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Well it looks like my backpacking and climbs in the Three Sisters and Jefferson wilderness areas has come to an end.

This plan is not about distributing hikers, it is about eliminating hikers. If it was just about distributing hikers through the area then PCT sectional/through hikers would be excluded, the # of PCT sectional/through hikers is a minimal amount of the overall volume. The bulk of the hikers are day hikers. In addition if this was not a money grab, the fees would be nominal, instead they are excessive. What is the purpose of a daily fee for backpacking? That has nothing to do with limiting the number of people in the woods, but is a revenue grab, making what was once a cheap vacation, expensive and no-longer available to the poor.

This plan will guarantee that Oregon's gorgeous forest will be available only to forest rangers.

Well you have succeeded in your goal, I wont be participating in this, and will spend my time in the woods in Washington.

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