

BUDGET CUTS WILL CLOSE ALL VISITOR CENTERS AND PRESERVES; NO MORE EVENTS LIKE THIS ONE

“Close...North Mountain and South Mountain Visitor Centers and Rio Salado Customer Service Center. This will eliminate all community use of the horse arenas and maintenance of the 18 mile trail system. The visitor centers will no longer be available for meetings, training, and ramada reservations. Visitors will no longer be able to view exhibits at the South Mountain Environmental Education Center”.

HELP THE PRESERVES - ATTEND BUDGET MEETINGS

“Reduce maintenance and supervision at...South Mountain Park. The loss of the Park Manager will reduce the monitoring of restored habitat permits and the coordination of research projects with ASU and other colleges. The loss of...positions will reduce maintenance of park grounds and trails, equipment, and facilities. Restroom cleaning will be reduced from three times per week to infrequently”.

HELP THE PRESERVES - CALL YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

“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. 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 - E-MAIL YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

“Eliminate equestrian patrol program used on trails at South Mountain Park, the Phoenix Mountain Preserve, the Sonoran Preserve, Papago Park, and flatland parks. This reduction will eliminate the use of horses for all educational programs and signature programs such as National Trail Trek”. (Proposed city budget - <http://phoenix.gov/BUDGET/020210schedule1.pdf>.)