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Comments: Having read the other comments submitted, I have a couple follow-ups.

First, it's disappointing to see how many locals don't understand that public lands are owned by all Americans, and consequently, all Americans should have access. Locals don't deserve special treatment. While I've never lived any closer than about a 6 or 7 hour drive from the trailhead, I've been visiting every year for 25 years and have a stake in this place just like someone who lives nearby.

However, I can understand feeling bent out of shape about not being able to hike in one's own "backyard." I think the proposed limit of 4 permits per year is low. Maybe better to restrict it to a max of 2 permits during the peak season from July 4 to Labor Day, and not place any restrictions on the maximum number of permits outside that season.