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1. Keep It Simple Stupid (KISS). Don't say it is \$3.00 per person per day and, by the way, there is a \$1.00 additional fee. Just say the cost is \$4.00 per day. We want to hike, not count your money.

2. The proposed day use fees will succeed or fail based on user experience of your portal. If the technology is not up to handling your proposed volume of use, crashes or fails to issue permits when fees are paid, no amount of human correction will restore trust. Test, test and retest with volunteers (Beta Users) to make sure your roll out is seamless. (Recall Federal Obamacare IT implementation fiascos?)

2. Human waste for day hikers can be controlled if the nearest toilets are advertised at trailheads. We used Jack Lake Trailhead toilet, Sunday, November 17th, even though the Forestry Service Office, only two days, before advised that all toilets were closed in October. A gift..... Five other cars (2 persons each) did the same. Try Snow Parks as locations. We found one just beyond Salt Creek Falls with permanent toilets. They are already managed by ODOT but resourced by the Forestry Service.

When I sought a listing of toilets at ODOT Snow Parks in the event we needed one for future use, I received the following message:

"RE: Ask ODOT Inquiry -- CI00111397 --
To: Tom Clay, tc031448@gmail.com

Thank you for writing to Ask ODOT. The Sno-Park program that's administered by the Department of Transportation provides for snow removal in select winter parking areas (aka Sno-Parks). The features that may be available at the parking area are determined by the land manager which in most Sno-Parks is the US Forest Service. As the land manager, the USFS would be in a better position to help with information on what facilities are available and what activities may occur at or near the parking area.

The land manager for Sno-Parks along OR 58 would be the Willamette National Forest and along US 97 would be the Deschutes or Ochoco National Forest. Each Forest has information about their recreation opportunities on their webpage at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r6/about-region/offices#oregon>. The Forest may also provide trail maps and other information including parking areas/trailheads that are not part of the Sno-Park program. So by reaching out to them you may find other information that may help in the planning of your next snowshoe outing."

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Thanks for being great Stewards of our Wilderness!

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