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Dear Willamette National Forest,

After reviewing the permit proposal, I wanted to communicate some reservations I have. Recreation within Deschutes and Willamette National Forests' Wilderness areas has a positive impact on local Oregon communities. Many citizens reside in places like Bend for the accompanying quality of life and the health benefits of outdoor recreation, including climbing, hiking, backcountry skiing, trail running, and other human-powered Wilderness-based activities. Burdensome and limited-entry permit systems could have an unintended economic impact on rural communities, local businesses, and the greater Oregon tourism economy. In addition, fees could disproportionately affect low income individuals and communities. There are other possibilities to consider to limit wilderness overuse, including toilets, parking plans, and user education.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jordan Shapiro