

MSP Disclaimer on Bryant Creek State Park Comments

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Bryant Creek State Park

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Zip Code: 63049

1. Keep the Park 2. To keep expenses down, set up the program with the Missouri College System. The State Parks would benefit with the help and the Missouri College System would benefit by keeping enrollment high. No money involved, just credits that benefits the State of Missouri. The program would be run like the CCC from the 1930's. The youth would commit to a 4 month period of work for the Missouri State Parks and be paid in credits. For 4 months of work equals tuition paid for 1 year at any Missouri College System Universities.

Zip Code:

Mo state parks are a asset to our state, I want this state park to re open as soon as possible.

Zip Code:

Bryant Creek will be a terrific asset to an excellent state park system. It has significant natural features that justify its inclusion. The visitation that the park generates will support the local business community and give people an incentive to visit.

Zip Code: 65804

This property is perfectly located to enhance the eco-tourism developing in the area, and being so close to Branson it seems like a good idea to offer more 'quiet' areas for the folks like me, who rather see the area than the shows. Since there's already Conservation area nearby, it seems to me to be a good idea to retain as much natural watershed as possible, especially given the increase in flooding which is increased as we lose ground and get more concrete! Please don't sell off this land and please DO keep the property, let it remain - Missouri tourism will benefit from retaining this property.

Zip Code: 63129

I would like to see this property remain a state park.

Zip Code: 63011

Please do not sell this park. HOLD on to and develop this property for future generations. Park land is one of the few assets that all Missourians can access.

Zip Code: 63146

This is another property that would be so nice to protect for future generations. The proximity to Springfield

would make this a nice getaway for Hikers and Birders to find a quiet space to enjoy the Missouri outdoors.

Zip Code: 63139

Please support our parks and keep them open and pristine

Zip Code:

I am one of the many that voted overwhelmingly continue to keep our state's parks running with our tax dollars. I was thrilled when Eleven Point State Park, Ozark Mountain State Park, Bryant Creek State Park and Jay Nixon State Park were created & how the new parks could benefit the local economies. Our state is blessed with these scenic areas, Missourians support our state parks, politicians listen to your constituents & reopen and develop these newest parks.

Zip Code: 63301

"In the end, our society will be defined not only by what we created, but by what we refuse to destroy" John Sawhill, President of the Nature Conservancy The State of Missouri Department of Natural Resources in my option has been given the responsibility and our taxes to protect Missouri's natural resources for current and future citizens of our state as well as visitors to appreciate and enjoy, as well as maintaining habitat for fauna and flora. I fully support the purchase and forthcoming stewardship of Bryant Creek.

Zip Code: 65681

I am totally supportive of retaining Bryant Creek State Park as a low-impact development park.

Zip Code: 64118

I think it should be kept and saved. Just take our time and save the land. Conservation is a big deal in Missouri. Would be a wonderful place to go explore native missouri. Stand on coon bluff and have lunch while the water flows. It just looke so spectacular. I needs kept. Just work one park at a time and do what is possible with finances till it is complete then move on to creating the next new park.

Zip Code: 63119

I appreciate that Missouri State Parks has purchased this unique property in order to preserve it and provide an opportunity for the public to access and enjoy Bryant Creek State Park with its creek access, maturing and old growth forests, springs and small streams, bluffs and cane breaks. There should be no rush to develop the new park; historically MSP has developed many parks in stages allowing for assessment and planning. The public

should be allowed access as soon as possible for those activities that can be supported by the natural environment while planning and assessment continues. It gives me comfort to know that plants and wildlife unique to this area will be protected in a natural area that has good access from Springfield and the southwest portion of Missouri. Protecting the watersheds that provide water to rural and urban residents is important for us and our children. In addition, the possibility of historical (cultural and geological) education opportunities are present at BCSP. I must admit a personal fondness for the Roubidoux Formation sandstone! I think minimal development would be needed and my preference would be for a gravel parking area, trailheads along Highway N, use of existing roads and trails for walking, hiking and viewing signage about natural resources, and to spotlight birds, plants and animals that might be encountered. Primitive camping might be allowed; the former Simpson Tract pasture and farm areas could be evaluated for picnic areas and a campground in the future. I realize that there must be a priority for deferred maintenance spending at the existing state parks and that staff are already over-extended; however, this park property is worth keeping for future enjoyment of all Missouri citizens and to provide public access to an important natural area in the southwest portion of the state.

Zip Code: 63124

It is so very important that Missouri residents have access to good state parks and adding facilities to the park system is also important. A shuttered facility which currently may not be accessible is still a natural resources that belongs to all Missourians and should be held "in trust" for them, not considered land that is disposable. The beauty of Missouri's wilderness resides in our State park system, and having this type of recreational area in close proximity to Branson further enhances the attractions of an important tourist mecca. I am totally against any sale of this park want to see the land maintained as a park for now and the future.

Zip Code:

Eric Geitens is a monster that can not be allowed to shutter and sell our precious parks. People need access to connect with wild lands now more than ever. Think of the future, not the profits.

Zip Code: 63017

Please keep Bryant Creek State Park in the state park system. It's been said that we can't afford to maintain the new parks. Why develop this park. Just set it aside in its natural state, or perhaps let a volunteer organization plan and maintain the park. Once pristine land is developed, it's ruined forever. Remember that

Missourians in every single county voted nearly 80% in favor of continuing the Parks, Soils, Water Sales Tax. Adding state parks to the system is a bipartisan tradition in our state that should continue for today and future generations.

Zip Code: 64110

Gorgeous!!! Bryant Creek with beautiful bluffs is one amazing thing but then you also have the mature pine and oak forest. I love the North Fork River that it flows into and have driven the National Scenic Road that ends up in Ava. Can you get more beautiful country than this and is there really any question that this isn't worth saving for future generations as a state park? Lands of these natural qualities are rare and worth every dollar. Please make this a state park immediately and I will be there visiting and spending my money while visiting. This is a no brainer!!!!!!

Zip Code:

I think DNR should begin managing Bryant Creek SP as a natural area using the funding provided in the original award, and begin developing hiking trails. As more funding becomes available, more amenities can be added in the future including pavilions, campgrounds, and paved roads. However, none of those amenities are necessary to begin habitat management and trail building. Many Conservation Areas and even some State Parks and Historic Sites have no visitors centers, paved trails, or even restrooms. This area can be opened to the public within the next year or two as a low-development natural area, and then developed with more amenities as funding becomes available. The original funding awarded for purchasing this park included over \$400,000 to fund 5 years of stewardship and natural resource management, including hiring one full time staff person. Please use that money for its intended purpose. Thank you.

Zip Code: 63028

Keep this open as a park

Zip Code: 65203

Nearly two beautiful essentially unspoiled miles along Bryant Creek. Wow! I want my grandchildren to have the opportunity to enjoy those miles. We can count on this only if it remains state park. Do not let this opportunity get away. Development can wait, until it fits in with reasonable State Park management. Once lost however, it is lost for all citizens; that is wrong. Please don't let that happen. Missouri State Parks are one of the attractions that might help keep them and attract others like them. The importance of State Parks to Missourians was proven by the outcome of the recent

vote in favor of the extension of Missouri's State Parks Sales Tax. To let this park go, would be a bad decision for the quality of life and long term economic health of Missouri citizens.

Zip Code:

Keep the parks, Missouri state parks has a lot to offer to every one. Places to hike, bird watch, photography, boating, family reunions, weddings etc. Good place to make family memories!!!

Zip Code: 63131

These lands should remain in the park systems for future development. They were purchased or given to the people of Missouri for all to experience. If funds are not available at this time, then leave the land as a wilderness area.

Zip Code: 63123

Same as for other state parks. It is ours! Do not sell but build for all Missouri citizens and visitors to enjoy!

Zip Code: 63130

Below is the text of a comment letter submitted by the Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic on behalf of Sierra Club. Because the format provided for comment does not allow for inclusion of the letter's numerous footnotes, and loses the letter's formatting, we are submitting a complete copy of the letter to Director Ben Ellis by email at ben.ellis@dnr.mo.gov. January 6, 2018 Missouri Department of Natural Resources Ben Ellis, Director, Division of State Parks Submitted via Missouri State Parks website:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QGMDB2C> and via email to ben.ellis@dnr.mo.gov Re: Comments on the Future of Bryant Creek State Park Dear Director Ellis: On behalf of Sierra Club, we submit these comments on the future of Bryant Creek State Park in Douglas County, Missouri. Founded in 1892, Sierra Club has been an advocate for public lands and has worked to protect and increase access to them for well over a century. In furtherance of its mission to promote recreation, education, and conservation, Sierra Club organizes thousands of trips, outings, and hikes every year, including hundreds across the state of Missouri, to engage people in the outdoors and promote appreciation and protection of the natural environment. As such, the future of the park is of critical interest to Sierra Club and its approximately 10,300 members in Missouri. Sierra Club recommends the following with regard to Bryant Creek State Park: • Preserve the 2,917 acres in perpetuity for use and public access as a state park, the purpose to which the property was expressly dedicated when the Missouri Department of Natural Resources

(DNR) acquired it. Do not sell the park. •

Implement the restoration plan described in DNR's Bryant Creek Tracts project proposal. Preserve and protect the park's mature, uncut woodland and forest and restore its nearly 1,000 acres of recently logged forest and 20-acre knob-top glade. • Open the park for public use and access, but leave it undeveloped with the exception of trails, parking, and vault toilets to preserve its natural character while minimizing development and operation and maintenance costs. I.

DNR Should Not Try To Sell The Park.

Missouri's state parks are immensely popular, and Missourians willingly show their support for them with both their feet and their wallets. The number of people visiting the parks each year has increased by more than 5 million over the past decade and topped 21 million in 2016, an all-time high. Missourians voted overwhelmingly in 2016 to reauthorize the one-tenth-of-one percent parks, soils, and water sales tax, which provides the bulk of the park system's operating funds; 80 percent of voters statewide supported reauthorizing the tax, it passed in every single county, and 72 percent of voters in Douglas County voted to reauthorize the parks tax. Missourians also benefit economically from state parks. According to the State Parks Division: The Missouri state park system ... has a positive economic impact on the state and local communities. ... Results of an economic impact study released in 2012 estimate that total annual expenditures of state park visitors in 2011 were approximately \$778 million. The overall economic impact of these expenditures is estimated at \$1.02 billion in sales, \$307 million in payroll and related income, and \$123 million in federal, state and local taxes. Also, visitors' expenditures support 14,535 jobs. For every dollar spent by Missouri State Parks to operate the state park system, Missouri's economy saw a \$26 return on investment. These impacts show that Missouri state parks enhance our state's economy as well as improve visitor's health and well-being. Adjusting for the increase in attendance since 2011, park visitors would have spent approximately \$946 million in 2016 (the latest year for which attendance information is currently available), resulting in a total economic benefits of more than \$1.7 billion. Given the popularity of Missouri's state parks and their economic and other benefits, it would be contrary to the interests of Missouri residents, including Douglas County residents who showed their strong support for the parks by voting nearly three-to-one in favor of reauthorizing the parks, soils, and water sales tax in 2016, for DNR to try to sell Bryant Creek State Park. As set forth below, such a move would be both unwise and unlawful. II. Bryant Creek State Park Is a Long-Sought Addition To The State Park System. DNR has been seeking to add Bryant Creek to the state park system since 1992, when the Ashcroft administration published the Missouri State Park and

Historic Site System Expansion Plan (1992 State Park Expansion Plan or Plan). The Plan's release followed a five-year process involving research, public meetings, and input from elected officials. The 1992 State Park Expansion Plan identified recreation, natural history, and cultural/historic resource gaps in the state park system and recommended specific sites for inclusion in the system to address those gaps. To this day, DNR has continued to embrace the 1992 State Park Expansion Plan: "This document still provides the fundamental basics for evaluating suggested additions to Missouri's state park system." The 1992 State Park Expansion Plan proposed acquiring a significant tract of riverscape land in the Bryant Creek/North Fork River area to fill a recreation gap in the state park system: This area of the state is notable because of its rugged Ozark character, scenic features, and high quality stream resources. It would be appealing to campers, hikers, canoeists, fishermen, picnickers, and other traditional state park users. Parks that focus on stream resources are the most popular in the state park system and provide recreation opportunities of statewide interest. The Plan also indicated that the state park system should include representation of as many major natural history themes as possible in each major natural division and section in the state, and identified Bryant Creek as a significant theme lacking representation in the south-central Ozarks: This beautiful stream dissects limestone-dolomite cedar clad hills, and flows southward into Lake Taneycomo. Area features include cliffs, spring seeps, rock barrens, narrow valleys, shrub forests, and associated stream recreation. Area of at least 3,000 acres would be suitable. The acquisition of Bryant Creek State Park therefore fulfilled DNR's decades-long determination to fill recreation and natural history gaps in the state park system by adding a park in south-central Missouri that includes a portion of Bryant Creek. In addition, the Missouri Department of Conservation highlighted the Bryant Creek property as a Conservation Opportunity Area in its 2005 and 2015 Wildlife Action Plans because the area supports a wide variety of plant and animal life, including several species and communities of conservation concern.

