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Comments: Hello and thank you for this opportunity to leave public comment. Blue Pool is to me an important natural resource asset of our region and its protection should be our highest priority. Any new development to the trail and trailhead should be done with utmost care to protect the stunning natural resources that so many travel from around the country and world to visit. I agree that Blue Pool's popularity has grown large enough that certain things like a permanent parking lot and fee area seem reasonable, but these things should be constructed with a high level of care to minimize the damage to the forest itself. And while I believe banning swimming at the pool itself makes sense, the USFS needs to realize that it will happen anyway and should attempt to instead make a singular, safe trail to the water's edge so that future visitors don't continue to erode the vegetation along the bank by making countless small trails. Ultimately, I recognize that development will happen at Blue Pool. I am just hoping that the Forest Service and other stakeholders ensure that what does happen allows visitors to continue to enjoy the beauty of the area and also protects the natural environment itself. Thank you. -Ian Curtis, age 20