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Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed mountain bike Lemon Gulch Trails Project in the Ochoco National Forest .

As a hiker, I consistently find that trails shared with mountain bikes result in degraded trails and surrounding habitat. I do not feel safe on shared trails due to reckless riders. I am consistently disappointed by the utter lack of wildlife and the spread of invasive plants when travelling on shared trails.

This area is home to declining populations of Mule deer and elk, and otherwise is known to be important habitat to native species of fauna, flora and fungi that will be threatened should such a trail be approved. In addition, its proximity to Lemon Creek will threaten water quality and the life Lemon Creek supports, such as the Columbia Spotted frog and Redband trout.

The area surrounding this proposed trail system has been significantly compromised by past logging and grazing. Mountain bike usage will impede the recovery and restoration of this significant ecological system.

Please do not approve this project.

Thank you.

Kim Davis