III. DNR Purchased The Park Primarily With Funds Dedicated To Natural Resource Preservation, Which Cannot Be Used For Other Purposes. DNR acquired Bryant Creek State Park primarily with funds obtained under the federal Superfund law. Kerr-McGee and related companies caused significant contamination resulting from chemical, mining, and oil and gas activities in Missouri and several other states. The federal government, numerous states including Missouri, and the Navajo Nation sought clean-up costs and compensation for natural resources damages under Superfund, which makes parties responsible for contamination liable to clean it up (or pay for others to do so) and also to

reimburse federal, state, and tribal trustees of public resources for natural resource damages. In a series of lawsuits and settlements over several years, the companies ultimately agreed in 2015 to a record \$5.15 billion settlement to cover cleanup costs and natural resources damages. Due to the contamination of sites in Springfield and Kansas City, Missouri, the state received nearly \$48 million for site cleanup costs and nearly \$6 million for natural resource damages. Both the Superfund law and Missouri state law expressly limit the use of natural resource damage recoveries "only to restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of such natural resources by the state." In accordance with Superfund practice and regulations, DNR prepared a Statewide Groundwater Restoration Plan to evaluate options for redressing the natural resources damages covered by the Kerr-McGee related settlements, as well as other, future damage recoveries involving groundwater contamination. Missouri State Parks then prepared a specific project proposal explaining why the acquisition of the properties that became Bryant Creek State Park would fulfill the goals of the restoration plan. Bryant Creek is a scenic, high quality main tributary to the North Fork River. Groundwater moving through its watershed – and the Bryant Creek Tracts – feeds the springs and maintains its spring- and groundwater dominated base flow. Most of this groundwater originates as rainfall onto the enveloping hillsides, entering the shallow aquifer over their Jefferson City and Roubidoux formations by seeping into, and moving through the soil over bedrock to replenish water in deeper aquifers via karst features or add via seepage and surface runoff more directly to the base flow of Bryant Creek. ... The purpose of this project is to acquire, then respectively restore, rehabilitate and preserve 2,917 acres of forested watershed containing this geology associated to springs and groundwater flow directly into Bryant Creek. In its capacity as natural resources trustee for the state, DNR approved the project proposal. State Parks used \$3,615,543 of the Superfund natural resource damages settlement funds to acquire the larger of the two tracts that comprise Bryant Creek State Park; it used \$465,000 from the State Parks capital improvements budget to acquire the second tract. Thus, 89% of the acquisition costs came from the Superfund settlement's natural resource damage funds. The recorded deeds for both tracts state that the property is "dedicated to public use" and conveyed to DNR "only for the following purposes and none other: for public use as a state park, and for natural resource restoration and preservation." Because State Parks acquired Bryant Creek State Park largely with settlement funds that may only be used – under both federal and state law – to "restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of such natural resources" damaged by the Kerr-McGee related activities, those funds could not have been used for

other, pre-existing parks. Moreover, apart from DNR's lack of legal authority to sell the Park (see below), any attempt to sell Bryant Creek State Park would require that the proceeds be used solely to restore, replace, or acquire the equivalent of the natural resources damaged at the contaminated sites. The funds could not be used for State Parks operations at pre-existing parks and could not be directed to other state programs. In addition, if the sale proceeds did not equal or exceed the acquisition cost, DNR would also be in violation of CERCLA and state law by wasting natural resource damage funds.

IV. DNR Does Not Have Legal Authority To Sell The Park. While DNR has both constitutional and statutory authority to acquire and maintain state parks, it lacks authority to sell state parks. DNR is only authorized to dispose of park property if it consists of five acres or less, is being sold for the specific purpose of resolving a park boundary conflict with adjacent property owners, and DNR receives land in exchange that is of equal or greater value. In light of the state's constitutionally-grounded commitment to expand, develop, and maintain the state park system, and DNR's narrowly-circumscribed authority to trade – but not sell – park property, any effort by DNR to sell Bryant Creek State Park or portions thereof would be unlawful.

Sierra Club urges DNR to dispel the cloud that it has cast upon the future of Bryant Creek State Park and the three other closed parks, and to open the Park available for public access. Respectfully submitted,
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Zip Code:
Keep our parks

Zip Code: 65084
The Bryant Creek area is beautiful with many possibilities to consider. The wildlife in the area should be protected but can be shared in respect that families can view and enjoy the habitats. Please open this area so that we may enjoy Missouri's country ! Let us use what we have in Missouri to attract visitors which can generate revenue for local areas.

Zip Code: 63122
Please open the closed state parks and provide funding for their maintenance. This is one of the wonderful things we can do for our future generations. It is also one very positive thing that the state of Missouri is known for throughout the country.

Zip Code:

Similar to my comment on Ozark Mountain State Park, I feel this property should also be preserved as a State Park. Perhaps the development could be phased out to dilute the cost over many years, but it would be a good investment for the region and an additional tourist attraction for tourists already coming to the area. Creating more jobs in Missouri, especially southern Missouri, is always good. With many universities in the state, and nearby, offering Natural Resource programs and degrees, it would be easy to recruit students for internships and graduates for professional positions, and hire locals for additional maintenance and tech positions.

Zip Code: 62220

How small and miserly to take away these parks from the public. It's so sad that politics influences this body of legislatures to this degree. Please leave the parks alone. These are incredibly beautiful areas. As someone who works in the great state of Missouri and explores the Ozark areas regularly, I have been impressed to see my tax dollars used to preserve and make accessible to all.

Zip Code: 63043
Let's open this park.

Zip Code: 63143
Please protect this state park and make it become a reality. Protecting the natural heritage of our state is important for so many reasons. Protected land provides clean air, filters water, removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and provides valuable habitat for wildlife. This park would provide a unique opportunity to canoe, kayak and fish one of Missouri's finest streams. Visiting or viewing a forest scene has been documented to have a positive effect on psychological healing and well-being in terms of recovering from stress, improving concentration and productivity, improving the psychological state, particularly for people from urban environments. As more of our land becomes developed, we must balance this by protecting whatever wild land we can. Land that can be managed for sustainable harvest of such things as lumber, fishing and possibly hunting is critically important to future generations. Local communities will benefit from the tourism dollars generated by peoples using these parks. Please protect this park!

Zip Code: 63955
I would like to see this area kept as an area for ALL Missourians to enjoy for generations to come. Thank You

Zip Code: 63141

I have hiked and floated throughout the Ozarks with my family for over 40 years, and am very familiar with Bryant Creek. The purchase of land for this park was the perfect opportunity to protect these watersheds for the future and future generations to enjoy. Please maintain the parks at minimum as wilderness areas with limited facilities until a long term management plan can be developed.

Zip Code: 63069-3155

This park should remain in the state park system and initial planning for the development of the park should begin. This is a large tract of land with many topographical and natural features that lend themselves well to being included in the park system. I am very proud of our park system and a frequent visitor to them. This park will open up new opportunities for new visitors to our park system and will have a positive impact on the economy of the region. Keep it and get it ready to open.

Zip Code: 65612

NO SELLING OF ANY STATE PARK!

Zip Code: 63119

Please, did not sell our parks. They are precious resources for Missouri families.

Zip Code: 65692

Bryant Creek State Park could be the best thing to happen to Douglas County in years. Bryant Creek is simply beautiful, but somewhat unknown in the state. Surely some of this creek is worthy of a special designation. Several unique places are around Bryant Creek. Assumption Abbey is one of few monasteries in the state of Missouri, and protects a few thousand acres, The Ozark Regional Land Trust has a 3,000 acre preserve along the creek, Rockbridge Game and Trout Resort covers several thousand acres and is a one-of-a-kind treasure, but private, and Aid-Hodgson Mill is one of the most photographed grist mills in Missouri. Bryant Creek offers great kayaking and canoeing below Hodgson Mill down to Lake Norfolk, but above that would benefit from more use. It is still pristine. There is plenty of national forest and a few Missouri Department of Conservation areas, but the region is a void in the State Park system. Bryant Creek State Park needs some type of improved campground for RVs and car campers to have some comfort. A part-time visitor center with electricity and running water is needed here. This is such a great area, being close to hundreds of thousands of Missourians in the Springfield metro area. Citizens will learn to love this park. I have noticed a

lot of destructive logging in the general area and land being sold as owner-finance, and haven't been impressed with how Rockbridge manages it's land that is not right around the trout park and restaurant. This is not a good plan for the future. Having a state park attraction here would draw in a better group of potential area residents who would build quality homes in the area and quickly add to the property tax base of Douglas and Ozark County. There is also an increasing number of what I call hippy agrarians in the Douglas/County area, including the Eastwind Community near the mouth of Bryant Creek at Tecumseh. A few have carved out niches in homemade agricultural products, of good quality. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. If the park is opened and has any kind of gift shop, some of these locally-made quality products could be quite popular sellers. Also, some alternative lifestyles are present. On Bryant Creek, is a private resort known as Cactus Canyon. Although it is not my cup of tea, it is quite popular and gets rave reviews from guests. Ava, Missouri is nearby to Bryant Creek State Park and is national headquarters of the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association. Thousands attend it's Annual Show and Celebration and Spring Futurity shows in the fall. A sectioned-off corner of the state park should have a section for horse trailers and horse camps. Ava has a nice small town square and Gainesville also has a nice town square. Gainesville hosts an annual town festival known as Hootin' and Hollerin' that continues to bring in crowds from far away and remains popular. I have watched so many town festivals in other places diminish in attendance and fade away, but Hootin' and Hollerin' has continued on, attracting magazine and newspaper reporters, as well as television attention. These visitors could use a nice state park campground when they are in the area. This area just has a lot to offer, except for a state park. Where else in Missouri do you have pristine springs, grist mills, and float streams, national forest, conservation areas, land trust preserves, horse shows, trout farms, alternative lifestyles resorts, monks, and hippy agrarians, tranquil old-time town squares and popular town festivals. Selling this park so that it could be logged into oblivion and divided up into shanty shacks and goat farms would be a tragic mistake. Let Bryant Creek State Park open and become a beloved jewel of the state park system. This area just has a lot to offer, except for a state park. Where else in Missouri do you have pristine springs, grist mills, and float streams, national forests, conservation areas, land trust preserves, horse shows, trout farms, alternative lifestyles resorts, monks, hippy agrarians, tranquil old-time town squares and popular town festivals. Selling this park so that it could be logged into oblivion and divided up into shanty shacks, meth labs, and goat farms would be a tragic mistake. Let Bryant Creek State Park

open and become a beloved jewel of the state park system.

Zip Code:

I can't believe we were lucky enough to get this piece of land for our park. Bryant creek is an incredible resource for the paddling community it's really a secret gem and I'd certainly be down there and supporting the local economy. - Thank you

Zip Code: 65109

Bryant Creek State Park should be retained as a state park and could be developed as planned and as funding allows. As time goes by, visitorship would increase and help pay for necessary improvements. This property is unique and should be retained as a state park for all Missourians to enjoy now and in the future.

Zip Code:

The state far overstepped its bounds in the purchase of these parks. The money was meant for other uses. After the way echo bluff land was bought in a highly suspect bidding process and then a ridiculous amount of money was spent while other state parks are in desperate need of maintenance I don't trust the process by which this land is bought and managed. I am in favor of selling the land.

Zip Code: 63123

The overwhelming voter support for the conservation tax shows that Missourians consider their parks and natural resources to have tremendous value. The availability of these lands in Missouri is limited. Only about 6% of Missouri land is publicly held, compared to 33% nationally. These lands were chosen because of their natural value and this is great opportunity to retain their natural state. If sold, the changes made to the land would be irreversible. The economic benefits to the state, if sold, would be short lived, where the benefits as a state park would last for generations; benefits such as the money spent locally by visitors and the state and full-time and part-time employment at the park and local businesses. Amenities such as parking, picnic and toilet facilities, and hiking trails can be constructed at a relatively low cost. More elaborate facilities could be added as funds become available.

Zip Code: 63141

I have hiked and floated throughout the Ozarks and am very familiar with Bryant Creek. The purchase of land for this park was the perfect opportunity to protect these watersheds for the future. Please maintain the parks at minimum as wilderness areas with limited facilities until

a long term management plan can be developed. Thank you,

Zip Code: 63122

As population grows, we will need more places for outdoor recreation, not less. If we don't keep this property that we currently own, it may not be available later. The people of Missouri have increased their taxes to support our state parks. If the current governor is unwilling to invest in our parks, could this property become a conservation area until we are able to elect someone who is more willing to develop the park?

Zip Code: 63117

Please continue support for this park. I visit Missouri parks. Our parks are wonderful and make Missouri more livable

Zip Code: 64131

Open the parks as finances allow. Do a better job of managing other parks and money will become available. Ask me how.

Zip Code: 65655

As a Missouri native and 9 year resident of Ozark County Missouri, I am writing to urge you to support the continuance of the Bryant Creek State Park. I advocate for minimum development and management of the land. I would like to see this land kept as a natural area for hiking, hunting, bird watching and camping, all of which will bring tourism money into the area. If there is little or no development on the land there will be correspondingly little further impact on State Park funds. Keeping this land as a natural area will also be of invaluable ecological benefit to the Bryant Creek Watershed and all of the people who float, camp and hunt along its entirety every year. This will bring increases in tourism dollars to Ozark County. Anything that protects the health of the Bryant Creek Watershed, such as keeping the Bryant Creek State Park in its most natural, undeveloped state will be valuable to the economy of Ozark County in both the short and long-term. Thank you for taking these things into consideration. Sincerely, [REDACTED], Brixey, MO.

Zip Code:

I understand the backlog of projects and funding for our parks. Utilizing this area as a wilderness area with no improvements would be a fantastic use of this park. Its a shame that politics have gotten involved in our parks. I was at Bell Mountain Wilderness a few months ago doing an overnight backpacking trip, and the lack of

resources and established campsites is exactly what drew me to the area. I hope that this and the other parks can be kept in public hands. It would be a shame to lose something that would be almost impossible to replace. Thank you for listening.

Zip Code: 63129

Presuming decisions about MO parks will be based on the actual will of everyday people and not the sheer and shady greed of Greiten's political donors, this voter is in strong support of state parks. Missouri supported a tax increase for parks in 2016, and visitation has increased 32% since 2006-what clearer illustration is needed to convince Missourians we want, value, and visit our natural spaces? I don't want to do my taxes on a postcard. I don't want a tax cut, and I certainly don't want tax cuts for companies hoping to buy and destroy our parks. I want clean air and water. I value what we learn by studying nature. I want healthy ecosystems that are studied and understood by scientists. I want research to assure the birds, worms, owls, bears, trees, streams, lakes, snakes, and grasses are healthy and thriving. I want educational programs sharing this information with the public. I want open, natural spaces to hike and appreciate. What I do not want are our public lands sold off to appease political donors or sacrificed to fit some ill-conceived, financially illiterate model of a state budget (which is the real reason why selling parks is even a discussion, and voters know it). Leave parks alone.

Zip Code:

Sell. Use proceeds to reinvest in existing parks that are years and years behind on maintenance. Montauk, Sam A Baker, and Trail of Tears are years behind in maintenance and upkeep.

