

Objections

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system protects special places into a future that's expected to see growing traffic on trails.

Why not limit entry only on most popular trails?

Many people objected to the number of places with a limited entry permit requirement.

They said a permit might make sense at slammed places such as Jefferson Park, South Sister or Green Lakes Basin. But to require a permit to camp from 79 trailheads, and hike from 30, is too much.

"Any restrictions or permits should only be put in place on the most highly accessed trails," wrote Sherry Brainerd of Bend. "That does not include a majority of the trails for which permits are proposed. Simply saying that low-use trails will be restricted in order to fend off potential future higher use is a totally inappropriate action that should not be taken."

Pay to play

Many people objected to the idea of requiring more fees to get outdoors.

While the Forest Service hasn't specified the cost of permits yet — that's being done separately — many users thought adding fees to the cost of gas and outdoor equipment would limit the pool of people able to explore iconic areas.

"Requiring a fee-based permit system puts wilderness out of reach of low-income individuals," wrote Holly Scott



Hikers look out at Mt. Jefferson on Scout Lake in the Jefferson Park Wilderness.

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of Bend.

Even if a day use permit was just \$10, that means 10 hikes would now cost \$100.

"For those of us who are below the poverty line, hiking is our go-to entertainment," wrote Sarah Yost of Dallas. "We budget the gas money for each trip, and buy our yearly forest pass when we

can afford one after our tax return.

"I'm afraid of the impact that charging an additional fee will have on those of us who can barely afford to get there in the first place."

Try other options

Four outdoors groups, including the Mazamas, said the Forest Service jumped to limited entry without trying less impactful strategies.

Before moving to the permit system, the groups said the Forest Service should:

- Manage day use by size of parking lot and other indirect measures, but only require day use permits, quotas and fees in exceptional circumstances.

- Require permits and quotas for overnight use.

- Maintain, reroute, and construct trails at a high standard to prevent re-

source impacts despite high levels of use.

Physically close and restore unwanted social trails and campsites with a combination of user fees and a corresponding increased agency budget.

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Other objections

Numerous objections that are more specific were raised.

They included the challenge of having to plan months in advance to get a permit for a climb up South Sister, which could limit groups that lead guided or educational hikes.

Concerns were also raised by hunters and anglers, who already pay a fee for their license.

In general, there was also a weariness of this model becoming the norm in Oregon, with land management agencies deciding to use a permit system to limit visitors statewide in the future.

"I am very concerned we're heading toward permit becoming the norm on public lands," Bradham said. "It's just a lot of bureaucracy to go through just to take a hike."

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RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

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Date: Jan. 17

Score: 95

Priority violations

Food is in contact with surfaces of equipment and utensils that are not properly cleaned and sanitized, specifically: Bowl of rice drained into mop sink and then bowl containing drained rice was set on rim of mop sink. **Point deduction: 5.**

Tong King Garden

Location: 989 12th St. SE, Salem

Date: Jan. 16

Score: 97

Priority violations

Unnecessary poisonous or toxic materials are on the premises, specifically: Raid bug spray in the kitchen. **Point deduction: 3.**

Willaby's Catering and Event Design

Location: 765 Liberty St. SE, Salem

Date: Jan. 17

Score: 100

POLK COUNTY

Semi-annual restaurant inspections from Jan. 9 to 16.

Alibi Inn

Location: 590 Taggart St. NW, Suite 130, Salem

Date: Jan. 10

Score: 97

Priority violations

A consumer advisory is not provided, is not presented in the correct format, or does not contain the required information, specifically: Asterisks are not located beside food items that may be under cooked for service, such as sunny side up eggs and rare steak. **Point deduction: 3.**

Dairy Queen

Location: 1141 Wallace Road NW, Salem

Date: Jan. 10

Score: 95

Priority violations

The quaternary ammonium sanitizer concentration, pH, or temperature is not adequate, specifically: Sanitizer dispenser is not dispensing a high enough concentration of sanitizer - less than 150

PPM. **Point deduction: 5.**

Java Crew

Location: 779 Wallace Road NW, Salem

Date: Jan. 15

Score: 97

Priority violations

A handwashing sink is not accessible for employee use at all times, is used for purposes other than handwashing or is not operated properly, specifically: Inside handwashing sink was a gallon empty container of bleach, dish soap bottle, and a bottle of hand soap. **Point deduction: 3.**

McDonald's

Location: 570 Wallace Road NW, Salem

Date: Jan. 9

Score: 92

Priority violations

Raw or ready-to-eat food is not properly protected from cross contamination, specifically: A flat of raw eggs are stored beside ready to eat eggs on the bottom shelf in the salad refrigerator. **Point deduction: 5.**

The use of time as a public health control is not properly monitored, food is not properly marked or written procedures have not been developed, specifically: Southwest chili mix is dated Jan. 8

at 8 p.m. (Day prior to inspection.) **Point deduction: 3.**

Oak Knoll Golf Club

Location: 6335 Hwy. 22, Independence

Date: Jan. 16

Score: 94

Priority violations

Ready-to-eat food is not properly date-marked, specifically: A quart of half and half in the bar reach-in glass door refrigerator is not date marked - container is open, unknown date. **Point deduction: 3.**

Hand towels or a hand drying device is not provided at the handwashing sink, specifically: No paper towels or drying device at the bar hand sink - a cloth towel is in use. **Point deduction: 3.**

Starbucks

Location: 1124 Wallace Road NW, Suite 105, Salem

Date: Jan. 16

Score: 100

Taco Bell

Location: 450 Wallace Road NW, Salem

Date: Jan. 15

Score: 100

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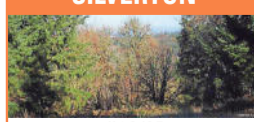
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