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Comments: Proposed special recreation permit fee

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To: WillametteRecFeeComments@usda.gov

Regarding: Proposed special recreation permit fee as a part of the limited entry system in three Central Cascades wildernesses

If your intention is to restrict usage on some of the most popular hiking trails in the Washington, Deschutes and Willamette forests, we suggest you reduce the parking area size at the designated trailheads. Requiring additional permits and fees is cumbersome at the least and invites total disregard at the worse. It allows those with the financial means to secure multiple permits over extended periods only to show up when convenient. While those of lesser means may be forced to climb or hike in dangerous weather conditions.

As active HCFV & MFRD volunteers for the National Forest Service for the past 20 years, how can we make a decision to work on the trails and campgrounds months in advance? Will permits be required of the volunteers?

The public is worn out, tired and frustrated with all the multiple permits now required in order to enjoy "their" national forests. Added on top of that is a fee just to make a reservation.

If your attention is to raise funding, then we suggest a \$5 increase in the Northwest Forest Pass.

Sincerely,

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