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Comments: New park limits and fees.

Kristina Alldridge here, a resident and avid hiker of Oregon and Washington my entire life. It is sad to see regulations put in place that make it essentially impossible to go on spur of the moment hikes. The use of permits mean that slots will fill up quickly and only those with plenty of money to spare will be able to buy them. Wealthy people could buy out multiple weekends just to secure slots while others will no longer get the experience the beauty that their state SHOULD be letting them experience at no extra hassle. These new regulations will make it literally impossible for most Oregonians or Washington's to visit these places due to the ridiculously small amount of people you are choosing to let visit each day. You are taking public land and making it inaccessible to the people that live there and support the park system. It is understandable that we do not want our parks to be trashed but I would much rather prefer we we put more money into rangers to travel the trails and keep people and trash in order. All I see here is a scheme that will spread and spread until no parks are easily accessible to the public at all. Gone will be the days when you wake up feeling like a nice hike and can just get out the door and go. It feels as though this is the first step of being stripped of rights to the land that everyone pays for and it greatly saddens me and my fellow hikers. As someone who works their butt of and has a rapidly changing schedule there is no doubt that I will no longer be able to visit the trails in the Cascades at all...thank you very much for that..I hope that the public voices are heard on this topic and that revisions can be made so that more people will be able to see these places