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Dear Willamette and Deschutes National Forests,

U.S. Forest Service Administrator:

I'm writing to adamantly oppose the outrageous proposal to charge citizens for hiking in the in the Mount Jefferson, Mount Washington and Three Sisters Wilderness areas in the Oregon Cascades.

These fees are illegal under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act and would effectively limit the public from accessing and fully enjoying our public lands. This proposal is unprecedented as the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests would be the first national forest in the U.S. to implement a fee system across three Wilderness areas to charge for all overnight use plus day use at 19 trailheads across 450,000-plus acres of Wilderness.

Such fees would set a terrible precedent for other wilderness areas throughout the U.S.. I urge you to abandon your fee scheme for these three Wilderness areas.

Sincerely,

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