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Comments: Regarding limiting hiking in the Bend area

I'd like to quickly add my opposition to the proposed changes to have permit only hiking areas and increase the fees for the Sisters Wilderness area. This is an elitist plan that will most significantly affect those with already marginal access to the outdoors. People with privilege who can afford to pay the fees and have a more flexible schedule for when to get permits, would benefit from this plan. I am one of those people, and I think it is wrong to limit the access to this beautiful wilderness area in this way. I should not have better access to this space simply because I have more resources of time and money. I love the outdoors and moved to Oregon specifically to hike more and have more access to nature. Please come up with another proposal to help preserve these wild surroundings we love so much. So many people love these areas, could you forge alliances with outdoor volunteer groups to help improve maintenance and upkeep?

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