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Dear Willamette National Forest,

I am an avid climber and hiker that comes to Oregon's wilderness areas several times per year. Like other federal lands users, I contribute economically to the local areas around these beautiful spaces I love. It is in the federal government's best interest to manage these lands in ways that do not make it more difficult for anyone to enjoy these areas.

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.

The Forest Service should implement other, less restrictive management tools prior to implementing limited-entry day-use permits. Examples include educational programs focused on leave no trace practices, administrative signage, revegetation and restoration projects to address areas of concern, and installation of toilet facilities and/or wag bag stations to address human waste issues.

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,

Alisse Cassell