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Comments: Dear Slater Turner and the Ochoco National Forest,

After reading the Lemon Gulch trail system environmental assessment, I am in full support of the Alternative 2 build plan. I am an avid mountain biker and excited to see more trails in central Oregon. I also recognize the economic and quality-of-life benefits the trail system would bring. I appreciate that the US Forest Service is interested in improving recreational opportunities for the land they manage.

However, I wary of growth at any cost, so I read the environmental assessment in detail before voicing my submitting my support. I support the full build detailed in Alternative 2 for the following reasons:

*Potential ecological impacts appear limited to non-existent.

*The trail networks improve recreation opportunities for local residents and visitors, as well as expanding and diversifying the local economy.

*The 50 plus miles of trails have a densely arranged footprint limiting the area where potential ecological and encroachment impacts to the county.

*The proposed trail network is designed to accommodate all mountain biking skill levels.

*The infrastructure is understated, and the maintenance plan is well-thought out.

*The number of trails appears to limit the need for future development. This also keeps costs down by eliminating future design, assessments, construction mobilization, etc. for future expansions.

Thanks for considering my comments.