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I am writing to support the Willamette Recreation Fee, both the day use and the overnight fee.

I believe this is necessary to ensure that these areas are protected from excessive human impact.

I do have some concerns about the nightly pricing. This pricing is similar to permits in national parks, which have always been more expensive to visit than national forests. Many people choose to go to the national forests specifically because they are a lower cost recreational area.

For a family of 4 (2 parents + 2 children), going out on a 5 day trip, this will cost \$100. For a lower income family, this can be a substantial cost.

It may make more sense to have a price per group regardless of the number of nights. For example, a backcountry permit costs \$10 for each group up to 4. It costs \$20 for groups larger than 4.

Thank you.