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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.

Clearly people are choosing to use these areas and the Forest Service needs to go to bat to get better funding from the Federal Government to meet these needs for toilet facilities to help keep the area clean. Taking these areas away from the public and restricting access is not the solution. We can teach people outdoor ethics like Leave No Trace Principles. There are many outdoor organizations that are attempting to do that.

People work hard all week and need to have natural places to go relax, play and enjoy. Please do not take these places away from us. :(

Mt St Helens is permitted in the summer and is not managed well at all. There are people who grab the tickets for datesthey don't want so they can try to trade them later and then do not use them which means those that want to climb do not get to. People should be encouraged to get out and excercise in these areas. It promotes health in our society. Instead of restricting these areas, we should be protecting and adding more public lands to the parks. This protects the land, wildlife, water, trees and create a buffer for wildfires to burn naturally and keep forests healthy. We need more public lands for everyone to enjoy to take pressure off the ones we currently have.

Sincerely,  
Kirsten Jacobson