Zip Code:

I strongly support expansion of State Parks. My wife and I are frequent visitors to state parks. When we visit, we stop at nearby restaurants, gas stations, and other local businesses. Missouri is a better place to live and visit with more parks. The associated counties should be encouraging parks so that people will visit and spend money at local businesses.

Zip Code:

Please keep and open the park

Zip Code: 65401

Missouri State Parks are a crown jewel of our natural resources. This park would protect an important watershed. Please do not sell off the property even if it

can't be developed right away. Giving Missourians even minimal access is preferable to losing it forever. Open spaces cannot be replaced. Clean water cannot be regenerated. We have all we will ever have and need to protect it.

Zip Code: 65203

I am an enthusiastic user of Missouri State Parks, and would probably never be a tourist in southern Missouri if they weren't available to me. I think the property should be added to the state park system for the following reasons. Besides its rare (for Missouri) sandstone outcroppings, Bryant Creek has been identified as a state conservation opportunity area because of its unique fish and crayfish species. The area also has a regenerating native pine forest, a rare habitat in Missouri. In addition, the nearest state park to Ava is Table Rock, 74 miles away, then Grand Gulf, 79 miles away. Having a state park with fishing, and possibly hiking, bird watching and similar uses, would provide an important recreational resource for Missourians in that area. It might also become an educational resource for the local schools.

Zip Code: 63775

Do not sell the Bryant Creek State Park. Our state parks are precious treasures. Perhaps establish and use a private fund for the maintenance, improvement and even expansion of our state parks. Plenty of people would be more than happy to give money to directly benefit our state parks. Allow contributions to be tax deductible and even hold fundraising events, such as dinners and auctions. It takes work, but can be extremely profitable. Also, consider ways to use our parks, outdoor wedding, corporate events? We should be looking to add state parks, not sell them.

Zip Code: 63017

I STRONGLY recommend you not sell or close any land that has been acquired or donated for the purpose of preservation. This land may not seem like it is necessary to certain short sighted interests of our state. But while there may not be an obvious use to some, I'm sure there likely will be in the next 50 to 200 years. And THAT is the main reason the land has been placed in your charge for us - PRESERVATION!!! In fact, I think these parks should be opened immediately any way, to hikers and people who just want to see what we as citizens own. It does not need a playground, and paved parking, a wheelchair path, signs with arrows, wood bridges or even a designated path. But the citizens of this state should be able to - and have the right to - view what they own at any time, regardless of facilities. As well, these spaces make our state more attractive to visitors, and can add to the state's income. This is what Missouri is known

for - beautiful waterways, lakes and forests to be enjoyed by all. There are only pluses to keeping this land and space. You are maintainers of property owned by the people of the state. Your job is NOT to divest itself of the very thing it is there to protect and manage. YOUR job is to preserve, protect, defend, and maintain that which has been placed in your care.

Zip Code: 63118

The beauty of this park should be saved for all to enjoy.

Zip Code:

Please open OUR parks and keep them open. We need more public parks not private land. We should preserve these parks for our children and grand children.

Zip Code: 63376

DoNot sell !!! They belong to the people not the Governor or the legislator

Zip Code: 63303

First the Simorg tact should become a nature preserve to aid in the re-establishment and preservation on MO black bears. Trail access to natural migration travels. Simple gavel lot and natural trails for the a Simpson tact.

Zip Code:

DO NOT close our state parks! My family spends large chunks of our time out in Missouri nature. Save our state parks!

Zip Code:

Keep this and all parks open and run by MO Conservation Department. They do great things for the environment and education.

Zip Code: 63119

I am an avid user of Missouri State Parks and know that they are a huge asset to not only Missouri residents but to the tourism industry of Missouri and bringing in revenue to areas normally without outside revenue. This park is pristine land, that if not preserved, will never again be available. It also contains a key watershed area, Bryant Creek, that if not protected from pollution, agricultural runoff, etc, will then cause further damage downstream to larger key rivers and lakes used for drinking water, fishing, and recreation/ Minimum dollars will be required, and Missourians have always supported parks through our taxes and voting specifically to parks and outdoor recreation. I feel strongly that it would not be prudent, and would be extremely short sighted, not to keep this as a park and at

least provide minimum access, trails, and rustic facilities. We can always upgrade later, but once this land is gone, it is gone forever. [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 63368

I would like to see some development but at a minimum "bank" the land for the future. Never heard anyone say we have too many parks.

Zip Code: 63122

Stand Firm as the protector of Natural Resources. The most basic and valuable is the land and its features, especially WATER. Missourians already own this pristine property. Don't sell and don't develop! Nature (as you know) can be enjoyed simply AS IS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Zip Code:

Bryant creek state park should remain as a valuable asset in Missouri's public land portfolio and as open to public recreational use as possible.

Zip Code:

I support the opening of Bryant Creek State Park for the recreational activities and economic boost it would provide Missouri.

Zip Code: 29403

I no longer live in Missouri, but I have family there and many fond memories of visiting and camping in Missouri State Parks during my youth in Missouri. We still try to visit them when we are visiting my Mom. My dad was [REDACTED]. It's my opinion that Missouri has one of the very best state park systems in the country, and that absolutely everything possible should be done to preserve and maintain these parks and to provide access to residents even if the parks remain undeveloped. Parks are precious access points to nature, and can shape lives in ways that are immeasurably positive. That certainly happened for me.

Zip Code: 63130

Leave the parks alone.

Zip Code:

Please do not sell this beautiful land!

Zip Code: 63021

I am 61 years old and a lifelong Missouri resident. I am a university professor who has enjoyed state parks in all areas of the state all of my life. Because of the close proximity of my residence to one of our most beautiful

gems, Castlewood State Park, I am a state park visitor approximately once per week. Obviously I am a huge supporter of our parks. I feel that the undeveloped parks can be kept undeveloped as long as necessary, but should never be sold.

Zip Code: 65340

I fully support future funding of Bryant Creek SP staff and maintenance. I generally agree with the Friends of Ozark Riverways stance on the general issues. I would however, be a bit more cautious about allowing motorized vehicles anyplace off road at a Missouri State Park. This not only can degrade physical beauty of the park (which is a good reason people have to visit them), but it can be very unpleasant to listen to when you are hoping for a quiet respite from work soaking up the sights and sounds of nature. Thanks for hearing our thoughts.

Zip Code: 63109

Please do not close and sell off this important part of Missouri!!!

Zip Code: 64078

We are adamantly opposed to the closing of any of Missouri's state parks including Ozark Mountain, Bryant Creek, and Jay Nixon State Parks. The "current lack of funds for development" is not a legitimate reason for selling any of our parks since there is no need to rush into development of any of the more recently acquired parks. Development can take place over time as resources become available to do so. These recently acquired parks are sound and proven investments with the realization of a return to occur over time through the tourism industry and recreation. It is also a sound and highly important investment in the welfare of the citizens of our state as well as out of state visitors. A growing population surely doubly underscores the need to retain these park lands. It seems essential that our state provide increasing numbers of parks to ensure our citizenry has access to high quality areas to enjoy and learn from natural surroundings and to have opportunities to recreate in quality out-of-door parks. Retaining ownership of these four parks also ensures protection for some of Missouri's very special landscapes. Please make the decision for the well-being of our state and its citizens and refuse to act to sell these important parks.

Zip Code: 63118

Please do not close Bryant Creek State Park. Not only Missourians, but all Americans need this network of parks and protected lands.

Zip Code: 63122

Please keep and expand Missouri state parks as possible, Bryant Creek is beautiful and should be saved for now and future generations. Thanks

Zip Code: 63118

Quit playing politics with our parks. The people of Missouri want them and the only reason they are being closed is to "punish" certain demographics. Missouri should be proud of our parks- they are the actual best things in the entire state. States around the country pale in comparison to what we have and we are going to trash it for petty partisanship? Build them up and fund them.

Zip Code: 64658

I hope u will open these parks and make them available for the citizens of our state to enjoy them.

Zip Code: 65804

Thank you for this opportunity to comment: 1. State Parks are good for the local economy. That increases local jobs and raises the beneficial tourism economy. 2. Missouri State Parks do not charge an entrance fee so low and moderate income citizens have access to affordable outdoor recreation. Accessible outdoor recreation means improved health for our children and families. Being in nature is a necessity. Shinrin Yoku is the art and science of Japanese Forest Bathing which is scientifically documented by a Japanese scientist. The initial Shinrin-Yoku plan of 30 years ago was based solely on the ingrained perception that spending time in nature, particularly on lush forest trails, would do the mind and body good changed in 1990 when Dr Yoshifumi Miyazaki of Chiba University broadcast on NHK Japan Broadcasting as he conducted a study in the Yakushima old growth forests. Dr Miyazaki reported that physical activity - 40 minutes of walking and breathing in the forests compared to the same done in a laboratory was associated with improved mood and vigor. He backed up the reports by findings of lower levels of stress hormones compared to that of the lab exercise. He has documented that substances from the forests have beneficial qualities and each one targets a health issue but the best way to improve your health is to walk, stroll and breathe in the forests and outdoor settings. Therefore, the more land that is taken away from our parks and auctioned off for development the less access and the less forested and outdoor natural areas that we have to heal and regenerate and renew our vigor for life. 3. A majority of voters in every single county of Missouri voted YES to parks on sales tax and soil conservation by an 80 percent margin. 4. State parks protect places of ecological significance so future generations can enjoy the unique Ozarks landscapes. We must have biodiversity to maintain species and life

on planet Earth. State parks help us to do that. Pesticides and herbicides and genetic engineering hinder the goal of biodiversity. Therefore we must protect diversification as much as possible--not just for beauty and landscapes but also to protect life. 5. Who will benefit from the auctioning off of our public state parks? The buyer-developer will benefit virtually by stealing the land from the people and taking it out of public domain. The seller-governor will benefit because he is doing a favor for the buyer-developer. 6. I support opening State Parks and keeping them clean and accessible to all citizens to benefit for recreation and for health.

Zip Code: 63130

This park is an important asset to Missourians and should not be sold! Historically, new parks have not been immediately developed. State Parks are economic assets to the local communities, counties, and the state. While state parks contribute greatly to Missouri's tourism economy, the increased opportunity for recreation in the local area is just as significant. Lands of the natural qualities found in these four new parks are rare. The Missouri Park System has prospered for 100 years without resorting to the sale of its lands. Sale or disposal of these lands should not be an option!

Zip Code: 65063

These comments are being provided on behalf of the more than 3200 members of the Missouri Parks Association. All three park properties are being addressed in one statement. All three properties, Ozark Mt, Bryant Creek and Jay Nixon have the resources that warrant their inclusion in the state park system and will be of great benefit to the citizens of Missouri. In fact park planning documents such as Missing Masterpieces and the State Park Expansion Plan have long called for the addition of properties in the Bryant Creek and bald knob area of the Ozarks in order to fill gaps in the existing state park system. While Jay Nixon State Park is a valuable natural and recreation resource, its primary value is as an addition to the existing Taum Sauk Mt State Park, for which it was acquired, and not as a stand-alone state park. MPA believes that all these properties possess the qualities to be included in the state park system and understand that professional state park staff have assessed these properties and believe they add value to the state park system. Therefore, the lingering concern that these properties might be sold or otherwise divested needs to be resolved and a clear statement made by DNR that such sales are not being considered. The sale of any existing state park is not in the public interest and would not set a good precedent should future politicians decide they want for some reason to start selling off the public estate. MPA

realizes that the new state parks cannot be developed immediately because the funds to do so do not exist. DSP must focus on the current maintenance backlog and infrastructure needs. Restoration of each of these properties, however, should begin immediately with available stewardship funds. We believe DSP should follow the established Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) process, which includes public input, for Ozark Mt and Bryant Creek; and it should incorporate Jay Nixon into Taum Sauk Mt State Park and update the CDP. Once the CDP and the full General Management Plans have been completed, some limited access to the properties should be considered via trails or special events. The closure of new state park properties until CDPs have been completed is appropriate and assures protection of the resource as well as public safety. Since these properties were in private ownership prior to being added to the state park system there will be no loss of public use opportunities.

Zip Code: 63131

I am a regular user of Missouri State Parks, both with our Boy Scout Troop and on my own. I believe that our State Parks are a precious resource that all residents should be able to enjoy. While I realize the State's limited resources force us to make choices, I fear that once released, tracts of land like the BCSP cannot be re-assembled. I urge you to find a way to hold onto BCSP for future development. Thanks.

Zip Code: 63104

I want this park to remain a protected park.

Zip Code:

The cost to improve site with primitive features is nominal to the benefit of keeping the park as a public use. Do not sell off the park.

Zip Code: 63131

Do not sell the Bryant Creek State Park. Keep it wild and a place where Missourians can experience nature in it's natural state. I am opposed to the sale of this park. It would be a disservice to the citizens of Missouri. I will not vote for anyone, in the future, that has this attitude and is involved in this sale.

Zip Code: 65803

Keep this park. Develop it in time. This project does not have to be done in a year. Until the property is developed the state could lease the land for hunting. Beautiful area, unique and irreplaceable.

Zip Code: 63141

Please keep this park, even if you have to delay development to save money. My husband and his brother have fished in this pristine creek. We enjoy hiking, camping and canoeing in Missouri. We have met people in Iowa, Wisconsin and Michigan who have talked of visiting Missouri's beautiful Ozarks. We have a gift here we should cherish.

