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Dear Willamette and Deschutes National Forests,

Dear U.S. Forest Service:

Your proposal to charge people for simply taking a walk in the in the Mount Jefferson, Mount Washington and Three Sisters Wilderness areas in the Oregon Cascades violates the intent and purpose of the Wilderness Act, including protecting Wildernesses from commercialization and commodification. Wilderness areas belong to all of the American people, open to all the public and not just those wealthy enough to pay additional fees. We have paid for them with our taxes.

The Mount Jefferson, Mount Washington and Three Sisters Wilderness Areas already plan to require limited-access permits starting next year to prevent overcrowding and resource damage - I support quotas to protect Wilderness areas from being over-run but am opposed to charging hikers to walk in the Wilderness.

Abandon your fee scheme for the Mount Jefferson, Mount Washington and Three Sisters Wilderness areas.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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