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Comments: I am writing in concern of the Lemon Gulch bicycle trail project. I have 40 acres with a cabin I built on it 20 years ago , at 13151 NE Mill Creek, bordering just east of the proposed cite. Three years ago, I was told by a Forest service employee and a surveyor that I was getting my property surveyed by them because they may log up there soon. Then last year out of the Blue we heard they proposed putting bicycle trails all across the ridges of land beside me. I think we were mislead at the time about there plans instead of informing us then.

I know the National Foerest land management plans did not include adding heavily dense trails or road systems on their land. Years ago the land was open to cross country atv riding, and then it was shut down due to erosion concerns, and then even many of the excisting roads were shut down as well. In fact , this proposed area has been shut down fron december through may with Locked gates for No motorized vehicle travel for Winter Wildlife Habitat for as long I have been there ! How could they even think about putting in three parking lots up this narrow road and cutting out miles of trails into the steep hillsides which would definitely cause much erosion of the soil down into Mill Creek and Lemon Creek! {{ I believe the public should see the results of any and all studies done on the effects the digging out of trails, and bike riding, would have on the erosion of the land and how much sediment would end up in Mill Creek and Lemon creek below them}}

My place is located up the 100 road off of the 3360-Lemon creek, which borders the proposed cite. This is two miles of a winding one lane road that drops off one side staight down hundreds of yards to Millcreeek . If a vehicle meets a bicycle going any speed at all, there will be a collision , or one of them will most likely Die , by swerving and rolling down over the edge many , many times until reaching the bottom! It is not a matter of If, but a matter of When, and how many will Die, and then who is Responsible for allowing it in this area.

I have cattle on my Christmas Tree Farm out of North Plains, and they are very dosile , slow moving animals. This proposed cite is open range grazing for cattle, and again a fast moving bicycle will have more than close encounters with them! {{collisions}} I would definetily never want the grazing rites taken away, because of all the recent Fire danger, The cattle are neccesary to keep the vegetation down to protect all of us residents up Mill Creek! And hundreds of bicyclists across miles of land in the heat of summer is a Scary thought as well.

If the Forest service would like to give the bicycle enthusiats a place to ride, how about pointing them to the Many miles of roads they closed to motorized vehicle travel, and let them spread out to where they will not impact the Wildlife so much in one area?

Thanks for concidering the Locals opinions on the Matter,

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