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Comments: Blue Lakes area.

I love hiking up to Blue Lakes in the height of the flower season. Unfortunately this area is loved to death. I volunteered to count how many people go up there on a weekend day. We had 178 hikers, 18 dogs, 12 backpackers just from 7-10am on my Sunday. Solitude is just about impossible up there now.

We need to keep the ecological systems substantially free from the effects of modern civilisation ie: clean water leaving the basin. Protect native grasses and wildflowers. Limit the number of hikers and backpackers. I suggest a permit system to hike it.

Can we still preserve the flora so that native trees, grasses, and wildflowers thrive? Let's reduce the number of overnight campsites in Blue Lakes Basin through a permit system with numbering and designating campsites only. Maybe a composting toilet up there?