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Comments: Dear Slater Turner and the Ochoco National Forest,

Please accept this letter in support of the Lemon Gulch trail proposal. Specifically, Alternative 2 is the best choice as it offers the largest variety of riding in addition to achieving the goals set-forth in the EA.

I come from a small community (Klamath Falls) that has developed a mountain biking trail system at Spence Mountain similar in size and scope to Alternative 2 and have seen firsthand the benefits to our community. The economic impact from visitors alone accounts for \$1.12 million in spending, supports 21 travel related jobs, and generates \$78,700 in state and local taxes (Discover Klamath & Dean Runyan Economic Impact Klamath County 2020). These numbers continue to grow as the word gets out about our trail system. Another unforeseen benefit is area youth utilizing the trail system. This has ranged from Outdoor Science School field trips to youth mountain biking teams. A less quantifiable benefit but equally important is the quality of life and health impact to the local community.

In closing, the Lemon Gulch trail system has so many benefits to the local community we urge you to accept Alternative 2.

Thank you,

Drew Honzel