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I wish to register my opinion about the proposed fee schedule for the new Deschutes and Willamette forest day/overnight reservation system.

I think the fees are too high, especially for young people and low income people. The National Forests are ours, owned by the citizens of the USA, and fees should not prevent people from utilizing their land.

The proposal does not indicate how the money garnered would be used, but even if all the money is returned to the individual Forest, the amounts are too high. If my college student son takes a 3 night backpack trip with a friend, they will be charged \$36. They will also have to pay for a parking permit, e.g. the NW Forest Pass. The Forest Service should be encouraging wise use, not hindering it.

I suggest the fee be made less, or waived, for those <26 years old, and for those > 65 y.o. In addition, I see no rationale, other than income generation, for charging for each night of an overnight trip.

I appreciate the opportunity to register my comments

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