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Dear USFS representative,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to permit fees in the Central Cascade Wildernesses. I am an avid backpacker and staunch environmentalist. I spend my free time volunteering with Mt Bachelor Ski Patrol and Deschutes County Search and Rescue. (Views expressed herein are my own.) I love the wilderness areas here and am the first to advocate for protection and funding. Implementing fees for normal usage is anathema to the concept of public egalitarian federal land. Every additional dollar makes fewer people able to enjoy the nature areas I value so highly. A quota system makes sense to limit human impact, and is fair and equal. Adding fees on top of that adds a barrier to anyone who does not have the disposable income to recreate on public lands. I find this abhorrent; there are better ways to fund land administration!

Respectfully,
Neil Severson