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Comments: Trail permits

I am a native Oregonian and I strongly believe the trails in Central Oregon need to be protected against overuse, but the proposed system is stacked against the people who live here, and already volunteer to keep the trails in good shape.

I moved here nearly 20 years ago for the the hiking. The hiking group I'm in hikes, snowshoes, or x-country skis every week all year around. We are all seniors, striving to stay active and healthy, on limited incomes. Hiking here in Sisters, has allowed us to do this, without the high cost of joining athletic clubs, and traveling long distances. Your permit proposal could increase our hiking to \$200 per person per year, or \$400 for a couple!

We always carry trash bags, and pick up trash. We see trash and trail abuse increase on holidays and during the summer tourist season. It's the tourists who seem to abuse the trails!

Please consider:

Lower cost OR no cost permits for locals and seniors

An ANNUAL low cost or no cost permit passes for seniors

Trail head \$5 permit for those without an annual or local permit,