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Comments: Comments about proposed CCWS

I live in Bend and I'd like to submit the following comments/questions about the proposed CCWS.

1) What mechanism, IF ANY, will be in place to ensure that local residents of Central Oregon will be able to access these trailheads on at least an even footing with out-of-towners and for-profit guides?

My worry is that people planning vacations from outside Central Oregon and For-Profit guides and outfitters will lurk online and snap up EVERY permit as it becomes available, so locals literally will be FORCED out of our own back yards, never again to take an impromptu hike in the Sisters Wilderness on a Summer Saturday.

Perhaps the on line permitting system can reserve a percentage of the permits for people with a LOCAL ADDRESS?

2) Trailhead Parking Enforcement. Over the years, as the hordes of hikers have grown to an impossible level, I've noticed that many out-of-towners appear to be very highly motivated, even MANIC, about getting up to the parking areas early in the day. This culminated for me 2 years ago when I tried to find a parking spot at the VERY crowded Devil's Lake parking area, and I noticed that an SUV with NEW JERSEY plates and towing a very large U-Haul trailer, had parked perpendicularly, TAKING UP 6-8 PARKING SPACES! Yikes!

Perhaps some CONSISTENT parking enforcement would encourage people to visit less congested trailheads? Additionally, SIGNAGE needs to be more obvious.

Thanks for your attention.

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