Zip Code:

As a life long resident of Missouri, who also grew up in the heart of the city of St. Louis on Jefferson Ave. and involved in the Boy Scouts, I believe that even the idea, that I must write a comment on some mediocre web forum to convince a room full of bureaucrats of the importance of state parks is unbelievably preposterous. This land is owned by the public, yes that is correct, the money taken from the checks of every hard working Missouri resident who in turn generates the income to pay for the upkeep of these parks, is now being put on a chopping block where my minute ownership and the opportunity to immerse myself, and my children in nature and peace is stolen. What is also stolen in this proposed sale of state land is the opportunity of every future child of generations to find the peace, wisdom and calm contemplation that can only be found in nature, away from the violence of cities where children grow up accustomed to eating their dinner while the news broadcasts another murder. Our land is disappearing, not only in Missouri but nation wide, parts of our city are radioactive, there are soils so contaminated that it has given the residents cancer for decades, every year more raw land is bought and divided to make gated suburban neighborhoods further displacing wildlife that is already pushed to the limit, in turn further segregating the haves from the have-nots. For what I ask? What possibly could replace this public land that would deem more valuable? Would it be better to raise the hills of the Ozarks, the oldest mountain range in the world mind you, and drop a McDonalds on the top, a Walmart? Could we instead put a factory to generate jobs for the area, that just may well employ a small part of the locals for 20 years or so before that too is torn down and the land now is toxic from chemical pollutants. Should it be sold to the public for sprawling hill top homes and in-ground pools that will then drain their yearly chlorinated water into the nearby stream where the last song of the spring peeper is heard, or where the owl catches his dinner as it has a late night drink? Well that really seems down right idiotic. Whoever is to buy this land is not only stealing it from the public, they are stealing our heritage as Americans. These shrinking plots of land called state parks are the last refuge for the idealist frontiersman and woman to leave the rat race of the modern world and enter a paradise of raw, untouched beauty. A formation of rocks where a child can find their first fossil, a stream where you can stir up a leopard frog

until it disappears in a splash, as the ripples of water bring recognition of the importance of beauty, peace and harmony in our own lives, is far more valuable than any home, commercial building or factory will ever be. This land is your land, this land is my land. Do not steal it from us and the generations after us. Thank You

Zip Code: 63640

Bryant Creek State Park should be maintained as a limited-development state park for the public to enjoy. The state park is located in an area with few other state parks, as the nearest state park is Grand Gulf in Oregon County, which is at least an hour away. Additionally, the park offers a significant new area of public access and river frontage to Bryant Creek, which is mostly privately-owned but is a beautiful Ozark stream. The State Park should include minimal development and help preserve a beautiful piece of the Ozarks in an area with few other state parks.

Zip Code:

State and National Parks are the jewels of our state and country. Preserving them for future generations to admire and enjoy should be paramount to our legacy.

Zip Code: 63303

Public parks benefit our state. I would like to see the park opened to the public.

Zip Code: 63017

As a retired science educator, I can speak to the importance of science and the natural world in developing critical thinkers and life-long learners. Kids (and families) need more places to explore and enjoy nature. More state parks and conservation programming will pay for themselves in enriching the lives of our future leaders.

Zip Code: 63034

This is a beautiful place. We have to keep it for all to enjoy.

Zip Code: 63117

I wish to express my full support for the development and opening to the public of Bryant Creek State Park. Missouri State Parks produce a high return on investment in terms of human wellbeing and conservation of our natural heritage.

Zip Code: 63021

It is so important that we set aside land for recreational use by the public. Please don't close or cut back land for any MO parks!

Zip Code: 63005

If you cant afford to bring the tract up to date, leave it primitive. Do NOT sell to a developer.

Zip Code: 63026

Please don't sell Bryant Creek; it would be a great State Park. The area has been on MO State Parks wish list for a long time.

Zip Code: 65807

To Whom it may concern, Missourians need more State and National parks. We especially need the Bryant Creek State Park. We have a beautiful state and we need more public parks for our citizens to take advantage of the beauty of our great state. Studies show there are many health benefits to getting outdoors, from fighting our obesity epidemic to mental health benefits, state and national parks are an affordable way to help our Missourians. Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 65109

I have not been in this area but the photos look amazing. The large native cane break and abundant wildlife including black bears sounds awesome. Certainly would be a property to hold onto but might be better for now not to develop it too much.

Zip Code: 63301

Please continue to hold this land in reserve for future park expansion - it is not necessary to develop park facilities or make improvements but please do not sell it. This is money in the bank for future expansion of the park system which will be needed if there is significant economic expansion or if our population grows for any reason. Selling it now will be seen as very short-sighted in the future.

Zip Code: 63118

State parks are necessary to the makeup and integrity of the state they exist in. These are spaces that conserve necessary green spaces accessible to the public. These small decisions contribute against the brutal attack our current administration is making on the types of spaces. Part of what makes me proud to live in the Midwest and Missouri specifically are the beautiful spaces that exist in our state to let people freely breathe fresh air, hike, swim, and explore. To sell these off would be to doom these spaces for future generations.

Zip Code: 63116

I am writing in support of keeping the three new state parks. I value Missouri's State Parks as a way to conserve nature, engage the community, be engines of local economies, and a way to pass on our heritage to the next generation. MO DNR has done an excellent job as the fiduciary of the parks the residents of Missouri. Each of these parks adds different benefits to the existing park system. I implore you to keep them, and continue to expand our public use spaces. [REDACTED]

Zip Code:

Governor...open this park and quit playing "I'm running for President" with our parks. Your constituents have voted to tax themselves for parks and maintenance through the conservation tax. Work it into the budget This is a great addition to our park system (fishing and floating stream). The estimate of 6K to 25K to maintain the park is a drop in the Missouri budget.

Zip Code:

One of the biggest draws to Missouri to bring in money outside of the state is the potential to use the outdoors through ways such as camping, hunting, fishing, hiking. Denying access to this area is cutting the potential to draw in more funding and the potential to show someone what it's like to be able to have access to these areas that may not otherwise get the opportunity. Missouri has some of the best public land access around and should try to not only stay that way but keep improving the opportunities as well. The Ozark areas alone provide some amazing opportunities to be able to get out and see some of the best places in Missouri.

Zip Code: 63385

Can the area be turned into a conversation area to protect the area till there is money in the future to make it a state park.

Zip Code:

Please keep this as a state park! Missouri needs as much public protection of mature forests and streams as possible. Protect our Natural Heritage!

Zip Code: 63017

As a Missouri citizen, I ask that the state keep this park and maintain it for both our tourism industry and our enjoyment. Parks are a huge asset to our state!

Zip Code: 65020

KEEP ALL MO PARKS

Zip Code: 63130

Bryant Creek has been on our list since 2005. With minimal investment we can have another functional state park with the opportunity to help improve the watershed. It's a no brainer. Our Governor and legislators need to enact a fuel take hike to help fund more government and stop trying to take away enjoyment from the lay people.

Zip Code: 65203

I think the property should be added to the state park system for the following reasons Besides its rare (for Missouri) sandstone outcroppings, Bryant Creek has been identified as a state conservation opportunity area because of its unique fish and crayfish species. The area also has a regenerating native pine forest, a rare habitat in Missouri. In addition, the nearest state park to Ava is Table Rock, 74 miles away, then Grand Gulf, 79 miles away. Having a state park with fishing, and possibly hiking, bird watching and similar uses, would provide an important recreational resource for Missourians in that area. It might also become an educational resource for the local schools.

Zip Code: 63139

The Bryant Creek region of Missouri includes some of our best and most precious natural features. It is also a region that is pretty economically disadvantaged. Having a State Park in this area will absolutely attract Missourians and visitors from around the world to this lovely and ecologically significant part of the state - while providing needed and valuable income for residents of the area. The economic value to Missouri of our state parks has been VERY well documented. The process of vetting this location for a new State Park has already taken place. I find this "re-view" disingenuous, frankly, given the fact that the land is already in state hands and the people of Missouri have already said yes to developing a new State Park in the Bryant Creek area. Let the residents of this part of the state have the opportunity to sustain their families and communities through businesses that support tourism and visitors, and let this area's natural resources enjoy the protection and appreciation that a State Park provides. THANK YOU for moving forward with all implementation plans for Bryant Creek State Park.

Zip Code: 63107

Please keep any land that could be open to the public just that open to the public

Zip Code:

Missouri State Parks should strongly consider keeping open Bryant Creek State Park. Our state parks add an unquantifiable amount of benefits to the state and it's

residents. Keeping outdoor recreation areas open to the public should be of the utmost importance, and I sincerely hope the parks department will consider the benefits of having Bryant Creek State Park open. In this day and age, more than ever, we should continue to protect natural areas within our state for young generations of Missourians.

Zip Code: 63125

This is a great addition to the state park system. I have only floated Bryant Creek once but loved it. The public land with primitive camping would be a go to destination.

Zip Code:

Reopen this park. Public lands increase's Missouri's value as a whole by providing unique outdoor opportunities to experience nature.

Zip Code:

DO NOT CLOSE ANY STATE PARKS.

Zip Code: 63368

I see no reason why these parks should remain closed. I would like to see them open and developed for the public's use Thanks

Zip Code: 63122

I believe this, and all our state parks are valuable gems, assets to our state and should not be sold for any reason. If funds are unavailable for development, then hold the property until they become available or allow cooperation with NGO to help with funding and upkeep. Do not sell off our green spaces.

Zip Code: 63109

The citizens showed their support for state parks in the November by overwhelming approving the continuation of the sales tax for the state parks. The new part will expand the amount of opportunities for the people Missouri to go to parks. By having new parts we will also expand opportunities for missourians to learn more about the natural history and wonders of our great state. But Brian Creek State Park in particular would be a great opportunity for people to experience the beauty of Brian Creek. It would allow new Outfitters and campgrounds to grow up around that Park to enhance canoeing kayaking and rafting opportunities on Bryant Creek. I see it as a opportunity to increase the economy of the local area. It will also provide jobs at the park and all the other Outfitters that would foul with the park.

Zip Code: 63130

Tourism provides an important economic boost for communities in Missouri's rural areas. But you have to have attractions for tourists to visit. The land that the state of Missouri purchased for Bryant Creek State Park is exactly that kind of attraction. There is water frontage on Bryant Creek, abundant wildlife (including black bears), and plenty of beautiful natural features such as dolomite cliffs and sandstone ledges. When visiting state parks, which I do frequently, I normal stick to the ones in eastern Missouri closer to where I live. I would gladly make a long day trip out to Bryant Creek State Park once it is open to the public. Whether the state has the resources now or needs to wait a few years to actually develop the land, under no circumstances should this land be sold back into private hands. I would like to see the state go ahead with the park development planning process, decide on a plan, then land bank the parcel until there are resources to do the development. Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 63125

My vote is for the State to hold onto this property. Once it is lost to private development, it will be gone for good.

Zip Code: 63119

Once destroyed, natural wilderness is hard to recreate. So I support leaving the park the way it is unless there is some actual, unique opportunity presented otherwise. The opportunity to make a profit, to mine or log, to develop in other ways - there are other places in Missouri where companies can pursue the opportunities. There is no compelling reason to even spend resources developing the property as a park, any more than already is. Just leave it be, for future generations to decide the needs for it.

Zip Code: 63011

I respectfully ask that the administration look past any politics associated with this issue and think long term. Missourians love to camp and be outside -- its part of our culture. Moreover, creating modern outdoor destinations (like Echo Bluff) is extremely popular with campers from not only Missouri, but throughout the US. This brings tax dollars and jobs to our economy. Finally, I like getting my kids off the couch and outside. We need to encourage our young people to get outside to fish, hunt, hike and camp. Families need parks. Keep these parks in the public domain -- the politics will subside but these special places will endure. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Zip Code: 63139

Please save this park. It seems modest in size, and the value of preserving the land far outweighs the public cost. Thank you.

Zip Code:
reopen the parks!

Zip Code: 63122

As much as I love the site and the potential, the cost associated with developing the area is too great for Missouri to consider right now. I would suggest letting the land be and not doing any development.

Zip Code:
Close it and sell it! Get rid of the pork!

Zip Code: 63043

Keep Bryant Creek State Park open.

Zip Code: 65793

I am interested in seeing that all the mentioned / acquired land remain as MO State parks. If the state can not afford to develop them at this time, that's okay by me. We need natural spaces for hiking and other outside activities. People need to get out and enjoy nature and "recharge". Do not consider selling these lands. I do object to the prices listed in a recent West Plains Quill article on developing the parks. When I read \$40,000 for a two room toilet!!!! That is surely a typo. No wonder people complain about the parks. Some of the other prices were also outrageous. When you do devise a plan to do any development of these lands, I hope that you will be more reasonable about the costs.

Zip Code: 63131

Please do not sell our state park lands. I am disappointed that our state leadership would even consider this. These resources are not replaceable and the state already owns them. If funds are not available for maintenance, leave this land as a natural area with perhaps a few hiking trails. These parks do not need facilities for camping, etc. Let the people of Missouri and our grandkids and their future children enjoy nature and preserve our parks.

Zip Code: 65203

I greatly value Missouri State Parks for their benefits to the human population of Missouri as well as for the conservation value. Bryant Creek State Park should be kept in the state park portfolio. We need to conserve the area around Bryant Creek and provide a habitat for Black Bears which are migrating north. The area does

not need to be developed. The State should open this park as a wilderness area that has no development plans.

Zip Code: 63104

Please do not sell this or any state park / DNR land. The very thorough DNR analysis clearly justifies that this land comprising Bryant Creek State Park has outstanding and unique qualities worthy of inclusion into the Missouri State Park system. For the sake of budget and for preservation of the outstanding natural qualities, I feel a minimal development plan would be fine, although I am not necessarily opposed to some amenities. Hawn State Park is a good example of this relatively minimal approach, where nature is priority. Trail development and other access and amenities, if deemed necessary, could be worked out much later in the future while this could just remain back country preserved land temporarily or permanently. Many parks have inaccessible wilderness areas, which do not have direct access, yet are still technically parks open to the public. Under no circumstances should this or any DNR land be sold off to private interests or any non-conservation entity or user. Thank you for considering my comments.

Zip Code: 65203

Although I have not yet visited Bryant Creek SP, I believe that it is terrible policy to remove beautiful and biologically productive areas from the public domain. With mature forests, stream habitats, abundant wildlife, beautiful geological features and many recreational opportunities, I can think of no higher use for this land than as a park available for public use. Please keep Bryant Creek in the wonderful Missouri state parks system.

Zip Code: 63119

I believe it is important to keep all current State Parks. The State Parks provide a wonderful haven for Missourians and those visiting our area. We need more "special getaways". I also believe that State Parks provide economic growth for the cities and counties where the parks are located. KEEP OUR PARKS. It is too hard to get them back once they are gone.

Zip Code: 63116

Please reopen Bryant Creek State Park. Our state park system is a great treasure for Missourians--good for the critters and good for the visitors. Regarding wildlife and the environment, our state parks are vital for the education of residents and tourists.

Zip Code: 63130

Please keep Bryant Creek SP open! Missourians love their parks and need to have them available for a variety of uses.

