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Dear Willamette National Forest,

The Forest Service should implement other, less restrictive management tools prior to implementing limited-entry day-use permits. Examples include educational programs focused on leave no trace practices, administrative signage, revegetation and restoration projects to address areas of concern, and installation of toilet facilities and/or wag bag stations to address human waste issues.

I think that there has got to be another way to do this before such restrictions are put into place. Climbing mountains is highly-weather dependent, and to plan a climb 3 months in advance for a particular day sets our public up for bad decisions, increased risk, and a decreased sense of peace while enjoying our public lands.

Please consider other measures before instituting a permit system. Please look to other crowded areas that have avoided permit systems, like the European Alps. Increased Parking and increased trash pick-up may be a good place to start.

Thank you for considering,
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