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While I agree increased usage of Wilderness areas increases potential harm, and access permits should be implemented, I don't believe another fee is something to support unless added resources or amenities are constructed . For example more restrooms, trail navigation signs, maintenance, safe/additional parking, garbage disposal. Perhaps the NW forest pass could be required at all permit access points and in-turn a percentage of NW forest pass proceeds could be allocated to permit areas. I understand the departments key role in managing our wilderness areas, but additional fees to users sort of ruins the enrichment of getting out in nature. To me at least, hiking in the woods is an alternative to the already pricey living of Central Oregon and requiring additional money demotivates me from exploring the areas in question. Thank you for seeking public input and doing your best to manage the areas we love the most!

-Joe