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Good Morning,

I have grown up in Oregon and spent much of my childhood recreating in the Three Sisters Wilderness and much of my adulthood in Jefferson Wilderness. The human impact that I've noticed on the land and the difference of experience when I have gotten a permit to visit Obsidian and Pamela Lake is reason enough for me to support the permit system.

My concern isn't with the permit system nor the amount of permits -- but mainly the cost of overnight trips and the cancellation policy.

With \$5 per person per night and the \$6 processing fee -- that costs a couple on a 5 day trip \$56 and a family with older children on a weekend trip \$46. I worry about students and parents living on a limited income. These areas encompass some of our most beautiful places in Oregon -- and limiting these lands to those who can remember to login and have the ability to pick a date in the spring for a trip in the summer -- this only benefits the privileged (myself included). I would encourage a hefty amount of permits to be released over time (the beginning of every month) and for those who don't have control over their schedules to have the ability to cancel and receive a refund (or most of a refund). These areas are popular and permits are likely to be snatched up just like fire lookouts.

I have high hopes that this will be a smooth transition!

-Lexi