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Dear Willamette National Forest,

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. It also leads to restrictions for people with atypical/erratic schedules (medical, law enforcement etc) as we lack the ability to reliably plan for in advance.

Having access to nature supports human investment in environmental advocacy. Making access too limited or overly complicated could in turn drive down interest in protecting and nurturing our forests.

Limiting access to permits booked in advance could also encourage unsafe climbing activity, pushing people to climb in unfavorable weather.

I don't understand why the FS wouldn't initially implement less restrictive measures rather than dramatically altering access essentially overnight.

Sincerely,

Mary Turner