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Dear Willamette National Forest,

Several of the wilderness areas that are going to be subject to quota entries contain iconic Pacific Northwest climbing opportunities. Requiring these limited permits to only be reservable in advance leads to unused permits when a climber's permit day arrives and the weather is not conducive to climbing, as well as encourages climbers to climb in unfavorable conditions because they may only have one chance to climb that season, due to limited advance-only permits. 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.

Sincerely,

Ember Kauth