Zip Code: 65760

I am so excited to have more public lands here in the Ozarks! I would like the land to be opened to the public as soon as possible for hiking. I am in favor of minimal developments to the park, and would like to see it managed like a wildlife conservation area.

Zip Code: 63146

Do not sell off this state park land. Public demand for parks is high and more camp grounds are needed in this area. Missouri residents have repeatedly demonstrated their value of public land by renewing the Park & Soil tax for the past 30 years. If we are willing to tax ourselves for public lands, we definitely don't want our public lands sold off. If there are insufficient funds to develop the park, hold the land until there are funds. Robertsville State Park is an example of a state park where the land was acquired and then later developed.

Zip Code: 65483

This park needs to continue to be open to the public as a State park. It needs to be developed as a State Park, not sold by the Governor.

Zip Code: 65101

We need to keep this state park. Missourians have overwhelmingly voted to provide money for state parks through taxes. We have to utilize Opportunities to acquire land for state parks so the public can use them while there are still natural areas available.

Zip Code: 63146-3769

Regarding Bryant Creek State Park: My husband and I would enjoy visiting this park. We would definitely enjoy hiking to experience the interesting topography, creek and would love to bird watch there. Leaving it fairly primitive sounds good to me. None of our state parks should be sold as the land is for Missouri residents and others to enjoy. We must ensure lands for wildlife exist, and our parks do just that. Our parks should not for sale. Thank you, [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 63146

Missouri citizens need and want this park. It looks like a wonderful natural area that should be open for all of us to enjoy. It seems like the state should try to work with nature groups to develop hiking trails. The worst option is to sell this property. Voters overwhelmingly approved

the park sales tax. We need to protect these natural areas for us and for our children and grandchildren.

Zip Code:

Land, Water, and Wildlife are all limited resources and are disappearing quickly. DO NOT SELL THAT WHICH BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE OF MO. This land is an investment in our State and attracts money spending visitors from all over and rewards the people who live here.

Zip Code: 65109

Keep this park in the state park system! I am a lifelong user of our wonderful parks and would like to see more of them.

Zip Code:

ALL state parks are resources for our citizens and visitors. We have some of the nicest state parks in the country. Keep the ones we have open and open the ones in question.

Zip Code: 63367

This is a beautiful area. Would like to see river access for canoes... and hiking trails. Guided hikes or scheduled times for group hikes would really be appreciated. Not brave enough to be out in the middle of nowhere by myself. Nature Centers or visitor centers are always exceptional and informative!

Zip Code: 65203

I think the property should be added to the state park system for the following reasons. Besides its rare (for Missouri) sandstone outcroppings, Bryant Creek has been identified as a state conservation opportunity area because of its unique fish and crayfish species. The area also has a regenerating native pine forest, a rare habitat in Missouri. In addition, the nearest state park to Ava is Table Rock, 74 miles away, then Grand Gulf, 79 miles away. Having a state park with fishing, and possibly hiking, bird watching and similar uses, would provide an important recreational resource for Missourians in that area. It might also become an educational resource for the local schools.

Zip Code: 65768

Our family has lived in Douglas County for almost 30 years and we have had many occasions to enjoy Bryant Creek in all its beauty. It is without a doubt one of the most pristine areas in the state of Missouri, and we believe it should be accessible for all of its citizens. It would be a great tragedy if this section of the Bryant were privatized. We would ask that Bryant Creek State

Park become a reality for the sake of future generations and for the preservation of the flora and fauna that reside within this special, and irreplaceable, ecosystem.

Zip Code: 63012

The Missouri State Parks system is one of the best in the entire country. I feel very fortunate that our State and our citizens continue to provide financial support and provide these wonderful parks for all to enjoy free of charge. This is fantastic! The State Park Dept. should not sell off ANY existing parks, whether they have been fully developed yet or not. The Bryant Creek State Park does not need to be developed immediately but it should be preserved and further study should be conducted to determine the most efficient and potential uses for MO residents and out of state tourists.

Zip Code: 63640

Deed to mdc for educating the public on sustainable timber management, controlling invasive species, and growing milkweeds for monarchs.

Zip Code: 63303

The Missouri Park System should retain the Bryant Creek State Park property. These tracts of land protect the steep watershed that feed the groundwater and springs of Bryant Creek, along with a beautiful stretch of the Creek itself and its bluffs. Bryant Creek is an important resource for clean water entering into the North Fork River. This area contains high quality canebrake, which is nesting habitat for the very rare Swainson's Warbler (in which my family has taken bird watching trips just to see this unique bird), springs, and well developed riparian forest of shortleaf pine/oak woodland with a rich native understory. This area also contains forest that was logged and burned during a wildfire caused by drought. This plot will be a great learning experience for scientists and the general public to see how the pine/woodland restores itself. Natural areas like these are a tourist draw adding to the economic and tax base of the local communities. My husband and I have spent many of our vacations IN MISSOURI to enjoy our parks. Natural resource management and restoration should begin in 2018, with a long term plan determined with public input. Missouri State Parks should add to Bryant Creek's infrastructure over time in stages as funding and staff become available. Low cost infrastructure like gravel parking lots and primitive trails should be created soon to at least allow some public access to this public area. The Missouri Park System has never in its 100 years sold property, and any sale revenue would never benefit the residents of the whole state of Missouri as this property does. With the overwhelming renewal of the State Parks, Soils, and Water Sales Tax last fall, the people of

Missouri approve of their parks. Please retain and begin maintaining Bryant Creek State Park allowing it to be "open" to the public. Thank you!

Zip Code: 63640

Use the land for timber management.

Zip Code: 65101

The naive forest, creeks and geologic formations make Bryant Creek State Park a nice addition to the state park system. It should be preserved because we need more protected areas not less.

Zip Code: 63654

open all missouri state parks, thanks [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 63124

Bryant Creek State Park sounds like a lovely place that should be kept in our state park system. While I understand that the Missouri State Parks are in a budget crunch right now, and the park is not open, I think that we should not sell the property and lose its availability forever. The cost of minimal maintenance at this time is low enough that we should find the will to do it, and consider the future. I'd like to take my family to this state park someday. The unique features it holds are described in a way that makes me think it is a special spot.

Zip Code:

We need more state parks/ not less. You may want to consider charging a slightly higher fee for out of state campers. At Sam A Baker it is not unusual to get 25-30% of the units being from Illinois, while Illinois state parks are underutilized because they aren't that nice for camping (a few exceptions) In Wisconsin you pay a daily or yearly usage fee with higher charges for out of state visitors/ utilizers. Missouri State Parks are well in demand since they are so nice! Don't take away what we need and have given approval by agreeing to the added sales tax for 10 more years (80%).

Zip Code: 65203

I hope that Bryant Creek becomes a state park. This is an area of the state that could use another park. The pictures of the land that could become Bryant Creek State Park are beautiful.

Zip Code: 63640

Timber management and removal of invasive species. Use this property to demonstrate proper timber management to citizens. Explain to people in metropolitan areas what the invasive species are doing to

our timber and encourage them to plant natives only. Please collaborate with the Department of Conservation in this effort or deed property to the DOC.

Zip Code: 65401

Please consider opening Bryant Creek. I love to go hiking in the area but there are no other state parks in the area. Bryant Creek is also home to native cane brakes that once covered much of the American South. To lose this habitat would be devastating to many animal species and would be a great lose of Missouri heritage.

Zip Code:

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Zip Code:

Bryant Creek State Park should remain in the Missouri state park system, especially considering it contains some of the last old-growth and mature forests in the state of Missouri. The importance of protecting and preserving old-growth forests cannot be understated. Once they are gone, they can no longer return. And they provide immense beauty, biodiversity, and opportunities to study what an in-tact healthy ecosystem looks like. Moreover, this park contains multiple ecosystems, including four tributary hollows, and a native pine forest. Such variety is rarely seen in Missouri, which is blanketed in the north with monoculture row crops and covered in the south by oak-hickory forests. This microcosm of unique features should be protected for all Missourians to experience, not just a few homeowners or developers who would like to appropriate this property for personal use. Missourians love and cherish their parks, especially ones like Bryant Creek, that has unique and marvelous features. Please do not remove Bryant Creek from the state park system. I have been to every Missouri state park. My daughter and I completed the centennial passport last year and so I can say with authority that Bryant Creek, and the other two parks at issue, are important to the state park system.

Zip Code: 65401

Bryant Creek State Park is a nice addition to the state park system. It preserves for public use a special natural area that is along a creek in a location where there are no other state parks. The cost to develop and operate it is minimal.

Zip Code: 64068

One of my favorite activities is fishing Ozark streams. Unfortunately, most require permiussion from landowners for access. We need more public access Ozark streams in our park system.

Zip Code: 63141

We need to preserve as much of Missouri as possible as so much of it is being commercialized into more shopping malls. Getting kids to the outdoors provides them a new venue to discover and helps them in turn, to care about the future of the planet

<https://www.nature.org/newsfeatures/kids-in-nature/kids-in-nature-poll.xml> Please do not sell this important land to preserve so others may enjoy it as well. It will still bring in tourism revenue.

Zip Code: 63021

I have been to all of the state parks and state historic sites during the past two years. They are treasures! We Missourians should be proud of the whole park system. The people have spoken loudly in approving the Park, Soils, and Water sales tax amendment in 2016. When 79.88% of the public agrees that parks are important enough to support financially, that is a strong sentiment. The properties in question (Ozark Mountain, Bryant Creek, and Jay Nixon State Parks) should not be sold. It is appropriate to take time to develop a management plan for each park. Once that plan is in place, the park can be gradually opened for use. Thank you for your consideration.

Zip Code: 65203

Strongly favor keeping and developing this property as a State Park. Having grown up near this area, I have floated Bryant Creek many times and know this is a beautiful area of the State. Excellent opportunity to protect and preserve a small portion of this scenic area.

Zip Code: 972232

Bryant Creek contains significant natural resources such as the creek itself which is used extensively for fishing and floating. It also has native forests such as the short leaf pine which is becoming more and more rare in Missouri. It certainly qualifies for inclusion in the park system based upon its many outstanding natural resources which will also provide for high quality outdoor recreation opportunities. While the park system has a maintenance backlog, this park does not have to be developed in the near term. The important point is to continue to preserve the land and develop it when it is feasible to do so. Every park system in the nation has a maintenance backlog but these issues need to be addressed through a bond issue or other statewide funding program that will address infrastructure needs. Selling the land will not provide enough money to make a dent in the the backlog problem and should not be considered as a viable option. Eventually when the park

is developed it will contribute to the tourism economy of the area.

Zip Code: 63114

Having a "survey" for consideration of state parks is misleading when the only questions is a complete fill-in-the-blank. How about a survey that gives the options to consider? Are you thinking of not developing the parks at all? Making them strictly hiking? Adding mini-golf courses? Using the river for Iron Man competitions? I would be happy to give my opinion if I knew what the parameters were.

Zip Code: 65738

I did attend the meeting in Ava and was impressed with the LOCAL support that exists for this park as well as the other three new state parks that remain closed while input is gathered. I hope that the Governor will consider the benefit to the entire state of the economic impact as well as cultural enhancement and not simply knee jerk political response that seems to be the norm in today's world. We need to open these four state parks and support all of our treasures as 80% of the voters affirmed with the parks and soils tax issue last November.

Zip Code: 65203

Open up Bryant Creek to the public

Zip Code: 65203

I have made numerous trips to Assumption Abbey in Ava, Missouri, and am familiar with the Bryant Creek area. This is an amazing and unique example of Missouri's landscape that deserves protection for the enjoyment of Missouri citizens. As with all of the newly added properties, I am in favor of mothballing them if necessary to wait until funding is available to develop them to the high standards that Missouri State Parks are known for.

Zip Code: 64053

The Bryant Creek land reserve will continue to contribute significantly to the economic and natural scenic provision for all folks national and international that visit Missouri wild areas annually. We must preserve our small in number natural reserves in order that we can visit and interact with refreshing landscape and hideaways. Once it is gone we cannot retrieve such beautiful spots in our great state of Missouri! Please continue to note the importance of this area.

Zip Code: 65775

It is important to me that this park, and the other two closed state parks remain in public ownership. THEY

SHOULD NOT BE SOLD, and I look forward to the day when they are developed to the degree that they are open for public use.

Zip Code: 63074

Please do not sell park.

Zip Code: 65775

Please do not sell Eleven Point State Park! Our Missouri Parks are treasures enjoyed by all. Thank you.

Zip Code:

Bryant Creek is an amazing natural resource and should be protected in perpetuity for Missouri residents to see and enjoy. All Missouri state parks are treasures and Bryant Creek is no exception. Rolling hills, deep timber, clean and flowing streams....all are wonderful parts of our natural heritage that deserve to be a priority for the governor and legislature to protect. Limited complementary development should be considered, including hiking trails, camping areas and fishing/hunting opportunities.

Zip Code: 63124

Bryant Creek's major feature, Bryant Creek, has been identified as a state Conservation Area. It should be protected.

Zip Code:

I would like to see initial cost effective development for public access with consideration for future development and improvements. I would like to see legislative support for an over time continued development program until the park becomes a full destination facility. As with all Missouri State Parks, protecting and restoring significant resources should be given a priority and stick to the Missouri State Park mission statement. The park in this location fills a gap and as such is more accessible to persons in SW and S Cental MO, where not as many parks are available. Plan for initial limited staff but eventually work to provide adequate staffing to be responsive to public use and resource protection. Thank You

Zip Code:

Keep the park, open it to the public, and maintain our states public lands.

Zip Code: 64111

I think preserving natural land is important even if those lands are currently being used for recreational purposes. Save the parks for future generations.

Zip Code:

I feel very strongly that this park should be retained/owned by the Missouri State Park system.

Zip Code: 63663

Develop minimal road and parking area to allow public access Apply for RTP Grants to fund amenities to compliment the site. Hiking, walking trail would be a must, look for local volunteers or your own resources to develop trail system Corporate sponsors might be a good source of funding / friends groups Love to see this park ASAP!!

Zip Code:

Please do not sell Bryant Creek State park. If the money is unavailable for development at this point, it harms nothing to let it remain as is.

