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Comments: Special Recreation Permit Fee

I have backpacked, hiked and enjoyed the forest for many years, I have hiked on the East cost, and West and have been able to find quiet and solitude in the Wilderness areas and forests. However as more and more people use the forest system it is harder and hard to find the solitude. Not do only to more people make it crowded, it also brings more trash and wear on the trails.

I don't believe we want to restrict access to all areas however it is appropriate to reduce access to Wilderness areas that are experiencing over usage. Now that I am at a point where I want to introduce my Children to the woods I believe they should be able to experience a quiet less crowded experience. If that means we have to plan ahead and get permits, (or get up very early and get a permit that day) that is fine. Fees are also acceptable as I believe uses of systems do need to pay for them.

Thank you for helping to maintain and protect our Wilderness areas.

regards-john

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