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You may have heard that Wallace Falls and 30-40 other of your Washington State Parks are on a *potential* list for permanent or temporary closure.

The legislature is currently working on the budget for the next two year budget cycle. I am sure that you are aware that the State of Washington is facing a \$8+ billion budget deficit.

In their work, the legislature asked State Parks to outline what we would do if we were asked to cut up to 20% (\$23 million) from the annual budget.

In response Washington State Parks has proposed a list of headquarters, regional office and park cuts. State Parks is currently trying to transfer ownership (and cost) of 13 parks to other agencies and eliminating one regional office. State Parks has now produced a list of additional potential park closures to meet that goal.

A temporary closure has been defined as laying off the staff if no other positions are open, locking the gates, boarding up the windows and removing the equipment until a later date.

At this point this is *only a proposal*.

If you wish to comment about this proposal you may do so by contacting the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission at www.parks.wa.gov or 360-902-8500

or by contacting your State Legislator at www.leg.wa.gov

These are very challenging economic times as you know for everyone in both the private and public sector and tough decisions lie ahead.

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