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Comments: Feedback on Wilderness fees

I am a senior with only social security. I am about \$100 over the poverty level. This "penalty" fee means nothing to the wealthy or employed. Measuring by percentage of discretionary income, it impacts me a whole lot more.

Adding a hiking fee won't stop bad behavior. It will just penalize lower half of our financial society - those of use who can only afford a walk in the woods for our recreation.

And it won't solve your human waste problem. That's an "I don't care" attitude I find more associated with the well-to-do. Same with "dogs off leash" by the way.

On one trip back from Green Lakes, I totaled at least \$1200+ worth of "dog not on leash" violations. If you enforced the fines all ready on the books, you could afford the personnel to patrol.

If you want to limit the number of people on the trail, reduce the number of tail head parking spaces parking places. And make it clear (with warning signs) that those parking along the road will get ticketed.

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PS: While you are making new rules, require diapers for those horses. Talk about a load on the trail. Scheesch.

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For those who risk, life has a flavor the protected shall ne'er enjoy.