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Comments: Use Limitations and Fee Schedule

My name is Pamela Smith. I live in Redmond, OR. I've followed the discussions and media reporting on the upcoming limitations to our local trail heads as well as the fee schedule proposed to take affect May 2020. I am writing to express I am against these changes. I believe the proposal is too restrictive in that there is little-to-no wiggle room for hiking our trails as locals with any spontaneity.

Moreso, I'm opposed to the fee schedule. While the \$5.00 per person PLUS \$1.00 online fee for making the reservation might seem minor to those studying this issue, that reflects a total of \$24 for a friend group of four who want to go hike a local trail together. If that same friend group hikes once a week, it ends up being a substantial fee for those of us who have hiked regularly and responsibly long before this usage issue became a problem.

Also, for limited income households such as mine, a \$6 fee twice a week (which is the regularity with which I hike) stinks. I'm retired. I retired on relatively low level social security income only. As an Oregonian, outdoor activities are what I looked forward to as I worked toward a frugal and prudent retirement.

Please reconsider this fee level and this level of restriction (number of hikers allowed daily as well as no hiking on the affected trails without formal registration).

Sincerely,

Pamela Smith