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Comments: Dear Slater Turner and the Ochoco National Forest,

I am writing in support of the Lemon Gulch trail network. I am advocating for the full 56 mile of trail option. As an owner of a rental property in Oakridge, I have seen the economic benefit of the an extensive trail system.

Though some in the town resisted the mountain bike initially, the town has now fully embraced the benefits that MTB recreation has afforded the community. Our guests almost always visit to MTB and are almost always great stewards of the environment. Trails are shared with motorized vehicles without issue. It should be mentioned that building the trails is the first step in fostering a healthier community in Prineville. If the trails are built to the full extent, then families of all different abilities will be able to engage in MTB recreation at the same time. MTBing is a healthy activity with low impact to the environment and the USFS has fallen short in providing MTB trails for the community in this area.