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Comments: Dear Slater Turner and the Ochoco National Forest,

I am in full support of the Lemon Gulch trail proposal. Not only is a main goal of the US Forest Service recreation, but the Environmental Assessment clearly outlines that mountain biking in this region can work and the Ochoco Forest Management Plan states the need for more non-motorized trails. Allowing these trails to be constructed will effectively serve all of these purposes.

Although the Ochocos NF has some excellent trails, the mileage is limited. The addition of the proposed trails in Option 2 would be an immense opportunity for the Prineville residents, regional outdoor recreationists, and visitors to Central Oregon. In addition, the increased visitation to Prineville would create significant economic value to the community. If there were more trails in the Ochocos we would make the trip to the area more frequently, and we always stop to grab a meal, snacks, or gas when we drive through town.

Furthermore, the type of terrain offered and the downhill-oriented trail design is something that is severely lacking across Central Oregon. This diverse type of trail network would be of great appeal to the mountain biking community providing riding opportunities to a wide range of riders - from families to downhill pros in one central location. A real gift to our region.

Also given the fact that kids and teenagers in small towns always complain about there not being anything to do - these trails, closer to town, would provide an excellent recreational outlet and trail building opportunity for many in the local community.

I would strongly encourage the USFS to proceed with Option 2. It will be a real gift to the community and our region, both economically and recreationally.

Thank you for your consideration.