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Dear Willamette National Forest,

The Forest Service should implement other, less restrictive management tools prior to implementing limited-entry day-use permits. Examples include educational programs focused on leave no trace practices, administrative signage, revegetation and restoration projects to address areas of concern, and installation of toilet facilities and/or wag bag stations to address human waste issues.

I am one of the original people in the fight to save French Pete creek, in the late 1960's, now in the sisters Wilderness. I would hate to have to wait in line to experience that wonderful spot again. I agree with some people who say that people will risk lives to keep a climbing schedule in bad weather because they paid for a permit. If you ever have a fee system, I would hope that you would have steep senior and low income discounts. (many events allow a much cheaper fee for SNAP card holders, for example).
There are ways to educate people, like trailhead volunteers, etc. Rest rooms at more trailheads would keep waste in one place.

Sincerely,
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