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To the USDA Forest Service Region Six Forester,

As a former Willamette National Forest, Santiam Engineering Zone, employee and current supporter of Camp Melakwa, Oregon Trail Council, BSA I write in opposition to the Fee Structure as proposed.

I recognize and support the necessity of fee collection to fund the day to day operations attendant to recreational use within the areas impacted.

It seems improper and unreasonable for the Forest Service to charge additional use fees to existing partners such as Camp Melakwa and other established similar facilities.

In the case of Camp Melakwa, established due to the inundation of Camp Lucky Boy, current lease payment that has been increasing over time should suffice.

A long (70 year) history of TEACHING and PRACTICING minimal impact concepts, providing off season emergency shelter and supporting Fire Support Operations as well as constant facility improvements valued in the thousands of dollars and hundreds of man hours donated annually all of which should be accounted for and easily offset any proposed receipts.

A simple solution, incorporate a waiver mechanism eliminating the fees for Camp Melakwa and the similar existing facilities.

Thank You for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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