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Comments: I am writing to express my whole-hearted support for the Corral Flats Endurance Trails project. As an equestrian, former endurance rider who has ridden those trails there many times over the years, I am grateful that the USFS is taking this step to improve user experience on these beautiful trails. I am also a retired soil scientist, having spent my career with USFS and BLM, and am very glad to see these trails become official managed trails with proper user enforcement (ie: keeping OHVs out of these areas) and with design features such as drainage control, tread management, trail location etc to minimize damage to soil and water resources as well as to wildlife and wild horse habitat and botanical resources. The trails in the Ochocos have long been some of my favorite trails ever, and I consider them well worth the 5 hour drive from my home in the Applegate Valley of southern Oregon to come up there to camp and ride. My husband and friends and I also usually eat at a local Prineville etc area restaurant on our way there or back, stop in at a grocery store along the way, as well as use local Prineville auto and trailer repair services when they have been needed.

These trails are a true gem in the crown of Oregon equestrian experiences. They are a boost to the local economy for all the out of towners they bring in who use local services and vendors. THANK YOU for undertaking this project, and for separating users to improve safety for all. Great job, y'all!