

ASK CITY COUNCIL to be STEWARDS of the PRESERVES and PROTECT THEM WITH MORE PARK RANGERS

Feb. 2 - City Council Report, City of Phoenix
Budget and Research Department

Parks and Recreation Budget cut by 18.2%

“Reduce Park Rangers assigned to mountain parks and preserves. This will eliminate seven Park Ranger positions, which represents an additional 18% reduction in force. **This will result in further reducing hours at mountain parks and preserves from 7 days a week 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., to 5 days a week** (Wednesday – Sunday) from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This will result in significantly fewer staff”.

HELP THE PRESERVES - ATTEND BUDGET MEETINGS

“Eliminate seven Park Ranger positions assigned to mountain parks and preserves. **This will result in closing mountain parks and preserves** and gated trailheads at 7:00 p.m. daily. Facilities with gated access will not be open for summer holidays. This will result in fewer staff to respond to violations of park rules or inappropriate use of park property by the public. The public will experience closed parking lots, gates, and restrooms after 7:00 p.m. and patrons entering parks after hours through neighborhood access points will need to call the Phoenix Police or Fire Department if emergency assistance is needed”.

HELP THE PRESERVES - CALL YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

“This reduction also includes eight Recreation Coordinators, a Management Assistant I, and two Secretary II positions that provide support for volunteer coordination, youth and adult sports programs, and public information services. This will require assigning duties to remaining staff and will reduce the department’s ability to implement projects and respond to citizen requests”. (Proposed city budget; <http://phoenix.gov/BUDGET/020210schedule1.pdf>.)