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Comments: Equestrian use

I agree with the fee for use at certain trail heads. I think we do need to limit the amount of visitors in the wilderness to maintain it's beauty and natural appearance.

Please make the permit system separate for equestrians vs hikers. Figure out the space for trailers and allow that many equestrian permits at each site. Post trailer parking and inform those not pulling trailers not to park there.

Equestrian users are already being pushed out of trails and horse camps because hikers park cars in locations at trail heads that does not leave space for a trailer to park. non horse campers camp in horse camps which fills up the camp and keeps equestrians out. I have been to Big Meadows, Cultus, Cow Camp, Seven Mile horse camp and had it filled with many non equestrians. My choices were turn around and go home or put my equines in the corrals in one of the sites the non equestrians were occupying and then camp on a wide area with out the comforts of a picnic table or fire ring. When trail heads are too full of cars there is no place to turn around and park so horse trailers either have to go someplace else or find a wide spot some distance away from the parking area and ride back to the trail head.

Put up signs that say equestrian camps are for those with equines only. People are pushing equestrians out of the forests and equestrians are already the minority.