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Comments: I'm contacting you because I support the proposal to add a network of mountain bike trails to Lemon Gulch just outside of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. These public lands offer a great riding opportunity for mountain bikers of all ages and abilities in an area where there will not be conflicts with other trail users. The project will have positive 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. Public lands are just that - public. Not privately owned, but managed for the benefit of the public. This project will benefit not only the community of Crook County, but all of Oregon and beyond.

I am a mountain biker, a cattle rancher, an avid outdoorswoman, and a member of the community. Lemon Gulch represents the best of what Crook County has to offer both visitors and locals in outdoor recreation. The few opponents should not outnumber the many proponents of this project. That's just simply not democracy in practice.

Thank you,
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