Zip Code: 65201

Please preserve this state park to be what it was intended to be: an area of pristine nature to which all may come and enjoy the wonder and beauty of our state's ecology. Do not sell it off.

Zip Code: 63367

Do not sell off Missouri new State Parks. These parks should be developed for there natural beauty and for the enjoyment of all Missourians. [REDACTED] Lake Saint Louis, MO

Zip Code: 65401

Fantastic site! But in the real middle of nowhere. Full development into a first class camping and hiking park is what I would do, even though it would take some time. Perhaps open for day use first?

Zip Code:

Please keep Bryant Creek as a protected state park that is open all.

Zip Code: 63037

This is a jaw-droppingly beautiful property, and the first thing that comes to my mind is "Leave it alone, let it be." This one should be preserved in its pristine state. Just the waterway alone is magnificent. The current barn and home could serve as a visitor/information center, and the pasture area could be oversown in prairie plants for additional education, but I really can't imagine allowing anything beyond hiking, observation, and non-motorized fishing activity here. Certainly NO ATV's or anything else similar to disturb the peace and majesty of this tract.

I don't believe an asphalt trail or gravel trail is needed anywhere. It needs to be appreciated for what it already is, and left that way.

Zip Code: 63090

Please keep this property in state ownership and open it up to public use. This property could be managed inexpensively as primitive public land to the benefit of all Missourians for the purposes of primitive outdoor recreation, important wildlife habitat, and watershed protection. Thanks for your consideration!

Zip Code:

Keep this park! Do not sell!

Zip Code: 63130

I think Bryant Creek State Park should continue as a state park property. The park has excellent natural qualities that make it worthy of being a state park including the Bryant Creek frontage. I realize there are budget challenges. Leave the park undeveloped to minimize the cost.

Zip Code: 65203

We need wilderness areas as much as fully developed parks. I want more state parks. I voted to fund the parks. It passed. If it takes a few years to get to developing the park, it's okay. I've hiked the OT. I like the wilderness as much as I enjoy the other parks in the system. We are lucky that we can expand our park system. Why would we want to limit that? I want Bryant Creek to be the 89th park or 90th or 91st in the park system.

Zip Code:

This is a beautiful watershed that would be a great addition to our state parks system. I would suggest minimal development - day use for trails or primitive camp sites.

Zip Code: 65761

We want this park opened asap, by providing access through a large parking area capable of handling horse trailers. We would like hiking and equestrian trails in the park. Organizations like Back Country Horsemen of Missouri, Missouri Foxtrotters clubs would like to help develop these trails and save you some money. Would like fishing access to Bryant River And some primitive camping sites. The people of Douglas, Ozark, Green, Christian and others want this park available to the public.

Zip Code: 65761

Please begin with easy inroads and adequate parking and turnarounds for trucks and trailers. facilities for horse back riding and hiking and fishing. Think of groups that appreciate nature including all age groups and families.

Zip Code: 64145

I think this property would make a great state park. I fully endorse making this property a state park.

Zip Code:

I don't believe MoParks has the payroll to maintain more parks. The Katy and Rock island trail are currently seriously under supervised. We have people on the trails after dark (park is closed). We also have people camping on the trails and on private property. MoParks should accept more responsibility on these issues instead of putting the burden on the neighboring landowners and buying more parks

Zip Code: 65251

Bryant Creek State Park is a gem of Nature. We need to preserve mature forests of lofty trees, clear running brooks, singing song birds, geological features of a genuine earth. Many, many Missouri citizens are moved to gratitude, to compassion for others, to pride in being part of this country by Nature. We must preserve these landscapes for many future generations of Missouri citizens. Our gifts to the future require thought, effort, and some sacrifice. The ideology of every individual following his own self interest will led to a better world is lacking. Duty to our society, Prudence towards our world, and Charity to others must also be fit into our lives.

Zip Code:

Zip Code: 65790

REMARKS FOR OR AGAINST PUBLIC PARKS

Our population is increased so, let's take advantage of what we still have. If you don't believe the young folks coming up will thank us for pursuing our Natural Resources, just take a trip down the floatable streams during the summer time. During travels on some of the narrow low water bridges I have seen large crowds of people there wading, swimming and just there to enjoy god's creation. Let's not panic concerning developing park facilities, that will come in the future. As long as we have the product it will come to pass, the need can be met. Some people enjoy bright lights of the cities and are very happy to live their lifestyle of the place where they call home. Many of those people spend Dollars and Time to come to the Ozark Hills and streams as we have

in its present Natural state! With these thoughts, if we do not preserve them WHO WILL? The benefits of decisions made today can be treasured and the results can be harvested in the future. Thoughts from a 90-year-old citizen

Zip Code: 65101

Our Missouri State Parks preserve natural habitats, wildlife and plants for future generations. Bryant Creek State Park should remain a state park in order to bring these ecological and psychological benefits to those who are Missouri citizens and lack their own property.

Zip Code:

The state should not dispose of any state park land it currently owns. It should also not close any such land to use by the public. If funds are not available to make improvements at this time, leave it in its primitive state and let us enjoy it in its natural state. There are plenty of paved hiking paths available to people in other locations.

Zip Code: 63501

Please proceed with continued ownership and development of this park. As someone who lives near Thousand Hills State Park, I know the value of a state park to a local economy. This land is an asset. Hold onto it.

Zip Code: 63137

The estimated costs to open and operate this as a state park appear to be minimal. This park could be operated the same way as Big Sugar Creek State Park. Trails and facilities could be added later. Another option could be to just make this park part of Rippee Creek Conservation Area, at least for the time being. Maybe later it could become a state park.

Zip Code: 65793

This park is an asset to the people of our state, and should be reopened. I do not understand why it was closed in the first place. Since it is primitive, maintenance costs are minimal. I was looking forward to hiking there, am very disappointed it was closed.

Zip Code: 63122

This land should be preserved and protected for future generations.

Zip Code:

The State of Missouri should pass on Bryant Creek. I feel the cost for these new parks will be excessive to

develop & maintain which can leave less funds to operate the existing parks.

Zip Code: 63390

Future funds should be designated to keep and open (even if delayed) the three state parks that were recently established, including Ozark Mountain, Bryant Creek and Jay Nixon state parks. Our natural resources are too precious to sell off. We need to keep, nurture and appreciate what we have.

Zip Code:

Please protect our beautiful state parks. We are blessed to have them. They provide rest, relaxation, fun, & spiritual benefits to Missourians & others who visit them. They also provide jobs & financial resources to the area close by.

Zip Code: 65793

I believe that the parks are costing Missouri very little to maintain. Outdoor activities are known to provide participants with a greater opportunity for exercise and to experience the natures of life. Please keep Bryant Creek State Park open for residents in the area to enjoy! I don't believe that one could have too many state parks if properly managed.

Zip Code: 63020

Do not sell this valuable State park property. We will regret it later. Citizens can enjoy the property without expensive improvements. Improvements can be made in the future as we can afford it.

Zip Code:

Open them up! The public is hungry for new and protected state parks!

Zip Code:

I want our state parks to remain in the hands of the public. Public lands provide us, we the people, with a better present and future. Public lands improve our quality of life so increasing, not decreasing our land is in the public's best interest. Every living thing needs plants to live. Every living thing needs animals to live. Trees give us the clean air we breathe. Our air is but one necessity. Volumes have been written about the need for vast amounts of natural habitat. When we take care of the Earth, the Earth will give us clean air, clean water, unpolluted food, and enriching outdoor experiences. Please allow the public to take care of all of us by protecting our public lands. We save our lives when we save our wild outdoor spaces. Thank you,

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Zip Code: 65202

In regard to Bryant Creek State Park, you must consider it is owned by the citizens of Missouri and should remain in public ownership as a state park. The idea of selling this land is short-sighted and is robbing Missourians of a treasure. Park land is a public trust and not meant for just today's Missourians, but those who will camp, float and hike generations from now. Keep this land and make park improvements on a gradual plan as budgets allow. Parks and the tourism industry in general provide a dynamic contribution to the economy of this state.

Zip Code: 65020

I would like the authorities to consider permanently closing this state park. I think that the number of state parks that we do have is sufficient. I am in favor of maintaining well the current state parks that we do have and not spreading our resources thin.

Zip Code: 65775

I would prefer that the state parks be developed as originally planned and not turned over to private owners for their personal use. Please consider making this park a reality for all Missourians and others to enjoy for many years to come.

Zip Code:

This park is a valuable addition to the Missouri state park system - don't sell it. It doesn't need expensive development to be enjoyed by the public.

Zip Code: 65076

Do not develop. How can DNR afford these additional State Parks? Will it impact our existing state parks with deferred maintenance? How many additional DNR staff will need to be hired to maintain these parks? Does additional equipment need to be purchased in order to develop and maintain these state parks. I understand DNR is reducing the size of its vehicle fleet, how can you justify adding more state parks during a period of downsizing? Using the average costs from your "Factors Under Consideration" my estimates show each of these 3 State Parks will cost an additional \$340,500 (\$1,021,500 for all 3 parks) - where does this funding come from?

Zip Code: 65453

Use the money to open new parks to instead upgrade existing park's infrastructure. If my information is correct, the road into Meramec State Park was last topped in 1991 and is in pretty bad shape now.

Zip Code: 65109

Gov. Grietens, This park belongs to the people of Missouri. Our parks can and have been enjoyed by the public without expensive upgrades. The Missouri parks system has always been a point of pride for our state. Thank you, A concerned voter.

Zip Code:

This park should be kept and maintained. We are losing more and more Missouri land to development. It does not make sense to give this property up after the resources that have been put into obtaining it, that would be a waste of taxpayer money.

Zip Code: 65109

"This park is a valuable addition to the Missouri state park system - don't sell it. It doesn't need expensive development to be enjoyed. Being a lifelong resident of Missouri it's my passion to be able to enjoy the beautiful parks in our state.

Zip Code: 65203

If funding of a park development cannot be supported at this time, could this be transferred to the Conservation Department and be managed as part / extension of the Rippee Conservation area roughly 1 mile due NW of this site? That could minimize investment and retain conservation of this space for Missouri users. I recommend (if possible) re-categorizing this space to a Conservation area.

Zip Code: 63123

I urge you NOT to close Bryant Creek State Park. Its mature oak and pine forests featuring several large, old trees; its sheer dolomite cliffs and deep shady hollows; its sandstone outcrops; its mosses and ferns, and its miles of hills and bluffs along Bryant Creek make it a unique and valuable addition to our park system. It is short-sighted and backward thinking to limit already established natural environments, especially as they have been proven to improve the general well being of living things.

Zip Code:

This park is a valuable part of the Missouri state park system - don't sell it. It doesn't need expensive development to be enjoyed by the public.

Zip Code: 63128

Retain the properties for the resources they contain. Future development as natural areas would be worth the cost to retain this. Once the resources are gone they're GONE.

In general, I see the preservation of currently undisturbed wildlife area to be a good thing. Wildlife habitat is shrinking both globally and in the United

States, and loss of wildlife habitat results in cascading ecological impacts that ultimately damage human prosperity. Missouri already has a great park system... let's strengthen it even further and lead by example.

Zip Code: 65201

Please do not sell this park. Our state parks are wonderful resources for the public to enjoy, even though they may not have updated amenities.

Zip Code: 65203

I would like to see this park retained by the state of Missouri with minimal development.

Zip Code:

more, more, green space safe from development

Zip Code: 63144

As I get older, I may not be able to hike the uphill of our Missouri parks. But others should have this opportunity! Making this park available seems relatively inexpensive - it's not a full scale resort, after all. Do NOT sell it off. Native Americans hold the land in trust for future generations. Can we do no less?

Zip Code: 62236

we need to protect any park land that is available even if there are no facilities added at this time.

Zip Code: 63139

Dear Sir: Thank you so much for buying the 2917 acres that comprise Bryant Creek SP! Please make plans to develop this in some way so scientists, teachers and citizens can make use of the property and its natural features. MDC designated 419 acres on Bryant Creek (Rippe Creek CA) with 18 acres classified as an Outstanding State Resources Water. Here is their description of Bryant Creek itself: "Bryant Creek is a high quality, small river with 15 species of fish and crayfish that occur in the Ozarks and nowhere else in the world." Bryant Creek is a state Conservation Opportunity Area so this is an ideal area for a new long term Missouri investment. There is already a "large native cane break" area on Bryant Creek SP property itself which is a valuable but scarce ecosystem. I am excited that Missouri was able to buy a property which has "over 1,200 acres of maturing forest with many large old-growth trees." This is truly an asset to our state park system. But most exciting of all is the 1000 acres of regenerating Shortleaf pine! Throughout the range of the Shortleaf Pine from the southeast into Oklahoma especially since 2010 much effort and money has been

made to study and regenerate shortleaf pine but it is a slow process. Foresters both state and federal are no longer just singing praises of the fast-growing pine species but also believe that stands and forests of shortleaf pine and longleaf pine must be preserved and regenerated. Our state parks are the best in the USA! But to maintain them we must track and preserve the surrounding ecosystems and natural resources. They are becoming a vital part of our human natural resources to protect healthy water systems and healthy air. Protecting diverse ecosystems throughout Missouri are essential. Bryant Creek SP is certainly such a place. Our Missouri state parks can be used by all citizens for many types of recreation. Missouri voters passed the Parks, Soils, and Water Sales tax by nearly 80% so use and support of our state parks is important to many of us. Also, MO State Parks add to the jobs and economies of communities near them—and will continue to do so for generations! Specifically they also add to the quality of life of nearby communities and the health and education of young folks who live nearby. Please open this park for use by the public in the future as well as protecting the ecology found in the park. Please add parcels to our Missouri state park system when there are reasonable opportunities. It is still critical to add to the Missouri state parks system when biologists believe the properties are examples of ecological value or geology which can be used for learning, training, protection of species and protection of water quality. Thank you, [REDACTED]

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Zip Code: 65301

Great location for a park. amazing trail opportunities and growth possibilities in the south central part of Missouri.

Zip Code: 65082

Fewer and fewer Missourians have access to the outdoors/wilderness. It will cost little to simply hold the land until the state has the funds to develop the three new parks. Once the state gets rid of the land, it is gone and the public loses a resource.

