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Comments: I support Alternative 2 and secondarily alternative 6 for the Lemon Gulch project in the Ochocos. Central Oregon communities including Prineville have seen large growth in the last 15 years and will continue to do so.

The current trails in the Ochocos are multi-use which can lead to conflicts as bike tourism grows in the Ochocos. Having a large area of dedicated MTB trails will spread users out over greater area, improving the outdoor experience for all users, not just bikers.

The Central Oregon user population is growing -- as are tourism numbers. Building a large area of trails ahead of demand makes sense and will endure less wear on established trails, plus, the area will be pre-ready ahead of growing demand.

The Lemon Gulch project offers a much-needed expansion of mountain bike trails for central Oregonians and tourists. Traveling tourists from Oregon and beyond spend significant dollars in the local community. Most companies serving visitors are locally owned and dollars spent by tourists stay local, to the benefit of Prineville and Central Oregon. Too, the growing Prineville community itself needs more recreation trails. The MTB community in Prineville is thriving!