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Comments: Volunteer hours for passes

Hello,

I'd like to submit comments on the required number of hours to receive an annual volunteer pass to the permitted areas. I volunteer hundreds of hours mostly on the Willamette NF, but also the Deschutes. About 60% of my volunteer time is administrative, the other portion is on trails doing logouts, tread work, etc.

It seems to me 100 hours would be a good number on either Forest, and only 50% of those hours should be allowed as administrative.

As a High Cascades Forest Volunteers board member, I know the difficulties had with separating hours by forest and task already. Trying to separate it further into specific wilderness areas will put a great strain on the current outdated database and the volunteers who are trying to maintain accuracy of hours in a timely fashion.

High Cascades is actively working on a solution to fund a new database that will make separating out and logging hours easier. Until that happens, adding to an already overburdened system and group of volunteers isn't ideal.

My two cents

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