

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 11/24/2019 4:12:07 AM

First name: David

Last name: Ocean

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I support new trail permits and fees!

I grew up and raised my family in Oregon, and have enjoyed many of the beautiful hiking opportunities it has to offer. But I have also seen the strain a growing population puts on our pristine areas. Some people complain that fees will limit hiking opportunities for low income families, but that's a relatively empty argument. Why? Because my family was extreme low income when my three kids were growing up, but we could (and did) certainly scrape together just a few bucks to do something that was important to us - and that included hiking and camping. Also, if we could afford all the costs of a vehicle, insurance and gas, to get to there, we would certainly find the way to cover the additional reasonable fee to make sure that it remains a special place.

So, my vote is: Initiate quotas and the fees for Three Sisters, Mt. Jefferson and Mt Washington. Our wilderness areas need to remain the the treasure they are rather than become trampled into just another place full of people.

Best Wishes,

David Ocean