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Comments: Volunteer permits

I understand that volunteers who are part of an organized crew will have access to wilderness areas without requiring a permit. We truly appreciate not adding another layer of paperwork to the process of taking crews to the field.

I also understand that volunteers who complete a higher level of commitment, measured in hours of service, will be given wilderness passes valid for personal use. This is a significant benefit to volunteers as befits the value these committed volunteers bring to the forest.

Some volunteers work behind the scenes to make it possible for this work to occur. Many organizations have administrative leads that organize crews, file TCP's, and complete work reports. Even volunteers who complete work outside the wilderness areas are enabling wilderness volunteers to focus on those areas.

Please consider awarding annual personal passes to all volunteers who exceed a desired threshold. My recommendation is to set that threshold at 40 hours. In FY2019, 94 volunteers would have met this level in the WNF.

Thanks for your consideration.

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