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Comments: Limited use permits for day hiking are categorically a terrible idea. Limiting backpacking/camping permits should only be used in the most extreme of circumstances, like the Grand Canyon where there is inadequate capacity for the number of people who want sites. Charging a flat fee without a limited number of permits at certain high-use locations could be used to encourage people to explore other, less popular destinations, and generate revenue for trail maintenance and conservation. Banning people from burying human waste is not an effective or realistic method of managing it, installing more rustic and composting privies is a realistic manner to manage human waste in a way that makes the experience better for hikers and largely eliminates people burying waste all over the place.