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Comments: Comment in opposition to trail fees in three Wilderness areas in Oregon

Dear Forest Supervisor,

I oppose trail fees. Not only do they make it harder for some to use our public lands but fees encourage a spending spiral. Fees are collected to build amenities, then more fees are needed for maintenance, new amenities are added to justify the maintenance fees and so on. Eventually there is pressure to privatize concessions and the our public places are no longer wild.

I have seen it happen at the Maroon Bells near Aspen, CO.

Trailhead maintenance should never have been taken out of the federal budget and it should go back on budget.

Thank you.

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