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Dear Willamette National Forest,

The Forest Service should implement other, less restrictive management tools prior to implementing limited-entry day-use permits. Examples include educational programs focused on leave no trace practices, administrative signage, revegetation and restoration projects to address areas of concern, and installation of toilet facilities and/or wag bag stations to address human waste issues.

Education will take care of the root problem by appealing to the human nature in us all. By placing a simple bandaid over the problem with fees and more hoops to jump through, we foster a further disconnect with this aspect of our humanity which will only perpetuate the issue. Help us be better people by encouraging such accountability, and reminding us what it is we seek through nature: a deeper connection.

Thank you for your careful consideration,

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