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Comments: Permits for Wilderness areas

I have a few questions and comments about the new permit system being implemented in 2020. I know it has been suggested that a season pass be added to the permit system being set up. I have heard that it is being considered but that possibly rec.gov does not have the ability to create something like this. It seems to me that as this is the first permit system of this magnitude being implemented, it is important to see how it can work the most efficiently for the hikers and the service implementing it. A system that would allow people that hike throughout the hiking season, often many times during a week, to get a season pass would make it much easier for all concerned. One would still need to get a permit for the day of the hike, but there would no longer be the constant exchange of money. I understand if backpacking might be a bit different (I do that as well) and a reservation and fee might be required for that, but I believe for the the people that have hiked these areas for many years, continue to do so so often during this season, a system should be worked out to meet these needs before implementing the permits. This is such a big change and all aspects need to be considered before putting it into action.

Thank you.

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