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Comments: Comments on the special recreation permit fee

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As a outdoor recreationalist who enjoys our federal lands I strongly oppose the proposal.

I am also concerned about the already large equity gap in Wilderness use between elitist Wilderness users and the far more diverse general public. These fees will disproportionately impact the poor and middle class for the benefit of a few. I see no analysis of these impacts.

These fees will reduce my ability to enjoy the Wilderness. I also believe this proposal violates FLREA, which prohibits charging for general access. With this proposal you are forcing visitors to pay to access our public lands. Traveling on foot is not a "specialized recreation use" within the meaning of the FLREA.

The decision to limit use and impose these fees was made without telling the public that the result would be increased taxation. You are taking actions that reduce the benefit to the public of these areas and continuing to focus your management on the privileged class.

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