Parking on the McDonald Forest is limited by several factors, including...

- The topography of the area (very steep)
- Resource concerns (some areas located near waterways)
- Benton County land-use restrictions (location in Forest Conservation Zone)
- Available funding (funded entirely by timber revenue or grants — no tax receipts)
- Neighbor concerns (regarding traffic, speeds, and congestion)
- Conflicts with the other primary uses of the working forests (administrative traffic)
- The character of the area (natural with low levels of development)

Expanding parking at Lewisburg Saddle is challenged by the steep topography, and the surrounding trees that lend its character.

Heavy traffic entering Oak Creek Trailhead impacts our neighbors. Parking is also limited here by topography and how development could impact the creek itself.

Conditional Use Permit hearing in the summer of 2017. Recreation development on the McDonald Forest is constrained by the conditions set in this permit.

Trailheads also function as administrative access points for OSU Forest Managers and emergency responders.