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Dear Willamette and Deschutes National Forests,

I'm writing to object to your proposal to charge my fellow public landowners for talking in the Mount Jefferson, Mount Washington and Three Sisters Wilderness areas in Cascades of Oregon.

These areas belong to us, the American people. We should not have to pay just to visit them. We pay our taxes to take care of these spaces and expect to be able to count on the Forest Service to allow us to keep access to these areas free. If the Forest Service doesn't have enough funds to protect our wilderness areas it should take a hard look at how it's existing budget is being spent.

This is not just my opinion- it's the law. Fees are illegal under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act because they could exclude American citizens from their own lands without payment.

Walking, riding, and camping are not specialized uses- they are the most fundamental use of the lands.

I call on you to rescind the fee proposal immediately.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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