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Dear Willamette National Forest,

Hello!

I am writing today to express my concern for the proposed fee structure changes. As an Oregonian and climber, I worry that they will have significant negative impacts on the climbing community, and the broader community of recreational users.

Recreation within Deschutes and Willamette National Forests' Wilderness areas has a positive impact on local Oregon communities. Many citizens choose to reside in places like Bend for the accompanying quality of life and the health benefits of outdoor recreation, including climbing, hiking, backcountry skiing, trail running, and other human-powered Wilderness-based activities. Burdensome and limited-entry permit systems could have an unintended economic impact on rural communities, local businesses, and the greater Oregon tourism economy.

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.

Please consider these impacts, and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Tobias Boyd