Zip Code:

Please do not sell the land. The park can be rustic if the department has not funds to develop the park right now.

Zip Code: 65714

My comment is for all 3 parks. I would ask that careful consideration be given to development of the parks. There is no set timeline or specific expenditure that is required. They can remain in their natural vegetative state for everyone to enjoy as then they can be developed at a later date. If there is a belief that something must be

done immediately then seek the help of the citizens of Missouri. Ask for help from the groups who support keeping these parks. There are areas and ways where we can all contribute, or dare I say it, an incremental 1/8 cent sales tax or another idea to generate revenue. Happy to brainstorm many ideas. Here is the main concern; If you sell the parks off simply because there is a lack of current resources to develop them, then they are gone forever. Each a gem never to be recovered. Missouri is an amazing state where our state parks and forest's are part of our heritage and our future. Not many states can boast such a heritage. Let us preserve ours!

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Zip Code: 65438

Whatever you plan for this piece of property, should be low impact. I don't think this Bryant Creek property could handle the number of visitors, RVs and amenities that Current River State Park has. I also believe that the attraction of Bryant Creek is its lack of development.

Zip Code: 63125

Yes! Need to add this resource with natural Black Bear population.

Zip Code: 65202

As a native Missourian, a long time biology and geology teacher, and quiet outdoorsman, the protection of the Bryant Creek watershed is of utmost importance. Not only will this park preserve the unique ecology and wildlands of the basin itself, but it strongly complements the mission and purpose of the adjacent Ripee Creek Conservation Area and other nearby Designated Natural Areas. Years ago professional scientists identified the area as ripe for preservation and protection. Certainly that assessment remains valid today, and the urgency to cement the protection of wildlands in Missouri has increased. Missouri's ecological diversity, which directly underpins our great tourism industry, is important to me, my family, and to our great state's conservation heritage. I strongly support the inclusion of Bryant Creek in our State Park System for eternity

Zip Code: 63303

State Parks are a resource for the entire community. They provide much-needed wild spaces for both humans and animals alike. I would like to see this park improved for use.

Zip Code: 65109

Public spaces are important to Missouri. I support keeping this state park.

Zip Code: 65807

This is a unique Missouri property. It could be developed for hiking even if it requires the purchase of a hiking pass for a nominal fee. We will never be able to replace it. It be developed for camping and managed by a concessionaire.

Zip Code:

I SUPPORT RETAINING THIS PROPERTY FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL MISSOURIANS AND VISITORS TO OUR BEAUTIFUL STATE.

Zip Code: 65203

Our Missouri State Parks are a treasure that is essential to our well being and joy, perhaps especially to children. Let's all do our part in keeping them flourishing!

Zip Code: 65201

This park is a valuable addition to the Missouri state park system - please don't sell it. It doesn't need expensive development to be enjoyed by the public.

Zip Code: 65203

This park is a valuable addition to the Missouri state park system - don't sell it. It doesn't need expensive development to be enjoyed by the public.

Zip Code: 63109

The Missouri State Park System has always followed a deliberate, and non-political process for adding important new lands. The Bryant Creek watershed is a very unique Missouri landscape and a stream that is highly prized for quiet floating. In general, this area of Missouri is underrepresented in public land and has been a noticable gap in state park presence. Being able to find such an area and to have acquired it for future public use as a state park is a succes story. Every park facility undergoes conceptual development planning prior to actual development. Depending on funds actual development can take years, and even at opening is not complete. This has always been the case. For now, the qualifying lands are protected and serve as an important placeholder. Selling the land would set a bad precedent for the park system statewide, waste the time and costs already expended, and lose the opportunity in hand. With the information presented that seems unnecessary. For minimal cost the state should care take the valuable green space. Planning and development can await future funding.

Zip Code: 63110

Dear MO State Parks, I live and work in St. Louis and was unable to get to your public meeting about Bryant

Creek State Park. However, I can assure you that my family takes every opportunity to enjoy our wonderful state parks – including multiple-day cabin stays at Montauk and Echo Bluff just this year – and we strongly believe these new parks should remain in our system and be developed for public use, even if just modestly. Missourians absolutely need these treasures for recreation, better health and rural job development. And we absolutely need these treasures as repositories for animals, birds, plants and all the other species on which we depend. In fact, my vote is always for MORE public land in Missouri, not less. Missourians seem to be evolving into a group of people who want to pay as few taxes as possible but still insist on getting “something for nothing” on just about everything. I have the opposite view: I willingly vote for every Parks and Soils tax that comes along and would be happy to pay even more to support MO State Parks, as well as other important functions of state government, because they support and enrich all our lives. Keep up your good work.

Many thanks, [REDACTED]. St.
Louis MO 63110

Zip Code: 65101

Bryant Creek State Park: I have canoed on Bryant Creek, and appreciate the wild and remote character of this stream. I would like minimal development in the state park. A parking lot, a hiking trail, and maybe a canoe access point would be plenty of development.

Zip Code: 64064

I'm a relatively new Missouri resident, but one of the things I have been so impressed by are Missouri's State Parks. Developing more of them, increasing the opportunities for people to get into the outdoors, explore Missouri and it's natural history, and preserve the landscape for future generations to enjoy is a great thing. I fully support spending state resources on developing and preserving these three parks. In addition, this particular park (Nixon) has mature forests, and unique landscape. These pieces of land are hard to come by and are even more important to preserve! Missouri is a big hunting state, and the more land we preserve the more land there is for animals to thrive on. It's an important part of Missouri's heritage. Thank you for soliciting public input!

Zip Code: 65203

Bryant Creek State Park is a wonderful addition to Missouri's park system! I hope that DNR keeps the park and takes time to do a good management plan since it is a pristine area that should be preserved for public enjoyment and protection of natural resources. It is especially valuable to have a park here because it complements the efforts of the Ozark Regional Land

Trust which also owns land in the watershed. I was lucky enough to canoe Bryant Creek years ago when I lived in southern Missouri and hope to do so again. Thank you for your work managing Missouri's priceless parks.

Zip Code:

I would like to see Bryant Creek Park remain as part of the protected Mo Staet Park system for all Missourian to enjoy and benefit from the natural beauty.

Zip Code: 65608

We couldn't make it to the meeting but wanted you to know that I and my family strongly support the Bryant Creek park. Securing the land is the important thing. Minimal development, at least for now, can reduce cost to the taxpayer. They're not making any more like this!

Zip Code: 63116

Please keep this park sacred. Don't listen to the wealthy politicians who want to starve the beast to justify gutting investments in public resources for societal benefit. Please tell Park critics to move to Kansas where tax money goes only to private billionaires. Thanks for all you do.

Zip Code:

he only option is to keep the park a SP. Why should a few people benefit from selling and buying the land when ALL will benefit from enjoying the land recreationally for generations.

Zip Code:

Bryant Creek is a beautiful stream, it needs to be, preserved!!

Zip Code: 63122

Please preserve Bryant State Park. Many citizens have more recently discovered Missouri state parks and they are being heavily utilized. As property values in Missouri rise, it is fiscally responsible to maintain the state park property we have, rather than acquiring more expensive land in the future. We have been, and will continue to be, citizens who often visit our state parks for hiking, camping and floating.

Zip Code: 63367

Once Missouri takes ownership of park land, it should never be "given back" or sold for private or business use. DNR and MDC are all about protecting public resources for current and future generations. If funding is not available at the current time, then we must wait for

future development of the park for public good. During the interval, the acreage should be protected as part of the public trust. Human connection to the natural world and a healthy environment count on this. I am a retired biology faculty member from one of our state universities. I was born in Missouri and remain a Missouri resident. I have spent countless days on my own, with friends, and with students enjoying and continuing to learn about our state public lands. Thanks!

Zip Code: 65010

Please protect as many Parks and MO natural resources that you can. I love MO Parks. Please do not sell them out from under the people of MO.

Zip Code: 63021

I support keeping Bryant Creek in the state park system and putting in the trail, bathroom and road. Missourians love our parks and appreciate keeping wild places in the park system. Thank you

Zip Code: 63130

I really wanted to get more information on these properties in order to do these surveys. I look at the facts and pictures you posted, but there is no information about what you guys want to do with the property. Where are your ideas? Since there is creek frontage are you thinking about canoeing? Primitive canoe campsites? Obviously you will want to use what is currently usable and functional on the property and try to build on the strengths of the accessible features of the land. I see restrooms as being the most expensive but necessary expense on the properties. Not knowing much about sewage and septic systems, I wonder if there are ways to cut costs. Obviously there will be required digging. Is this something that must be done with specialized equipment? Or can people do it? I wonder if there can be some kind of property clearing or developing day similar to stream cleanups organized. Could we mobilize volunteers on a summer weekend to come in and do things like dig, clear brush, build things or spread gravel, paint, etc...? This idea would be applicable for any of the properties that are being developed now and in the future.

Zip Code:

Do not sell the parks

Zip Code:

Keep all of this park in public ownership, and ensure all management and public use activities fit within the mission of MDNR and/or MDC.

Zip Code: 63037

This park area should be a priority to save in pristine condition for future generations

Zip Code: 65203

It is outrageous that state government is considering selling park land. Even if there are no funds available to develop the park at this time, there is no reason to sell the park eliminating any chance to develop the park years or decades from now. Many Dept. of Conservation properties open to the public have only a parking lot and no trails. But even without a parking lot the lands owned by state parks belong to the public. Please do not violate the public trust and sell the park, ruining the landscape for future generations. Try to have a long-term view instead of considering only the short-term. The mission statement of the parks is to protect Missouri's natural resources. Try to do that job.

Zip Code:

I don't think you should sell this park. People can still enjoy it even if there is no funds to create all the amenities that other parks have. All that is needed is a parking lot and trail. If funds are available in the future, then it can be developed. Missouri State Parks should be looking long-term instead of short-term.

Zip Code: 6544

My family visits Missouri state parks on average every other weekend. We are avid hikers and are always looking for new trails. When we visit the parks we are spending money in the local economy. We should be adding more state parks not freezing or reducing them.

Zip Code: 63043

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park! The citizens of Missouri, of which I am one, purchased Bryant Creek State Park to restore and preserve 2,917 acres of native forest alongside Bryant Creek in order to protect vulnerable groundwater resources that feed the creek and local springs, and to provide for public use and enjoyment of the land. Please preserve this precious natural resource! Thanks.

Zip Code: 65201

The natural landscape is a vital component of the state of Missouri. It is one of the best, if not THE best, things about the state. As a transplant from the Chicago suburbs, I will likely stay in Missouri just due to the ample natural spaces and outdoor activities. The state should be finding new ways to increase state park lands - not decrease them. The parks received record-breaking

attendance last year, and almost 80 percent of voters approved an extension of the state's parks, soils and waters tax last year. It is obvious that your constituents want more natural lands. Please work for your people and promote the continued goal of expanding natural lands in Missouri.

Zip Code: 65260

Do not sell this state park.

Zip Code: 65618

I live very close to the Bryant Creek Park. I would like it to remain as part of the park system, but I don't think it needs any significant development. the fact that the land is held by the state, and not a logging company or land developer, adds value to my land and keeps the natural resources intact. I sometimes drive towards west plains, where there is other government land. I may have gotten out and walked it once or twice, but the hundreds of times I have driven past it I always notice and appreciate the preservation of the mature pines there. its very different than neighboring properties and thats how I feel about Bryant Creek. It serves a public purpose and provides benefit, even without investing in pavement, gravel and asphalt. thank you

Zip Code:

Please keep green spaces, especially like the beautiful Ozark countryside that is Bryant Creek, open to the public as protected lands. It seems a good use of settlement dollars (as they ones used for this purchase are set aside for equivalent lands, not the earmarked clean up funds) to allow this area to be enjoyed by all Missourians, as well as other tourists who could visit them. There is no need to set aside a great deal of extra funds to improve the area or set up significant concession operations, but rather let it stay as a relatively undeveloped wild area. We don't have many left.

Zip Code: 63050

What a beautiful area! Please do not sell this land off. Sit on it until you have the funds to open it. This land needs to be preserved!!!!

Zip Code: 63117

I would like to see the Bryant Creek property become a Missouri State Park as was intended when the land was purchased by the state with Superfund money. I know from float trips on Bryant Creek when I was much younger that this is a beautiful area that should rightly be preserved for the people of Missouri to enjoy and for the watershed protection that preservation will provide.

Zip Code:

I am familiar with the Bryant Creek area and strongly oppose closing or sale of parklands including Bryant Creek and Jay Nixon Parks. I can make no comments about Gov. Greitens' policies other than to state my deep disappointment although I cannot claim surprise

Zip Code:

To me, this site looks like it has the resources to be a worthy addition to what is considered by many as one of the finest state park systems in the country. I realize that any development will take time, as happens with most new acquisitions. However, considering the draw that most Ozark parks are to out of state visitors, over time I see this park as a net gain for the state as out of state visitors spend their dollars in Missouri, especially in nearby local communities. Selling these lands for a one time dollar input to the state coffers makes no sense to me when continuous visits over years will bring more tourists & dollars into the state. It should be looked at as an economic asset to the state & to the local area. Planning for public use should begin as soon as possible so the potential of this site can begin to be recognized. Again, I don't favor selling this or other recent park acquisitions so their potential as worthy additions to one of the best state park systems in the country can be realized.

Zip Code:

As a private citizen who frequents Missouri State Parks with my family and friends, I urge you to entertain all options prior to sale of these properties. I appreciate the financial constraints but cannot ignore the natural resources and links to the region's cultural heritage the parks in question (Bryant Creek, Eleven Point, Jay Nixon, and Ozark Mountain) provide. With thoughtful stewardship, these properties offer a unique opportunity to preserve, educate, and enjoy for generations to come. If development of these parks by Missouri State Parks cannot be done at this time, might the best option be to delay? That is instead of selling them or making improvements at this time, leave them as is until financial constraints have been resolved. Thank you for your consideration.

Zip Code: 6488

My wife and I believe that Brant State Park is a gem that needs to remain protected. We have traveled to various natural areas in Europe and North America, including nature trips in Alaska. The Bryant river along highway N is as good as it gets. Please keep this Missouri jewel protected for the enjoyment of everyone.

