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In response to the proposed fees for hiking and camping in the national forest wilderness areas, I have the following comments:

I am concerned about the cost to hike and camp on our public lands. The cost for families and groups of friends to hike is excessive. It will be a true hardship for those of us on limited incomes. Most of us who hike a lot would still be required to have the forest pass (for non limited access trails, when we can't get a permit for the limited access trails) AND pay the daily fee for when we are lucky enough to get a limited access trail permit. The fees have not been voted on by the public, or passed by the legislature. There is no guarantee that the fees would go toward helping maintain the trails or provide better visitor services; it seems like a LOT of money will be directed toward trying to enforce an unpopular fee system. I do not believe the fees are necessary. I am very concerned that they are being forced on us without a public vote.

I urge you to drop this proposal to charge fees for accessing popular wilderness trails.

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