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Dear Willamette National Forest,

As someone who has enjoyed the experience of Oregon's Wilderness areas since 1979, I am aware of the need to protect these wonderful places. Many of my experiences were of the Mountaineering type. Usually these trips did not co-exist with backpackers, day hikers, fishermen or other casual visitors as far as camping or trail sharing after the base of the mountains were acquired. It is my hope that the new rules will reflect that mountaineers are not impacting the same camping areas that backpackers impact. And that mountaineer numbers should not be thought to cause impact that would happen if they were backpackers using the areas that they would need for camping, etc. 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. 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. 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.

Sincerely,

Harold Hall