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To Whom it May Concern:

I've been a Bend resident for 6 years and an Oregonian for a total of 14 years and in that time, I have noticed a large uptick of tourists in our forests, especially during the summer months. This has resulted in increased traffic, folks parking where they really shouldn't, trash in our beautiful forests, and obvious wear and tear of trails & camping sites. So, a special recreation permit fee does seem a way to stem this tide. However, for residents of these affected counties, this should be waived. Besides the local, state, & Federal taxes we pay, there is already a forest pass and snow park pass that, mostly, locals purchase. It seems unfair to ask locals to pay even more and limit our access to these lands. Please consider a FREE resident permit that will allow us to enjoy these beautiful places as often as we wish. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Kind regards,
Shannon Moore
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