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Parks Talk!

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Your Voice Needed Now!
Arizonans cannot afford closed parks!
Arizona State Parks are an Economic Engine worth \$290M to AZ
 2.3 million Arizonans and tourists visit our state parks annually and spend money in the parks and throughout communities that surround state parks creating \$290 million in positive economic impact to our state. That's jobs, taxes and rural development.

Link to our website for talking points and contacts in the Arizona State [Senate](#) and [House of Representatives](#).

Upcoming Events

May 3-4
Roper Lake State Park
[RV Rally!](#)

May 8
Friends of Verde River Greenway
[National River Cleanup](#)

[Douglas Mansion at Jerome State Historic Park, Jerome, AZ](#)
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Biggest Threat to Your State Park: HB2464 (Lake Havasu State Park Lease)

Multiple (six) amendments to HB2464 are expected by Tuesday, April 27th that will certainly change details noted below, most even more damaging. ANY loss of Arizona State Parks' revenue to the City of Lake Havasu from the operation of Lake Havasu State Park will have a damaging effect on all parks in the Arizona State Parks system. If your park is open, it will likely close. If your park is closed, it will remain closed for a undetermined period of time.

[Senate Amendment to House Bill 2464 \(Strike Everything\)](#) forces the Arizona State Parks Board to lease Lake Havasu State Park to the City of Lake Havasu creating a loss in revenue to the state park system of \$1million.

This striker, sponsored by Senator Ron Gould (R-Dist.3), directs the Arizona State Parks Board of Directors to enter into a lease agreement with Lake Havasu City for Lake Havasu State Park for a term of 25 years with a lease payment of no more than \$50,000 annually.

Lake Havasu State Park is a linchpin in the state park system and is anticipated to generate \$1.1million in gross revenue (\$400,000 - \$500,000 in net revenue) next fiscal year. Net revenue created by this park funds the operation of numerous other state parks throughout the sytem. Without it, the state parks scheduled to remain open will undoubtedly close and those currently closed will remain gated for an undetermined period of time.

HB2464 is headed for Committee of the Whole (COW) and the Senate Floor on Tuesday. Passage of this measure in the Senate would be a devastating blow to our Arizona State Parks system.

ASPF urges you to contact your [Senator](#) TODAY and encourage him/her to oppose this extraordinarily damanging legislation. [Click here for a SAMPLE LETTER.](#)

April 1 - 30

Bashas' Family of Stores & Dasani
Water [support Arizona State Parks](#)

Visit Events page on [ASPF website](#) for
details!

ASPF is creating a **Speaker's Bureau** and we need your help! If you have an interest in public speaking and have a passion for your Arizona State Parks, contact ASPF via our website [Contact Page](#) and let us know. A training will be scheduled and a script and PowerPoint presentation provided.

Groups interested in learning about Arizona State Parks, the budget crisis and solutions available can contact ASPF to request a speaker via the ASPF website [Contact Page](#).

Arizona State Parks Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2004 to serve as a key partner to Arizona State Parks. For more information on ASPF, visit:

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