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Comments: Wilderness Area Fees

I oppose the proposed changes to permit fees in Wilderness areas.

I am 66 years old. I have hiked the entire PCT twice. I have been able to see and appreciate the magnificence of OUR public lands. Please don't make it harder for other people (PCT section hikers in particular) to have this experience.

I agree that we need to protect our lands. The more people that use our lands will result in more people loving our lands and voting to increase funding. Increasing fees and having very limited quotas will decrease use.

Wilderness experiences are good for emotional and mental health. We need to expand this resource, not limit it.

All people can't predict ahead of time when they have time to get out. Weather changes, injuries, health issues and other life issues mean that flexibility needs to be built into whatever permit system is used.

Fee increases should not be used to line the pockets of Booz Allen Hamilton. Please don't pretend it's for another reason.

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