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While I have no objecting to paying for my use of the trails in our states, I'm concerned about the restrictions being put on some which in the long run will come at the cost of others. We've had trails closed for a few years in the Columbia gorge, in particular, Oneonta falls which became a crazy mess for a summer swimming spot thanks in part to the internet spreading this great space only a short drive from Portland. Those people didn't stay home, they were elsewhere on trails, which is exactly what is going to happen when we limit sisters.

I'm fine with paying to hike, I'm not with restricted access. These are public lands, I already pay for access through taxes. How about putting these new permit fees to creating and maintaining new trails so there are more places to hike? The population in the US isn't going to get any smaller any time soon and we are not going to stop wanting to spend time in the outdoors either. Its time to maintain the land in a way we can better use it instead of limiting when we can use it.