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hi

thanks in advance for the chance to comment on the proposed changes.

i am a retired senior resident and i buy the annual pass for the parks. i have concerns that i hope you will hear.

higher rates for these inflationary times may be needed to pay for state park expenses but maybe rate hikes don't have to be severe. i hope.

my comments are mainly concerned with annual passes. such a good program.

first, fixed income residents seniors and lower income residents may not have easy access because of paltry recreational savings, if any, and if they can somehow scrimp and save or borrow and make state park visits that possibility will be over with significant higher state park fees and it seems to me that if you want to leave the elderly and poorer folks out of a chance to have a week or more state park visits then you are definitely on the correct path.

second, i know i will miss being able to visit an official state park camping site for a week or more, it positively charges my inner batteries the longer the stay..

i have never tried dispersed camping on national forest park land or blm land.

i'm not sure now how i will have a profound and reinvigorating nature experience, if these fee changes and program eliminations are made actual.

lastly, a little warning and a suggestion,

to eliminate an annual pass because it's popular and affordable with a certain population sounds a little bit discriminatory. i think, so what, if people use the state park system to survive in these tough economic times. comon' some compassion and common sense may allow you to see an annual pass rate hike is in order not elimination of a popular resident and senior program. please, don't ruin the popularity of a program many people will probably gladly pay more for annually.

if these changes happen i hope there is a way to do an about face if it all goes sour with people staying at parks.

well, it sounds like a done deal but i just don't know.

too bad for us, i guess.

i hope my thoughts don't offend or anger anyone.

thanks for reading
and best of luck to everyone
dean s. medina.