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Comments: Your Fees

To Whom It May Concern,

I am one of the listed objectors to your entire "fee" program for our Wilderness. Despite a concerted opposition to charging a fee to use our Wilderness, you have implemented the program as it was clear from the beginning you would.

I remain opposed to your fees and also oppose your proposed fee amount as well as holding back precious permits from the arbitrary quotas for each trail in order to "serve" our poor. Whether you make them available at the libraries or your offices...the poor will exploit these precious few passes for their own gain-be it money or otherwise, much like scalping a concert ticket. FYI...I have never seen a "homeless" person hiking either. The entire concept is rather silly and I believe an effort to assuage your guilt. And to exclude children under 12 is a bad idea too. Why are they excluded? Yet they have to have a pass. If Mommy or Daddy can't get a pass-will they be turned loose on the trails to hike alone? Whose silly idea was that? More guilt trips I expect.

I think a fee of \$4.00 PLUS the \$5.00 parking fee will be like winning the lottery for the FS. Congratulations....you will never build another trail system or parking lot just as you have never done in the 20 years I have hiked the Three Sisters Wilderness. The money will be used for your salaries, a new desk and computers and to fatten your ranks and pensions. Do you sense any animosity? Well you will soon. You may replace the IRS as the most feared and hated government agency yet! Congratulations on never expanding less than the ONE percent of our Wilderness network that the trails occupy and then screaming that we are impacting the wilderness...for shame. I've got a better idea...why not charge at least \$10.00 a pass? That way, people like me that actually work for a living might be able to get a permit to hike during our precious free time. Instead-by the low fee you are implementing-you will create far more demand than supply which is the system you've already created. How is that working for you?

I say NO to it all. Shame on you.

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