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1. I appreciate the list of FAQ provided. It helps to know what sort of questions others ask.

2. Where are the limited entry permits going to be available for purchase? Only at Recreation.gov? At Ranger Stations, perhaps a kiosk with access to Recreation.gov? How will hikers and horseback riders know what is available? Some people plan their trip months in advance. How soon will the limited entry permits be available? How will people be redirected to other locations when a limited entry area is "full"?

3. Is the USFS hiring additional Wilderness rangers to monitor and enforce limited entry? Is the trailhead host program going to be expanded?

4. How are limited entry permits related to reservations at horse camps? Specifically Big Meadows Horse Camp and Quinn Meadow Horse Camp. When people reserve a site at these camps, they expect to ride into the Wilderness. Most do day rides and return to camp for the nights. Can the Daily entry fees be combined with camp fees for payment purposes?

5. The special recreation permit fee and reservation fee through Recreation .gov is confusing terminology....does a person need both to go into a limited entry area? Is day use different from overnight use when getting a permit? Special recreation permit fee may be more easily identified as a Limited Entry Area permit. Use different words for different things....not the same word for multiple applications.

6. I personally avoided popular areas for four decades as I seek solitude on my Wilderness trips. I also go during "off-season" time periods. I've never visited Green Lakes. I've never stopped at Pamela Lake. I passed through Jefferson Park once. I stopped outside of Jefferson Park for lunch and camped overnight at the Breitenbush Lake trailhead. I made these sort of choices because I learned about Leave No Trace and Wilderness Ethics early on. I search maps and other information about places to explore and avoid popular areas. I horseback ride on day trips and camp in horse camps located outside of Wilderness which lessens impact in the Wilderness. I've performed thousands of hours of volunteer work clearing trails, picking up trash, maintaining horse camps, teaching LNT, and supporting volunteer organizations. The USFS needs to celebrate, support and encourage volunteers! Providing limited entry permits or any other types of permits at no out of pocket cost to those who do volunteering is most appropriate.

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