



# OCHOCOTRAILS

**Mission:** a community-based coalition dedicated to building and maintaining a sustainable non-motorized trail system that offers a desirable range of experiences, while protecting and enhancing forest resources for future generations

OT Participants include but not limited to: Oregon Equestrian Trails (OET), Back Country Horsemen (BCH), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), COTA, Oregon Hunters' Association, Oregon Wild

**11-7-2017:** Crook County Chamber of Commerce and ONFS (Ochoco National Forest Service) convened a group of non-motorized trail users to: (1) identify what type of trails currently exist, (2) what type of trails do we have too much of or too little of, (3) where does it make sense to vary use or manage trails; the end goal was to create a non-motorized trail plan / proposal

- This was in response to being inundated with non-motorized trail proposals

**9-20-2018:** OT held a community meeting at Crook County Library to share a comprehensive draft proposal of possible trail concepts with the public and solicit public comments

**1-8-2019:** OT trail proposal concepts finalized and presented to ONFS

**5-8-2019:** OT members met with Crook County Natural Resource Committee to share trail proposal concepts, seek their input, and invite them to participate in OT

**8-22-2019:** OT met with ONFS to receive their ranking of mountain bike proposals; 1 - Lemon Gulch area (least resource concerns), 2 - Bandit Springs area, 3 - Cross country loop, 4 - Scotty / Cougar area, 5 - Potlid area (most resource concerns)

**8-2020:** COTA completed flagging of proposed trail corridors in Lemon Gulch area and submitted GPS file to ONFS

**3-10-2021:** ONF begins Lemon Gulch trail project scoping; received 77 comments in support of project

**3-10-2021:** Slater Turner, ONF District Ranger, attended Crook County Natural Resource Committee meeting and reported scoping for Lemon Gulch project had begun

**4-13-2021:** OT attends Crook County Court Work Session seeking letter of support for Lemon Gulch trail proposal; motion to approve letter of support passes

**5-20-2021:** OT is alerted by ONFS that grazing issues are a concern for Lemon Gulch

**5-27-2021:** ONFS organizes on onsite meeting with grazing permittees and OT to hear concerns and look for areas of compromise; next step was for permittees to identify areas of greatest concern

**6-22-2021:** OT receives word that opposition to Lemon Gulch was being organized and a list of issues was being circulated

**7-7-2021:** OT County Court presentation