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Dear Willamette National Forest,

I believe that the permits & fees are going to cause more issues than solve problems. First access for lower income people will prohibit them from enjoying their national forests.

I think limiting the number of overnight visitors is ok, but day use should not be paid permits. WA has permitted high use areas and they allow entrance for day use for free. They also have installed great backcountry toilets in the high use area's. Specifically Green Lakes would be a perfect place for a couple. People are still going to leave their messes behind without Leave no trace education.

I am a climber & I like to have the flexibility to decide if I want to go climb next weekend because the weather is good. At least save 40% of the permits for walk ups. I have been in all of these area's to climb & the only place where I see huge overuse is South Sister/green Lakes area.

I also believe the permits will have economic issues for the towns nearby stopping in for a burger.

Please reconsider the permit system & spend more time on the set up process. This will end up like Mt St Helen's & scarcity will develop & it will be hard for us Oregonians to get permits to enjoy the places we love!

Thank you

Karen

Sincerely,

Karen Graves