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Comments: Comment regarding proposed fees

Hello,

I am submitting comment about the proposed recreation fees.

I strongly oppose these proposed fees due to the severely disproportionate impact the fees will have on Oregon's most vulnerable. Millions of Oregonians, myself included, struggle to make ends meet as it is, and one of the few things we can currently do for little to no cost is enjoy the beauty the state has to offer.

This proposed fee will take money that me and my fellow resident don't have and will put this money into the pockets of Booz-Allen Hamilton and other corporations. This is a travesty.

Find some other way: if you enact this fee, the poorest Oregonians will not be able to afford to even go on a hike in their own state, while you are proposing to give millions to corporations and the Forest Service, both of which have plenty of other sources of revenue to increase ranger patrols or find alternatives solutions to this problem.

I urge you to not enact these fees. I request for you to provide additional time for public comment, as the word has not had enough time to get out to those that will be most impacted if this fee were enacted. I also request that you hold town halls and other public hearings across the state to inform people of what is being proposed and how it could impact them.

Thanks,
Holly Purpura