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Locals feel like hostages in their own communities due to negative impacts of too much tourism, inadequate facilities, and inadequate or no infrastructure. My family and I wont even go the beach in the summer anymore because you cant find parking, the garbages are overflowing, the bathrooms are out of toilet paper, and visitors are rude because the experience doesnt meet their expectations. Soon the Oregon Coast will have the reputation of being inhospitable as locals and vistors clash over scarcity. There are only so many beaches, parking spaces, and emergency services. Let local leaders determine where tourism money needs invested. We are impacted the most and we cannot just be Portland's playground. I have watched the degradation of the environment because of too many visitors. If there's not a decent road to get here (and I'll tell you right now, there's not!) a clean bathroom when you arrive, and a safe place to spend your hard earned money, visitors will not return. Quit catering to lobbyists and listen to your constituents! Give local control.