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Comments: I have hiked and loved the Blue Lakes and Blaine Basin trails since 1988 and have seen such an increase in usage there in the last few years. Last year I helped to educate people with the "Safe the Blues" Action and was heartened to meet 189 people that Sunday who enjoyed hiking there. There was nobody on that day that objected to us giving them Leave No Trace information.

A big sign with that information should be at the trailhead for both hikes.

It would be great to provide light weight trowels (as we did) at the trailhead that people can return after their hike or take along for future hikes as well as plastic bags for their toilet paper and other waste.

Obviously a permit system for hiking and camping is needed.