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Comments: Dear Slater Turner and the Ochoco National Forest,

As a Central Oregon business owner I would like to voice my support for the Lemon Gulch trail proposal. Not only does it answer the requirements of the Ochoco Forest Management Plan, but it does so in a very thoughtful and considered way.

Any time you have multiple users on trails, conflict is a possibility. But by designating these trails on highly desirable terrain, the Forest Service can allow mountain bikers to self-select and stay on the trails that work best for them. That is going to benefit all user groups. Alternative 2 does this beautifully.

I can personally attest to the economic value of the mountain bike population, and not just to bike shops. Because of mountain bikers I employ 20 year-round employees, and those employees support our economy in a myriad of ways. And the mountain bikers themselves? Well, let's just say they eat and drink A LOT! When you get groups of people travelling to your town to ride, you can bet they're going to eat there. They'll spend time and money. It's a total win for the town.

I hope you support these trails, and that the Prineville community enjoys their many benefits.

Best,

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