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Dear Willamette and Deschutes National Forests,

Dear U.S. Forest Service:

I'm stunned.

You seriously call walking in a wilderness area a "specialized" recreation?

In that case, I guess EVERYTHING is a specialized recreation in your book?

What has happened to good sense at the 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 is ridiculous.

It also breaks the law Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

I agree with your ultimate goal of restricting use to avoid damage, but charging a fee to go walking is NOT the answer. A lottery system or other system to require limited use permits is appropriate to save the environment in these areas. But charging money is not. What's more, just because you charge a fee doesn't mean you'll limit the number of people to the range you need.

So the bottom line is that it appears to just be a money scheme. It smacks of an ultimate aim to commercialize wilderness areas for profit.

**DO NOT CHARGE PEOPLE TO WALK** in areas they already own.

**DO NOT SET A TERRIBLE PRECEDENT** that will allow others to think "Oh boy, we can now charge everybody for everything, including just setting foot on land they already own.

**ABANDON** this scheme immediately.

Thank

Sincerely,

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