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Comments: Proposed fee for hiking

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to offer comment on proposed special day-use fee. People already pay for Northwest Forest Passes and taxes for goodness sake!! The proposed fee is a way to weed out would-be hikers and again favor the wealthy for recreation.

There are people in Central Oregon and Deschutes County that do not own mansions and Porsches. Skiing at Mt Bachelor has already priced out the middle class. Now hiking is being taken away. A family of four having to come up with money for a northwest forest pass then 12 more dollars for a day hike every time they want to hike certain trails is ridiculous.

If it is money you want to raise, have donation boxes at the trailheads, similar to the Meissner nordic trail system.

The National Forest is a public entity. Our forest. Please try to manage it without straining out the middle and lower economic classes.

Sincerely,

Ron Carpenter  
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