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While I'm generally in favor of fees with the aim to reduce traffic, I am concerned about the unlimited nature of the fee.

For example under the proposed scenario a family of four taking a week long trip around the sisters

with a \$5 fee plus \$1 for every person per night

That's \$24 per night, or \$168 in fees for a week long backpacking trip! This seems a bit outrageous.

1- I would suggest that something be done to mitigate the above scenario. Possibly a flat permit fee and a smaller daily fee per person. Or Capping the family/small group fee.

2- I have also not seen anything pertaining to fees charged for stock. As it's clear how much more damage to trails, meadows and backcountry areas that stock do, the fees for these animals should be appropriate (~5-10x the fee for a human visitor)

3- I would also suggest that you allow persons to purchase online directly from the forest service to avoid the \$1/day service fee. Concessionary fees have gotten out of control and I would rather a larger portion (or all) of that fee go towards the forest service rather than having a third party involved.

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