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Dear Mr. Arthur Pope:

Thank you for your interest in the Diamond Peak Wilderness and Deschutes National Forest. The Deschutes National Forest has removed blue diamonds and other features in the wilderness that are inconsistent with the Wilderness Act and Forest Service direction.

The Wilderness Act of 1964 directs agencies to manage the wilderness to be undeveloped and include "outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation." The Forest Service Manual provides guidance to use minimum signing in wilderness, stating "do not provide wilderness signs for the convenience of the visitor" (FSM 2324.33). The Deschutes Forest Land and Resource Plan (LRMP) also states that signing will not be provided for visitor convenience or for interpretation within wilderness boundaries. Trail information is provided often at trailheads, on maps, or in other printed materials (Deschutes LRMP page 4-109, Standard M6-69).

For these reasons, we will continue to remove blue diamonds and other unapproved features that we find in the wilderness across the Deschutes National Forest.

Sincerely,

*for* JOHN ALLEN  
Forest Supervisor

