



RE:Parks and environment

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I was born and have lived in the AZ desert for all of my five decades and I have a degree in environmental studies. When I graduated in the early 80's, the increasing local (and world) population was already stressing the resources, especially in AZ. Yet almost without exception, the main consideration for all these years has been to maximize growth, and the associated revenue, at the expense of the environment. This paradigm cannot continue indefinitely, as the study shows. The public lands and the national parks are the commons, invaluable resources that belong to all of us. They must be placed ahead of private interests if anything is to endure. All decisions going forward must first consider the impact on the wildlands and the national forests and parks which comprise the watersheds on which we all depend.

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