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I imagine you've heard these comments already from multiple people but I'll just add my voice anyway. I would suggest permit fees for weekdays should be less expensive than weekend permits. This would likely mitigate the frustration felt by locals who know and care about these areas and it could allow the cost and the limiting factor to fall more on those traveling in from outside the immediate area.

Also, as a dad of a backpacking family, I would value a discounted flat rate for groups above say three people, with kids under the age of 18.

Also, the "processing fee" is annoying. It feels like you're nickel and diming us. If you need to, just add it to the cost of the permit whether that's \$1 or \$3 or whatever. Just give us one straightforward price.

In principle, I am in favor of user fees, and I appreciate the need to reduce impact in certain areas. I've been in some of those overcrowded, overused areas and it's sad to see. However, if done in the wrong way, the well intended goals behind this move could actually be undermined. Get buy-in from the wilderness lovers. Avoid creating policies that make us feel patronized, and we will be glad to partner with you.

Thanks,
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