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Dear USDA,

I read in the Register Guard this morning about proposed recreation fees for Willamette National Forest wilderness areas. I support such fees, and I encourage you to do whatever you think is best to preserve these wonderful wilderness areas. The fees being proposed are quite small. Hopefully you're charging enough to keep up, and perhaps expand, the excellent work you do! I don't think anyone can legitimately complain about fees that are similar to a fancy cup of coffee, and less than a movie ticket, for access to a spectacular wilderness area.

I do suggest (i) having at least some &quot;spontaneous&quot; day use permits (i.e. that one doesn't need to reserve in advance) and (ii) having a simple system, perhaps on-line, for paying for permits and for seeing how many permits are available.

Thank you for your work,

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