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Comments: Public comments on the proposed permit system

Hello,

I am writing to voice my strong disapproval of the permit system which will be implemented in 2020. The cost of these permits should be as minimal as possible because the stated purpose of the permits was to reduce traffic on delicate lands, not to break the bank of those who enjoy nature. These permits unnecessarily restrict public lands from those who abide by and love leave no trace principles. These permits create a safety hazard by encouraging hikers and backpackers to go into the wilderness during periods of inclement weather because those are the only days available for their permits. The proposed pricing of this system unfairly excludes those of lower economic status from being able to enjoy nature by charging ridiculous day and backpacking fees. The maximum cost of these fees should be \$1 with a \$1 processing fee. This keeps the outdoors financially accessible to all. I would like a reconsideration of the permit system itself to see if this, rather than LNT education will truly accomplish the care of public lands.

Sincerely,

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