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Comments: Special Recreation Permit and fees for the Deschutes National Forest areas

I am not in favor of these permits and fees. It is a non-progressive tax and would fall most heavily on those who can least afford, but may most need to experience wildness. It requires advance planning where spontaneity may be desired as advanced planning may not be possible.

If you need money to support the National Forests, submit it in your budget to Congress and obtain the funds through the normal budget process - in an addition to our progressive income tax. If you need to reduce use of trails, just restrict usage days for everyone. Or, better yet put in your budget for more maintenance personell so the trails can be kept up.

There must be a better way than permits and fees.

Thank you

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