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Comments: Dear FS administrators,

As an avid mountain biker and outdoor advocate I can't support this Lemon Gulch proposal enough. Central Oregon has a plethora of mountain biking trail networks, but almost all of them are built to invite older and beginner riders to the sports while popularizing towns like Bend. Prineville has the opportunity to set themselves apart from all of Central Oregon with this proposal by building high quality, technical, trails that are built on natural terrain while still being sustainable (based on the existing EAs and geology of the region).

In my opinion THE ENTIRETY of the opposition to these trails lie in a handful of ranchers who do not respect the rights of other users in the region and have fostered a strong sense of NIMBYism in the area. This proposal will not "Bend their Prineville" but will however make Prineville a destination for many people who seek a great, authentic outdoor experience who avidly avoid places like Bend (myself included). This proposal has me greatly excited about the future of Central Oregon trails and I sincerely hope the FS respects the work of a great organization like COTA.

I also believe that development in the area is inevitable. This opportunity is part of a master plan for the area which is in desire need of a formal path forward. Goat and horse trails can only exist for so long without formal organization before chaos and user conflict runs amok. COTAs plan is very straight forward and respects ALL user groups in the area.

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