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Comments: Dear Slater Turner and Ochoco National Forest, I'm contacting you to voice my support for the development of trails within Lemon Gulch. Specifically alternative #2. With the amount of growth that mountain biking has seen I feel that it's in everyone's best interest to have a dedicated trail system to absorb the inevitable interest in new trails. I've seen first hand unsanctioned rouge trails created closer to Bend that have potential to adversely affect wildlife habitat. Having an organized development of trails would lessen the chances of that happening in the Ochoco National Forest.

Prineville is a wonderful community and this project would be a great asset there. In addition to the recreational benefits of the Lemon Gulch trail system Prineville will most definitely benefit economically. I worked in Prineville for over ten years as a UPS driver so I've seen how hard it's been for businesses there to do well. Everything gas stations to restaurants and grocery stores will see money being spent from visitors coming to ride Lemon Gulch. I also believe that the amount of land propose for this project in relation to the entire Ochoco National Forest is more than reasonable. I appreciate you accepting public comments and your time considering them . Sincerely, Jerry Ohlson