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Hello,

Please do not impose daily use fees and permitting on trails in the Central Cascades wilderness. I agree that a plan needs to be developed to maintain long term use and health, though permitting fees are not the way to do it. They will take away from the enjoyment of those who live here, and visit, that do not have the foresight, knowledge of work schedules months in advance, or technological ability to obtain a permit.

Instead, trail health could be much better maintained by enforcement. On trails in these areas, it is now a rare occasion when I don't see a dog off leash, users walking off trail for no reason, and large groups destroying the environment. Enforcement, and education, of these guidelines, and why they are in place, will have much more impact than permits. People with off leash dogs and disregard for the rules will still get permits, and still destroy the environment. Randomly enforcing these rules will get the word out that it's not ok, and educate the community on why.

If additional funds are needed, an increase in the cost of the NW Forest Pass, regular day use passes, or inter agency passes is a much better answer than permits and fees.

Thanks for your time,

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