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Comments: Feedback: Wilderness Permits for FS Volunteers

Hello. Regarding the upcoming new permit system for Wilderness areas, I strongly feel that it would be a great idea to offer some sort of a yearly exemption pass for FS volunteer hours. After X number of hours, this would help to compensate/reward all the hard work FS volunteers put in to keep the Wilderness trails open and accessible.

Seems like volunteer hours for the Willamette or Deschutes Forests would be appropriate since that is where the permitted Wilderness areas are located. All types of volunteer hours should be considered (trail work, campsite work/host, administrative, etc).

This proposed permit exemption should also apply to a small group (max 4 people?) that is with the volunteer in person, and not just the volunteer alone. This would allow the volunteer to take family members on a Wilderness trip and not force them to go solo.

As a hardworking Wilderness crosscut trail volunteer, it would be disappointing to finally have the time to take a Wilderness trip with my family, only to be denied access due to permit quota being filled (and possibly for the same trail I just recently helped log out!).

Thank you,

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