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Dear USFS,

You should be ashamed and embarrassed to ask for any fees to hike Oregon's Wilderness areas. I have hiked and rode horses all over Oregon and many times parked at a trailhead and paid my fee. I will not do it again. Your trail system is a disaster in many places. Historic trails are completely disappearing under an avalanche of downed trees, brush and slides. Some trails showing as a nice dotted line on the map are almost impossible to follow. I have had to backtrack several times as the trail is lost in windfall and brush. The Forest Service has a mantra that goes something like "Keep the forest usable to everyone" What a joke. You have a responsibility to maintain all the trails at least once a year and yet you won't do it. The excuse is always money is short. Use some imagination. I see the Fire Crews playing Hacky Sack in the parking lot. It isn't even close to fire season. Get them all out their with chainsaws. Waive the Saw rule for the wilderness for a few weeks. Get some of the desk jockys out. At the last Ranger Station I stopped to complain about a trail, their were TWO people manning the front desk. Of course I was the only one there. Maintain the trails on a regular basis and RECLAIM the ones that are being lost. You know which ones they are. You should be required to do at least that or face a lawsuit for the destruction of historical trails which are part of our history. Once more, you should be embarrassed to call yourself the Forest Service. My father maintained trails on USFS in the 1930's and he would be ashamed to see what is happening now.

Sincerely,

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