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Comments: Day use fees

I am opposes to trail day use fees and only a limited number of permits available. As a long time resident of Bend, OR I like to be able to decide it is a beautiful day to hike the Green Lakes trail and get up early to do my hike. Also as a 70+ year old senior I may not feel well the day I obtained a permit and waste having a permit or I may only be able to hike part way up the trail before needing to turn around. What is needed is having more ranger patrols during the very busy times to make sure users are following trail etiquette and rules. Charging a fee and limiting usage won't solve the problems - it will just make users who have paid the fee feel entitled to do as they want.

On another subject, something needs to be done about the campers who are parking their RVs along the forest roads just off of Century. They and their dogs are eliminating in the area, plus they could potentially cause a fire to start. There should be official camping areas established with outhouses and someone to monitor the campers. This should be a fee campsite.

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