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Dear Willamette National Forest,

I am writing in opposition to the new fee system. While I understand the need to manage overuse of public lands, especially certain trails in the Three Sisters Wilderness, I am worried that the new system will prevent lower-income and responsible trail users from using trails, while encouraging others to simply ignore the rules and hope they won't get caught.

If possible, I think there should be a local versus tourist option so locals won't be shut out from their favorite trails by summer visitors. Also, I read that an annual pass is not feasible, but I would like to see that option.

I support your mission of wilderness management, trail maintenance, and visitor education, and I'm happy to contribute financially, but I feel the new fee system will be too expensive and too restrictive. I would encourage lower costs, more available day-use permits, as well as a reduction in how many trails will require permits.

Thank you,
Maya Holzman, Ph.D.