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I was able to attend the meeting in Salem and I would like to say it was well presented. A little disheartening on the turn out, for an issue that could have such a wide ranging impact on access.

I understand that there needs to be a system implemented in order to address the increased numbers, but this seems like such a drastic approach for areas that should continue to be accessible.

The fees I don't find objectionable, it costs more in gas to get there than what you're proposing for access fees. I'm just asking that it doesn't become too restrictive for regular people to be able to enjoy our wilderness. I often hike and ski onto the glaciers of Jefferson and the Sisters, and rarely do I encounter a single person on the mountain. Even hiking into Jefferson park on Whitewater does it ever seem "crowded"?

It seems unfair to essentially lump restricting overnight campers into the same restrictions that the day hikers are going to experience.

Who has a printer these days? If I don't, I'm supposed to stop by an office, hope a permit is still available and then go? Don't criminalize access to our wilderness.

I hope that we can find a balance without making it overly restrictive.

Thanks for your time,  
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