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Comments: I have spent the last couple of years since COVID trying to access my favorite federal campgrounds and forests only to be rejected time and time again. This has been maddening and I have been repeatedly told by federal service employees that unless we the people complain it's going to stay that way because it's so much easier to keep our public lands closed then to let us use them. I am extremely frustrated with any plan that includes the idea of closing further lands. There is a very loud component of society that for my perspective would prefer if humans weren't in the mix at all. This is a major mistake. Other than the roads I need to travel on to get to some of the most pristine places on the planet, especially in Oregon, I always leave the lands upon which I tread better than I found them. The idea of being locked out, and that my presence is somehow a negative, is further maddening. I strongly urge full access to our public lands.