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Re: Privatization of State parks?

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Dear GRP,

Just so we are clear I didn't write my post with the idea that you approved of privatization. I just wanted to make sure that people stuck to the idea at hand and I apologize if I wasn't clear about that.

As far as entrance fees go I'm one of those dorks that writes their name and address on the envelope and sticks it in the honor box along with the fee. If something costs me something and I decide to avail myself of it then I pay.

I see privatization as something that can't work out for something like a State Park. A liquor store, maybe, but not a State Park. There is too much already invested in our State Park system by the taxpayers of PA and the users of the parks to hand the reins to a for profit enterprise and say "Good Luck."

The truth of matter is that if it weren't for someone searching for a quick short term ROI there'd be no talk whatsoever of privatization. Whether that's the fault/goal of Governor Corbett or the proposed park owners matters not a whit.

If it really was a great idea it would have come under serious consideration at a time when the State was flush with cash rather than in desperate need. That alone proves it's a stupid idea meant only for someone to profit at a level that far exceeds their expenditure and effort, which unfortunately now seems to be the "American Dream."

Regards,

Tim Murphy 😊