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To whom it may concern:

I wholeheartedly support the proposed permit fee system. I visited the Canadian Rockies for the first time this past summer and saw firsthand what overuse can do to ruin an otherwise beautiful area. Among other things-- and to put it crudely--use control is needed to prevent the pervasive presence of human poop in wilderness areas. My experience hiking up Canada's Sentinel Pass, for example, was that there were hundreds of hikers and at the treed area near the moraine lakes an odious smell of excrement filled the air. We don't want to let this happen to our Oregon wilderness areas and it WILL happen unless we start controlling those areas now. I think the proposed fees are reasonable in size and I am happy to sacrifice instant access for overuse protection. There will probably be lots of pushback, however, and I wish you the best of luck in getting the permit fee system implemented.

Thank you.

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