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I would like to address the proposed "special recreation fee" . My boys and I along with a close friend and his son archery hunt in one of the now considered "over used areas" in one of the wilderness areas included in the limited entry proposal. We typically spend ten to fifteen days throughout the season hunting the backcountry rarely coming into contact with other humans.

With this new fee proposal, what once cost me no more than what I already pay in taxes to access MY public land and some gas money I will be charged to spend the night along with paying for my teenage boys. And thats only if i can obtain one of the three overnight permits for a hunt that was planned months in advance.

To put this in perspective for ten nights in the wilderness it will now cost me an extra 156.00 dollars to take my boys elk hunting on public land. Add my hunting partner and his boy and thats another 100.00. That's 256.00 just to camp...

I urge you to reconsider the nightly fee and go to a flat rate per trip fee like the Obsidian and Pamelia permits were. I understand the need to regulate some of the popular areas but this proposal will put a huge financial burden on my family and the traditions that we hold dear.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Brian Watson,

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