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My husband and I travel and day hike, in one or more western states, every year for 2 months. We are planning to return to the Three Sisters Wilderness area in 2020. Here are my thoughts re: the upcoming permit system:

I DO think the permit system is a great idea for summer months and the most crowded times of the year, only if the permits do, in fact, limit crowds to an appropriate level. I have no problem paying a small user fee to help support the forest service in maintaining trails. Great idea! Hope it helps!

I DO NOT think that advance day hike permits should be required on regular week days (Monday thru Thursday) after September's Labor Day weekend, rather limited to weekends only (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) after Labor Day. I have never hiked a trail during September in the middle of the week that appeared busy, including Green Lake. Although I have not visited the Bend area to hike in the past 3 years. Maybe that has changed.

Limiting permits to only 19 trails MAY make the other trails, that provided great solitude, now more crowded? Maybe something to watch once this permit system begins.

Thanks for listening!

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