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Comments: I support the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have positive quality of life, health, and economic benefits for the community. Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is the result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community and it is important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to restrict access to public land.

As a resident of Prineville, my kids and I all mountain bike on the Lower 66, Barnes Butte and Lookout Mountain trail systems in Crook County, this would be a great addition to our community. Don't let a few individuals with very selfish and narrow interests derail a process that will benefit the whole community.

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