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Comments: As a mountain biker, it is clear to me that there is a need for more mountain biking trails in Central Oregon. More trails are needed to reduce the degradation of the forest where there are now trails due to overuse by the growing number of people enjoying this activity. Public lands should be developed for the benefit of the public with the environment being a key consideration. Bike trails have a minimal impact on the environment as long as they are not loved to death by hundreds of people. Expanding the available area to ride will have a beneficial impact to areas that are already developed for mountain biking by reducing the number of people concentrated in specific locations. The benefits of a mountain biking trail network to a community are significant. Local businesses will be rewarded from Lemon Gulch Mountain Bike tourism. I strongly support the development of the Lemon Gulch trail network.