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Comments: It certainly wouldn't hurt for the people involved in the development of Lemon Gulch trail system and those involved in environmental evaluation to take a step back and have some common sense. Or even at some point admit they made a mistake and are willing to start over. Table 5 describes a percent of footprint of less than 1% for all of the alternatives. Do you honestly believe the footprint is limited to the actual vegetation removed? The footprint goes from the ridge to the west of Lemon Creek through the entire drainage and up to the eastern ridge and beyond! The livestock elk and deer are all disrupted and displaced by the actual bikes, the traffic, the people which results in foreign sounds and scent for the entire drainage.

The future use is conjectural. This trail system has already been advertised as if it was a done deal for months across the United States. The organization has touted it of being one of a kind, challenging, Thrillseekers dream. With this type of exposure, what makes the forest service analysis have any validity as to the numbers that will come to this area? Prineville held a ride this summer for a group of bikers and the numbers for exceeded expectations. So where do these people park? Those roads in the Lemon Creek drainage are not wide enough to handle parked cars along the road side. Remember, permittees are up there still trying to keep their cattle using the vegetative resources across the pasture equally. We've all seen how well education efforts have (NOT) worked in the Deschutes mountain bike trail systems. They have banked on the motto it's easier to ask forgiveness, then to ask permission! Consequently there are rogue user bike trails all over the area.

A few years back I visited Kellogg , Idaho and rode a gondola up to the top of the mountain along with hundreds of people packing their bikes. Needless to say, many of them beat me back down and they weren't using the gondola. Speed in the mountain biking recreation form is one of the many ways they seem to get that adrenaline rush. Usually the trails end up getting ramps and bumps put in it for the extra thrill.

Is this what we want our Ochoco National Forest to become? I do not think so! Again I request that you choose alternative one the no action alternative.