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Dear Willamette National Forest,

Permit systems have pros and cons, it reduces overuse of our wilderness, but it does not work so well for spontaneous trips, due to life circumstances or weather. At the very least, 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.

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,

Christopher Koppl