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Comments: Stop the proposed Oregon wilderness access fees!

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My name is Kevin Meyer. I live within the regions of Oregon where proposed wilderness access fees are currently being considered. I have spent my entire life hunting, hiking, camping, and fishing in these wildernesses. Public land! These fees not only violate the FLREA, they create an undo hardship on citizens who use these lands for hiking, horseback riding, camping, among other uses.

I agree that the general public has lost respect for our precious wilderness areas, but government management of these same areas has proven inept, and incompetent at best. These proposed fees are by no means guarantied to be used for the betterment of our wilderness areas or the state of affairs surrounding how they are currently being treated by ignorant public.

It would be better to focus efforts on educating the public on how to care for, and respect our shared heritage.

I am saddened by the measures being proposed and being implemented. I am effectively being locked out of my own backyard. And in a time in history when more than ever, mankind needs to reconnect with their evolutionary roots. Science is proving that nature is not only beneficial to our overall health, but a necessary part of being human. It is time to reconnect with nature, not take it away.

For the health of our nation and mankind in general. And because it is simply the right and moral thing to do. Please reconsider the proposed wilderness access fees here in Oregon. Don't do this!

Sincerely,

Kevin Meyer - a responsible, lifetime user of our shard natural heritage