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Dear Willamette National Forest,

Recreation within Deschutes and Willamette National Forests' Wilderness areas has a positive impact on local Oregon communities. Outdoor recreation is a powerful economic driver in many rural communities as well as in larger communities such as Bend. Burdensome and limited-entry permit systems could have an unintended economic impact on rural communities, local businesses, and the greater Oregon tourism economy.

The Forest Service should implement other, less restrictive management tools prior to implementing limited-entry day-use permits. There are other measures that the Forest service can utilize to achieve the same goals--only if those measures fail should a more restrictive approach of limiting access be taken.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bower