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I am strongly against the proposal.

The Forest already has the Northwest Forest Pass!

Forest Service already has a congressional appropriation to manage the forest.

To address heavy trail usage, develop low cost online education programs with a test component that must be passed before a free permit is issued.

The amount proposed will impact many traditional user groups and **most importantly** discourage many non-traditional users completely. While heavy trail use is a serious concern, restricting access to only the small segment of those who hike and camp, while not charging other types of users (hunters, horses/stock), AND who can afford to pay is the wrong approach.

The issuance fee to obtain each permit charged by rec.gov is too high compared to the proposed cost of the permit, and certainly much higher than the actual cost of providing the permit.

If you are not going to charge hunters to use the wilderness don't charge me!

If you are not going to charge fees for resource damage by high-impact, high-damage stock animals then don't charge me.

If you can't promise that 100% of any wilderness fee will support boots-on-the-ground and not more office staff, don't charge me.

Respectfully,
Catharina Biber