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Comments: To Slater Turner and Ochoco National Forest,

I am writing to voice my support for the development of the Lemon Gulch mountain bike trails. As you know, the Ochoco Forest Management Plan specified a need for 468 miles of non-motorized trails, including mountain biking trails. There are currently only about 156 miles of trails in the Ochocos, with none designated for mountain bike use. The type of terrain of the proposed Lemon Gulch trails offers a style of riding that isn't available in other areas of Central Oregon. The opportunity to create a range of trail riding experiences provides the opportunity for locals and visitors alike to have an extended visit to the Ochoco NF. Extended visitation in the area will bring tourism dollars and the opportunity for others to love the area we call home. With increased interest in the area, there comes increased potential for funding and stewardship. Additionally, providing a space specific for mountain biking decreases the likelihood of user conflict, enhancing the experience of all National Forest users, again opening the opportunity for visitation and the positive impacts to the area.

Thank you,

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