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Comments: Three Sisters Wilderness fees

1) The proposed Three sisters Wilderness fee and permit plan is a classic case of hitting a mosquito with a sledge hammer. One of the often cited issues is human waste and litter. Looking at the statistics cited by the USFS, on the quantity of litter and waste found in the area, the entire problem could be mitigated by hiring a couple of students for the summer with some rubber gloves and plastic bags to clean up. Two people working 90 days could easily eliminate the problem.

2) The main cause of crowding in the Green Lakes Area is that there are few good loop trails for a day hike. Adding some trails so that areas such as Dorris, Blow and Lucky Lakes could be visited on a loop hike would be much more constructive than requiring permits.

3) Todd Lake is unique in that it is very close and convenient for a short visit. It is commonly visited on the spur of the moment for a short walk or a few hours of fishing. It is a special asset in this regard and should not be regulated into a place that requires advanced planning and fees to visit.

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