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Dear Willamette National Forest,

The Forest Service should partner with County and State officials to address parking issues at trailheads. Managing and enforcing parking would self-limit the number of people on trail systems. A portion of permits should be held for walk-up, first come first serve availability to allow climbers to attempt summits during good weather windows, which decreases potential weather-related accidents and the chances of getting lost, both of which result in increased search and rescue missions within Wilderness areas.

I am a current college student from California studying in Washington State. I have had the privilege to take advantage access to public lands and under the government, I understand this is a right. However, this is a privilege for not only me and to benefit from but for others now and in the future. The new quota-based fee structure for limited-entry day-use permits and overnight users, would restrict climbing access and create more barriers for low-income communities.

Thank you for taking the time to read these messages from you constituents. Hear our voices!

Sincerely,

Lucy Ogburn