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In the challenging budgetary environments of today, the value of natural resources and outdoor recreation is ubiquitously viewed as less important than other governmental responsibilities. As a result, state government is pressed to send funding elsewhere, and the fees must be relied upon to manage and create new opportunities. Fees should be raised to maintain, protect, and increase natural and recreation lands.