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Comments: Dear Slater Turner and the Ochoco National Forest,

As a native Oregonian and resident of Central Oregon for the past 20 years I would like to vote "Yes" for my support of the proposed Lemon Gulch proposal. My family and I are all active in the outdoor community supporting and volunteering with organizations such as COTA to build and maintain sustainable and environmentally friendly trail systems for users of all abilities to get outside and enjoy nature. In Central Oregon, we are all blessed with abundant outdoor activities such as cycling, mountain biking, trail running, and hiking. Over the last 20 years of residency I have witnessed significant growth in the community and most of the locals enjoy outdoor recreation such as mountain biking. The Lemon Gulch network would be a fantastic addition and compliment to the other neighboring trail systems such as the Phil's or Wanoga near Bend. However, those trail systems only offer non-technical terrain to ride and have become increasingly overcrowded in recent years. Lemon Gulch would provide a network for those seeking more downhill oriented trail technicality and with less crowding the result would be reduced user conflict. Please consider the positive impact of fulfilling a nearby trail source for our more advanced outdoor community.

Thank you for your time.

Jeff Burga