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My husband and I hiked the Central Oregon Cascades every Tuesday in 2019 for 22 consecutive weeks, so we consider ourselves to be heavy trail users. Although the trails are crowded on weekends, often we had them nearly to ourselves, because we got out early in the day, and hiked during the week. We have been Bend residents for over 30 years, we pay our taxes and give back to our community.

Here are some recommendations we support:

1. Preferential treatment for locals - annual pass, not a day use fee, reduced fee for seniors.
2. Leave week days alone.
3. Make small incremental changes and test them for a year before implementing the proposed solution.
4. The complaints about trash, human waste and erosion are overly dramatic - for the most part, despite the # of hikers, the trails are clean. I am guessing any trash is left by vacationers, our locals respect the trails.

Thank you for reading my comments.

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