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Ladies && Gentlemen,

So pleased to see adoption of fees for use of some of the wilderness areas in Oregon (Three Sisters, Mount Jefferson and Mount Washington wilderness areas). In the past I have done a fair amount of day hiking in various areas in Oregon and witnessed some obvious destructive effects in out state wilderness areas. Limiting the number of people plus a fee is a start, but at \$3.00 plus a \$1.00 processing fee will do little to to prevent, much less repair the damage done. People will continue to try to circumvent applying for and paying such a very modest fee. I believe a \$4.00 plus \$1.00 will help to cover costs of maintaining our wilderness areas plus assist in paying for proper education and enforcement. Unless there is much improved enforcement these rules will be ignored and greater harm to our natural areas will continue unabated. Education is necessary, but without enforcement, education will not be sufficient.

Sincerely,

Paul Fontana