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Comments: To Slater Turner and the Ochoco National Forest,

I support for the Lemon Gulch trail proposal. The Lemon Gulch proposal represents a strong opportunity for the USFS to begin filling the need for recreational opportunities in the Ochocos , including the development of Mountain Bike trails, which have less impact to the wildlife than motorized trail use, or uncontrolled "desire" trails.

As a mountain biker, the type of terrain offered and the downhill-oriented trail design is something that is severely lacking in Central Oregon. By providing this type of experience, in a range of difficulties, mountain bikers will much less likely to choose other trail areas in the Ochocos. The effect will be less crowding and user conflict as recreation use increases in the future, further aligning with the EA.

Also, as a cyclist with significant exposure to riding in pastureland, I believe that Alternative 2 best achieves all of the goals outlined in the EA, without creating risk to cyclists or stock. I would strongly encourage the USFS to proceed with Alternative 2.

Alternative 6 is not as desirable, but does offer a strong compromise to the competing use-cases.

The benefits of mountain biking to small communities can not be overstated. Local businesses stand to reap huge rewards from mountain bike tourism. For example, in Oakridge, Oregon, mountain bikers spend \$2.3-\$4.9 million every year. The new Whiskey Run trail system in western Oregon also serves as a positive case study on the impact of cycling to local economy.

Thank you for your consideration.