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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to comment on the proposed fees for the Special Recreation Permit program coming to the Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and Three Sisters Wilderness areas in 2020. I agree with the concept of limited use in these areas as they need a reprieve from the overwhelming use they have been receiving. I think quotas are a good way to manage this during the height of the summer recreation season.

The proposed fee seems reasonable for day use. A \$3.00 fee per person for a day seems a reasonable sum to me and with the reservation system being online would allow flexibility up until the day before the trip.

The proposed fee for overnight use seems ok for one day at \$5.00 per person per night. However, I would suggest putting a cap on this at a maximum of \$10.00 per person per trip. My reasoning is that most trips likely fall over weekends and that this is where the most pressure to the system is. This keeps the fees reasonable for families and hiking clubs such as the Chemeketans.

Finally, I would suggest the ability to transfer the permit location or receive a full refund if there are mitigating circumstances such as wildfire or other closures.

My last suggestion would be that these permits could take the place of the NW Forest Pass, so that the Special Recreation Permit would be the only pass an individual would need to recreate in these wilderness areas.

Thank you for considering my comments,

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