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From: lyndell wilken [mailto:[lyndellwilken@gmail.com](mailto:lyndellwilken@gmail.com)]

Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 8:56 PM

To: Peterson, Matt B -FS &lt;[matt.peterson@usda.gov](mailto:matt.peterson@usda.gov)>;

Subject: Re: Wilderness Permit Plans

Matt: I met with our Obsidian Climbs and Summer Trips committee chairs today to figure out how to handle the payment of the permits. We are trying to figure out how to protect the leaders from carrying the cost of the permits until the day of the trip since many of the trips will need to be made way in advance before the hikes actually go online for People to sign up.

They wanted me to ask if there could be a flat rate group fee instead of per individual. I'm sure you can't do it with the rec.gov site but I told them I would check with you just in case that could happen.

Lyndell

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 17, 2019, at 10:30 AM, Peterson, Matt B -FS &lt;matt.peterson@usda.gov> wrote:  
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Hi Lyndell,

Thanks for your interest. See below...

If you have any other questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Thanks,

Matt

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From: lyndell wilken [mailto:lyndellwilken@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 9:43 PM  
To: Peterson, Matt B -FS &lt;matt.peterson@usda.gov>  
Subject: Wilderness Permit Plans

Matt: The Obsidian hiking club held there board meeting tonight and we discussed the proposed permit process. The club will be greatly impacted and we have a few questions that you might be able to answer now.

1. Will there be an alternate leader option in case the main leader can't go on the hike? Yes, if rec.gov functionality allows it. We're doing something a little different for day use permits than what the Inyo/Sierra do (which is why processing fee is only \$1/person, rather than \$6/permit).
2. Will recreation.gov reimburse the fee if a hiker cancels? We are still setting up the cancellation policy, including refunds. It is likely that if cancelled well in advance of the trip, the permit fee will be reimbursed. However, the processing fee is never refundable. It would be helpful to hear feedback, ideas, preferences related to cancellations from your organizations (and/or from members).

I know the permits for the high Sierra ask for an alternative leader and will reimburse the fee but not the processing fee if someone cancels.

Lyndell Wilken  
Obsidian President

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