

Resolution #31
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

OPPOSE CLOSING OF CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

Submitted by: Contra Costa Hills Club

Background: The California state parks have 80 million visitors a year. The already understaffed parks only use one-tenth of one percent of the state budget. Governor Schwarzenegger has cut \$14.2 million from the state park budget. This may force the closing of up to 75 parks.

The Half Moon Bay beaches may be closed. Small coastal towns like Half Moon Bay depend on tourist dollars for their survival. Other places, like Angel Island, were given to the state by the Federal government, and could be taken back.

In these economic times it is a wonderful chance for people to discover, or rediscover, the treasures in their own backyard.

What happens in California could happen in other states....

Resolution: The FWOC opposes the closing of any California state park.

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