



The High Cost of a Park Giveaway: What It Means for Nevada

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President Trump's plan to transfer national parks to state control would devastate Nevada's economy, overwhelm its budget, and dismantle the systems that keep public lands running.

Here's what Nevada stands to lose:

\$302 Million in Economic Output

In 2023, 4.6 million visitors to Nevada's national parks spent an estimated \$239 million, supporting:

- 2,490 jobs
- \$108 million in labor income
- \$302 million in economic output

Reduced visitation from degraded services, lost NPS branding, and higher state fees would hit small businesses and rural economies hard.

\$580 Million in Deferred Maintenance

Nevada's national parks face a \$580 million maintenance backlog, most of it at Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Under state control, Nevada would inherit this cost without access to federal repair funding like the \$1.3 billion per year from the Great American Outdoors Act.

Millions in Annual Operating Costs

Nevada funds state parks with a combination of state and federal resources, including park revenue and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Under state control, Nevada would have to increase entrance fees, take the money out of state budgets, or close parks.

Over 100 New State Employees Needed

Nevada would need to hire approximately 104 new employees to match current NPS staffing levels.