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Hello. I am unable to make any of the public sessions upcoming and wanted to comment. I agree with the idea of LEA and the need to better protect these areas and have no issues with the fees for day use. My concern, however, is for multi-day overnight trips. This section of the PCT is the section I have been trying for 3 years to complete but due to fire keep getting shut out. I won't be hiking 500 or more miles so won't be able to obtain a permit from the PCTA. But if I have 10 days to complete the section I may be shut out just based on the LEA restrictions on how many people are able to start from a specific trailhead each day, not to mention at the current proposed fees would end up spending more money to camp each night. I think there needs to be both a cap on the per night fee as well as an additional category or entry for those in my situation. If someone is doing more than 50 but less than 150 miles, maybe there could be a special permit and separate quote per day that is more flexible.

You have an incredibly difficult job with limited resources and your work is much appreciated. These are difficult issues when more people want to use the finite areas available so I do understand and thank you all for what you do to preserve and protect these special areas. Thank you.

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