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Comments: I would like to voice my support for the Lemon Gulch trail proposal. Tremendous work has been done by USFS in their environmental assessment. It clearly shows the benefits of the different alternatives for trail developments and how they can help the USFS begin fulfilling the requirements of recreational opportunities outlined in the 1989 Forest Plan.

I would recommend acceptance of alternative two proposed. It provides a great mix of mountain biking terrain, moves mountain biking into the least disruptive part of the forest, and provides an excellent economic opportunity to Prineville. The expanded terrain and variety of trails will spread out recreational users throughout Central Oregon. The trails will bring in travelers to Prineville who will spend money in the city. See the studies provided by Ochoco Trails for the economic benefits to Oakridge and the look towards Bentonville for the \$137 million in economic benefit below.

These trails will also funnel mountain bikers to authorized trails and reduce the creation and use of unauthorized trails in the Ochocos. The mountain biking community will provide thousands of hours of volunteer labor each year to maintain these trails, just like they do throughout the state of Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.

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