

Justification for Public Provision of Resource Recreation Services

- Public recreation service affords many people their primary opportunity for forms of wholesome recreation.
- Only through government can adequate lands be acquired. (in both urban & rural settings)



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- Public recreation is democratic and inclusive (paid for by the people, for the people) & (it is non-discriminatory)
- It equitably distributes the costs (among rich/poor, young/old & over time)

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Justification for Public Provision of Leisure Services

- Government provides permanency to recreation & leisure services (commercial interests = frequent turnover & profit driven).
- The job is too large for the private sector.



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- Outdoor Recreation contributes significantly to local economies.
- The people demand it, are willing to forego other uses, & are willing to be taxed for it.

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Why is Resource-based Recreation a Governmental Function?

- For over 200 years recreation has been supported as a primary concern of our government because:
 - *“Resource recreation is a primary responsibility of government because it contributes to the welfare of the people.”*
- But the American perspective has changed over time . . .

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Generational Views of Leisure

- Great Grandparents -- viewed leisure/play as frivolous (idle hands)
- Grandparents -- Leisure to refresh oneself for work
- Parents -- Work to play (people defined by their leisure pursuits)
- Young Adults -- Work hard, play hard (*“They want it all!”*)

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