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Dear Willamette National Forest,

As a climber, hiker, and general supreme lover of the outdoors, I am dismayed at the changes being suggested by the forest service in Oregon. In this busy, chaotic, and increasingly destructive world we live in, the wide open skies and mountains sometimes offer the only respite. Please reconsider limiting use. There are other ways, such as education, that can help people to become more involved and more aware of the effect they have on such treasures. For example, as an avid hiker and climber who knows the impact overcrowding can have on areas, I make the choice to NOT climb or hike in places that can have overcrowding at certain times of the year. I hike elsewhere and/or hike that area when it is NOT overcrowded. When people understand their impact can be detrimental, I believe many will do what is best for the lands, and not necessarily for themselves. But they need to understand these realities in order to act on them. Limiting access is not the way to do this.

Sincerely,
Jaye Smith