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Dear Willamette and Deschutes National Forests,

Dear U.S. Forest Service:

My family and I hike and camp in wilderness areas because they are beautiful and affordable. We completely 100% OPPOSE any proposal to charge us or any other Americans for taking a walk in any wilderness area, and specifically Mount Jefferson, Mount Washington and Three Sisters Wilderness areas in the Oregon Cascades.

Your proposed fee violates the intent and purpose of the Wilderness Act. And that purpose is to protect these rare wilderness areas from commercialization. Wilderness areas belong to all American people. It is our birthright to enter and walk through these very special, beautiful scenic and wild areas. Additional fees will shut out many citizens, families especially, on limited incomes. All citizens in the USA have already paid for these very special wild areas with our taxes. It is not right to charge us again when we visit.

These fees are also illegal under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act and would be taken to court to prove the obvious. Do the right thing and do not exclude American citizens from access to our public lands.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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