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Comments: The proposed central cascades wilderness fee

Hello, I am a resident of Oregon as well as a high school student and avid outdoorsman here in my home state. I have read the rules for the new fee for the central cascades wilderness and have come to a few conclusions on how the fees could best be implemented. Firstly I have some concern about our veterans here in the state. I have a good friend of mine who is a disabled veteran, and uses hiking as an escape from his condition as well as a treatment. It would be a good idea to supply free or reduced cost permits to our disabled veterans, and to give preference to them as well. In addition, I feel all veterans should be given a discount on the permit. My second concern is about out-of-state hikers. In the previous summer I summited South Sister, and witnessed the obsessive amount of hikers on the mountain (over 1000) for which is a reason the permit is being implemented. I feel that residents of Oregon should be given increased rights to the wilderness belonging to their home state. My proposition would be slightly higher costs for non-resident hikers so as to allow more people living in Oregon to enjoy the beauty of this wonderful state. I hope that my input will be given due consideration, and will help improve the permit system being made to protect our state's wilderness.

Sincerely,

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