. Bachelor to get comparable terrain.

I favor alternative 2 because it provides for future growth and offers terrain for every rider. My second choice would be alternative 5. I think people quickly outgrow beginner terrain and really need more challenge to keep them coming back.