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In Lieu of establishing more wilderness areas, which we really need with the burgeoning population, I agree that access needs to be restricted. However restricting access by imposing fees does not seem fair, especially for those of us who are already paying high taxes and contributing hundreds and even thousands of volunteer labor to maintain wilderness trails and healthy forests. If permits are our only recourse, then they should not have fees attached beyond actual cost of maintaining the fee system. And even that is questionable. My husband and I continue to be ardent supporters of the forest service and find it regrettable that so much of what used to be done by government agencies has been turned over to concessionaires who do not have the same ethic. Wilderness Should not be made a for-profit institution.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment.

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