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Hello-

I have been a resident of Deschutes county for almost six years now and one of the main reasons I moved here was access to such great national forests and parks in the area.

I do not support a special permit use fee for local residents. I pay an annual fee for the National Forest pass and feel this is more than sufficient for my access to our public lands. I don't think the park service or gov't or whoever should then dictate when I am allowed to visit these public lands. Nature is therapeutic and it's hard to know six months from now if I will need a good long hike in the woods or not on a particular day, weather permitting. It just takes away the wild and beauty of enjoying nature when your heart desires; and likens it to taking a number at the DMV.

I know the idea of the permit is to decrease traffic on these amazing lands, but what is the fee for? Will you also have to pay the day use fee too? Or will this be in lieu of it?

I just don't feel like enough information has been provided to offer support for this and I, in general, do not support having to get an advanced permit to hike on a public lands trail.

Amber