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Comments: Central Cascades Wilderness Strategies Update - Proposed permit fees Comment

Hello,

I'd like to comment on the proposed permit fee for the Central Cascades Wilderness limited entry planned for 2020. While I understand and fully support the need to limit entry in the central Cascades, I strongly object to the processing fees that would be tacked on to use the Recreation.gov website for permitting. First, making permittees go through an online portal is restrictive and doesn't represent equal access. I work through-out many areas in rural Oregon who do not have adequate access to the internet or 4g cell service. I very very very strongly disagree with Recreation.gov charging $6 for a $5 overnight permit. These permits should not cost more to book than the actual cost of the permit. If a day-use permit is $1, an overnight permit fee should be $1. A private company making over 50% of the cost of an overnight permit is ridiculous and should be avoided at all costs. Some of the day-use and overnight permits should be available in person, thus avoiding all fees on recreation.gov. I support the costs of permits going to support the maintenance of our trails, but not a private company getting rich off the permit system.

Thank you,

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