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Comments: I support the project to build and expand trails in the Lemon Gulch area. I hold this stance because it has been made apparent to me that an appropriate environmental study and collaboration with local agencies has been conducted, deeming it sustainable and likely to be a net positive to the community. Furthermore, it has been my own observation over many years that the vast majority of trail users are good stewards of the land they recreate on. This has been made clear by private land owners, even, allowing trail networks to be developed on their land in other areas of Oregon and Washington, overseen by groups similar to the Central Oregon Trail Alliance. All of which, to my knowledge, have been successful in maintaining a good relationship between owner and trail user groups, due to their overall good stewardship. These same users have shown all evidence to carry this positivity over to existing recreation areas on public lands as well. I further the support the growth of the Lemon Gulch trail network, as the growing population in central Oregon may otherwise put undue stress on other recreation areas. That is, we can reduce environmental impact and potential user conflict across central Oregon by increasing the number of resources (trail networks) that are available.