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Comments: Proposed Fees for specific Rec areas

Thank you for the courage and compassion to take this step. I was raised in the greater Portland area, one of seven children who benefitted from my father's love of wild places. Later, three of us went on to work for BLM, on cadastral survey crews in the woods. I was the first woman in that position, in the early 70's, and had a rare experience in many memorable, and then, little-known places.

Now, things I once took for granted have changed: people are depositing their feces on the streets of the once beautiful city of Portland, and the trash -strewn streets smell of urine. Some people seem to believe they are entitled to do so in the wilderness as well, according to your statistics, or to leave trash, or to destroy vital vegetation. I applaud your decision (one which noone in Portland can figure out) to do your job as the public's agents, and protect our beautiful wild places for those who want to enjoy them in the future. You will no doubt hear complaints. However, if anyone believes that maintaining our spectacular parks and scenic places is "free", then they need to be re-educated. It is a responsibility that we ALL share. The only suggestion I would make: find a way to by-pass the ticketing fees that will not go back to USDA. Keep the ticketing fee low, and use your own people/system. Any processing fee should end up in public funds, not private. It would likely sell better to the public, too. Thank you for your good work, and for being the guardians of the second most valuable resource, after our children.

With respect and appreciation and hoping for your success

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