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Jeanne Whalen
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Dear Chairman Whalen:

Thank you for taking the time to contact me regarding the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) proposal to reduce the campground fee discount for concessioner-operated campgrounds from 50 to 10 percent. I appreciate hearing from you and am pleased your commission is engaged on this issue.

While the Forest Service has stated this initiative is necessary to better administer the various federal land access passes, I share your concern that this proposal would raise costs during an already struggling economy on the several thousand Golden Age and Golden Access pass holders – many of which rely on fixed incomes. These benefits have been in place for several decades and I disagree with the Obama Administration that they should be reduced.

It is with thoughtful comments like yours in mind that I partnered with Rep. Wally Herger (R-CA) to communicate our concerns to USFS Chief Tom Tidwell. More specifically, together we spearheaded a letter signed by a handful of Members of Congress expressing our dissatisfaction with the USFS's December announcement and asking the agency to reconsider it. As we await a written response from Chief Tidwell, be assured I will continue to monitor this situation closely and defend the right of access to our public lands by all American citizens.

Again, thank you for sharing your views and I hope you will continue to keep in touch on those issues important to you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia M. Lummis
Member of Congress