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Dear Willamette National Forest,

Please don't restrict accessibility to some of Oregon's most beautiful land. I encourage education by the Forest Service of sustainable outdoor access principles to the public instead of limiting access by implementing costly fee based permits.

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. 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.

Sincerely, Rachel Worrall