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Dear Willamette National Forest,

I've been a resident in Oregon for more than two years now; I was drawn here by the unique access and freedom that I was able to experience as a climber and outdoors enthusiast.

It's come to my attention that there are some restrictions being considered for the Deschutes and Willamette Wilderness areas. I hope you'll reconsider, and keep access as-is.

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.

The new quota-based fee structure for limited-entry day-use permits and overnight users, would restrict climbing access and create more barriers for low-income communities.

Sincerely,  
Jake Patoski