Zip Code: 63114

Unbelievable that selling off a state park is even considered, what could possibly be the expense in simply leaving it alone, and maybe allowing primitive hunting and hiking with minimal or no development required. There is value in land that is simply just left alone.

Zip Code: 65708

Please keep this area open for Missouri citizens. It's important to protect our natural settings.

Zip Code: 65689

We must keep our parks. The public needs these parks to enjoy and to help us all appreciate the beauty of the area. It is unthinkable that our govt cannot come up with a way to save our parks. Bryant Creek is so close to us. Do not let these parks be sold. This is not okay.

Zip Code: 65101

Dear Sir, I would like to see that Bryant Creek State park would be included in our State Park system. I voted for the State Parks tax. I believe this park would provide a beautiful natural area with little development. Thank you. [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 63125

I respectfully request that the park be allowed to open as another great addition to our wonderful system of state parks. I think the information in the fact sheet as well as public access to the Bryant Creek are good reasons to allow the park to be opened and enjoyed by the citizens of and visitors to our great state. While my wife and I have not been to all the state parks, we have been to a number of those including the new Don Robinson state park which we enjoyed. We also spent our vacation this past summer for a few days at the new Echo Bluff state park and totally enjoyed the lodge and floating in the local river. This park also would make for a wonderful park for those residents living and visiting Ava and the southwest area of our state.

Zip Code:

Please keep this park open.

Zip Code: 64050

Bryant Creek State Park is a valuable asset to the Natural resources that make up the State of Missouri. This park includes Coon Den Bluff and other fine examples of Ozark geology that would be lost if the state sells this property. With populations growing and the ability to provide the citizens of Missouri opportunity to experience its Natural resources it would be near sighted to not find funding to support this property.

Zip Code: 65401

I would like all of the parks under consideration to be opened to the public. People need positive things to do in this state, and the majority of the citizens want more park land. Listen to the people. Support recreational options, which, also provide revenue and jobs!

Zip Code: 65401

I think all of the four parks in question should be opened, as public parks and part of the Missouri state park system. Tourism is a very important industry in this state, and should be supported and expanded by providing places where people can visit and support the local economies. State parks give people a place to go in this state, rather than going to other states to enjoy park activities. Parks are a natural resource, which should be preserved and protected. Establishing and/or maintaining parks is a positive, constructive activity for the government to do, giving people recreational options. It is an opportunity for the state government to invest in the future, which reflects respect and responsibility for the environment. I am a Missouri native, long-time resident, and tax payer. I hope you consider my comments on this issue.

Zip Code: 65717

It seems it would be a big wast if this is kept from the public. It shouldn't be closed but opened for all to enjoy.

Zip Code:

This is a great piece of property. I have talked with a lot of locals, and most all agree that this land would work better as Conservation land, as opposed to Park land. The Missouri Park regulations probably work well in a metropolitan area, but this land is situated in a very rural region where the Park rules make the land essentially worthless. My friends and I would request this land be run as Conservation land. Thank you and God bless

Zip Code: 63077

Limit them to wilderness area's

Zip Code: 65810

Short and sweet since by now I am sure you have heard it all. It's always about the money! Keep this park, make it a semi-wilderness area, unimproved as needed with inexpensive parking and lets go forward. [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 65401

As a democrat leaning voter, Nixon supporter, and an avid Missouri park lover (my spouse and I spend a total

of a month a year in various Missouri state parks)...it pains me to say this, but we simply don't have the funds to start new parks and commit ourselves to the ongoing costs of parks. Especially those that likely do not have enough natural features to attract enough visitors to offset the park costs. After visiting Echo Bluff State Park, I have seen first-hand what throwing money at a remote state park looks like when there simply aren't enough natural features to attract people. It was nearly empty, there was not much to do, the camping is not at all private, and the giant lodge and various landscaping features showed a blatant abuse of funds. Missouri parks should be about nature, outdoor activities, family fun, a simple home away from home. I have also seen firsthand the effects of deferred maintenance and improvements at other state parks in Missouri...aging and non-functional bathrooms and shower facilities, run down park buildings, unkempt trails, etc. It gives those parks a feel of a gross truck stop rest area...not at all how we should represent Missouri to our own residents, let alone to those park visitors from other states. I believe these park plans should be shuttered until funds are made available for the improvement and upkeep of Missouri's other wonderful state parks, most especially the Missouri Rock Island Trail.

Zip Code: 63141

Please do not even consider selling the land of Bryant Creek. It is owned by the people of MO. It is a premier area in MO and should be opened to the public and managed as a wilderness. I have floated the length of Bryant Creek starting at Vera Cruz. It should be forever preserved. There are no more watersheds. Invite the governor to visit if you can find him. Thank you

Zip Code: 65626

Please keep Bryant Creek State Park open. The flood we had in April demonstrates the need to keep the floodplain free from development. Many houses were washed away.

Zip Code: 63020

please keep the park

Zip Code: 63122

In 2016 I visited 9 Missouri state parks. Each was a delight to hike, and we were highly impressed with the staff at each park, as well as their work at maintaining our public lands. Level of use at each park was strong, and I understand from further reading that Missouri parks are well-used and well-loved. I can't imagine why the Missouri Legislature would want to prevent the public from enjoying land already promised for parks, such as Bryant Creek State Park. Please prepare it for

use asap. Missouri residents are looking forward to seeing and experiencing it!

Zip Code: 65041

My wife and I recently moved to Missouri where we purchased a retirement home. We are active outdoors people -- we hike, canoe, and walk our dog several miles per day. We were attracted to Missouri's state park system, its scenic beauty, its magnificent rivers, and its diverse wildlife. We relocated from southeastern Michigan, a state known for its small and large lakes. Missouri's state park system is superior in many ways to Michigan's owing to the built-in tax and dedication to the state's natural wonders by its residents. We urge you to maintain Missouri's generations-old tradition of dedication to and protection of the state's natural resources. Bryant Creek is truly a gift which must be protected and incorporated in Missouri's state park system. If allowed to return to private hands, it may be lost to the public forever.

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Zip Code:

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. I am an early childhood educator and realize how important it is to protect all the natural areas we can for the health and welfare of children now and in the future. Developing a relationship with the natural world is essential to healthy child development. Human beings need high-quality wild nature, not only for our own welfare, but for the survival of many other plant and animal species. Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. THANK YOU!

Zip Code:

I grew up around these parts, and this is apart of my sweet summertime memories. Please leave it open for others to come and make their memories!

Zip Code: 65548

As voters and citizens of this beautiful state we want to voice our opinion about keeping all our state parks. We need to have these special places preserved for now and for all future generations to enjoy. Selling off any of these special places will lead to their destruction. Please preserve our heritage!

Zip Code: 65777

We need these wild places to remind us of the peace and quiet we can find in our lives if we spend more time with nature and less time in shopping malls. This park is not as beautiful as the Jay Nixon Park, but it still has much to offer in the way of wild, undeveloped land and a place to get away from the rush of everyday life. Please! Don't take it -- and what it can become -- away from us.

Zip Code: 63026

Bryant Creek State Park should be retained within the Missouri Park system. If funds become available public access can be improved. There is no immediate need to add gravel roads, parking lots or asphalt trails. Ecological restoration should take priority over new construction. Bryant Creek State Park features rugged, steeply dissected river hills fronting Bryant Creek, a scenic fishing and floating stream. The property is covered in natural forests rich in oaks, pines and native forest species of the southern Ozarks. Moss and fern draped sandstone ledges ring the hillsides and hollows. Shortleaf pine groves cap the ridges, and dolomite bluffs line the stream. Ecological resources include; ~5 miles of perennial/intermittent streams, 1,200 acres maturing forest, with many large old-growth trees, ~1,000 acres of regenerating native pine forest, large native cane break, and abundant wildlife, including black bears. These unique ecological resources should be preserved for current and future generations, not sold for short-term (minimal) financial considerations.

Zip Code: 63077

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code:

This is a lot very primitive area! My scout troop loves to camp in primitive areas and also take float trips. In order to do this, we like to use primitive areas because

pulling a trailer with 12 kayaks across half the state of AR makes other campsites cost prohibitive!

Zip Code:

Please keep this as a state park!

Zip Code:

I am an avid outdoorsman and wish to see each of the three state parks in question, open and accessible to the public. I encourage the state to find funds by either increasing revenue or cutting costs elsewhere.

Zip Code: 65041

I can't stress enough how shortsighted it is to fail to invest in our state park system. These areas that belong to the public will grow more valuable with each passing year. To sell them off for short term gain is not the thinking of one who grasps the changes that are ahead and how they will impact the effort to attract others to our beautiful state, both as tourists and new residents. I sincerely hope the closing of Bryant Creek state park will be reconsidered and the park can soon be added to the long impressive list of wonderful parks to be enjoyed by Missourians and out of state tourists alike. Thank you.

Zip Code:

Please, Please, Please DO NOT sell Bryant Creek State Park. These parks are extremely important open spaces which are getting more rare every day. They are valuable havens of biodiversity and refuges for the human spirit.

Zip Code: 63116

The State of Missouri acquired the Bryant Creek State Park land without MO taxpayers expense. This park would be good for tourism and therefore the local economy and it would increase MO jobs. The loss of tax revenue on the land is minimal. And he increase in tax revenue from tourists (Missourians and Americans from throughout the country and visitors from around the world who are astounded by the beauty of the MO Ozarks. Our State Parks are not for sale!

Zip Code: 63050

I am in favor of preserving this property for public use and access. I understand this property was purchased with the intention of creating a new state park. This park does not have to be developed right away but could be used as a conservation area until developed as a park.

Zip Code:

Bryant Creek State Park should be developed for primitive camping, hiking and floating on Bryant Creek, with the float development under a concession contract, with the concessioner at least partly fronting the money for any expenses associated with a store, restaurant and float livery, including the roads to his or her establishment. I have no idea what arrangements were made for the new lodge at Roaring River, but I understand part of the money there was from the concessioner, in return for less of a state take until he had his expenses paid back. Over all the park should be developed along the lines of Hawn State Park, which repeatedly comes up as one of our best state parks in public opinion polls despite having only a small creek and trails as attractions. Park headquarters, maintenance area, and other visitor services should be concentrated on the already developed Simpson tract. Can any existing buildings be repurposed for the time being? Of the three parcels under public review, this is the only one that I can see making any money for the system. By primitive camping, at least at first, I mean traditional loop camping for cars, tents, and popups, and only a very few (10 or fewer) sites accessible by towed or driven 25 foot RVs. This park should cater to young families with kids...a lately underserved park demographic. Is part of this suitable for a wilderness backpack loop, of the sort that could be built by volunteers and scouts? This park should not over developed beyond the level of Hawn as of 2017.

Zip Code: 63116

Southern Missouri has perhaps the best collection of Class II and Class III white-water rivers in the country, including the Current, Jacks Fork, Eleven Point, and North Fork Rivers. Let us build on that heritage to entice even more tourists [in-state and out-of-state] to our beautiful rivers for floating and fishing. Increased activity will enhance the economies of these rural Missouri counties. Bryant Creek is a beautiful tributary of the protected North Forks River. Protecting Bryant Creek does not only provide more miles for fishing and canoeing but it will further protect the North Fork from threats of pollution or environmental degradation. What an opportunity! Extend our river system AND protect our current system! I hope that our state is not so desperate to require the selling of treasured assets for a short-term improvement of our budget. Instead, USE our assets to grow the economy, thus providing more JOBS. If the state economy does grow as projected, hold these new assets and there will be funding to develop them one by one. Selling them now would only prove the weakness of our economy .

Zip Code: 72651-9253

Nearly one year ago, I attended, along with many others, the "opening" of Bryant Creek State Park and went on a great orientation hike with a member of State Parks realty staff who was instrumental in the acquisition of the park land. I was struck by the beauty of the area and its great potential for future public use. As a retired natural resource management professional (I hold a MS in Park Resources Management), I know development of parks is a long-term investment and requires long-range planning, and the first step in that process is to identify those resources that are exceptional, and available; Bryant Creek meets both of those criteria. Your own fact sheet documents the extraordinary resources found there - terrestrial, aquatic, and vegetative. Missourians have long and overwhelming supported the Parks, Soils, and Water Sales Tax, which your website acknowledges, and I believe they overwhelmingly support Bryant Creek State Park. The costs of development of primitive park facilities are minor in comparison to the benefits of having these resources in public ownership, and many of those tasks identified (trail construction, resource stewardship activities, etc) could be accomplished at a much lower cost through the use of volunteers; I am more than willing to donate my time and experience, please let me know who to contact. Thank you for your consideration.

Zip Code: 63119

Bryant Creek SP is a large, wild, and beautiful resource, in a part of the state where it is most important to preserve a sufficient amount of wild land for the natural habitats and wildlife it contains. It was a far-sighted acquisition. If funds for maintenance and upkeep of all parks are limited now, that is a short-term issue that suggests low development of Bryant Creek for the time being, perhaps just an access point and a hiking trail or two. But whatever the short-term issues, it is of highest importance to preserve this parkland for the people of Missouri and for our out-of-state visitors—all of whom will spend money and contribute to the local economy. We have one of the premier state park systems in the United States, with majority support in every county in the state in the recent tax reauthorization. This land must be retained as a park. Do not sell it!

Zip Code: 63112

Bryant Creek State Park protects a pristine Ozark watershed. Do not degrade, destroy or sell off this precious natural resource.

Zip Code: 63385

Please consider this. We are seeing an overabundance of angry & frustrated people in the St Louis region. It appears that more of us are lashing out at authorities. Tensions are high all over the country & beyond. Our

people use OUR parks as a sedative. In fact, many do not use opiates, drugs & alcohol to relieve their tensions, their mental instability, & their anxiety about the future. They use their parks, the quietude, the seclusion, the sensibility, & the beauty to calm themselves, to remind & restore their attitudes and demeanor with this type of recreation. Please. We are begging. Please leave our parks as is. Please do not invade them with cement & steel, noisy vehicles, & pollution. There are a million other places more appropriate for business, industry and subdivisions. Our parks are precious and to many sacred places. Could we just have our parks to ourselves? Please consider our needs, our basic human needs for living as sensibly as possible. Our hospitals & mental institutions are overburdened. Corporations cannot keep up with the depth of our very human needs. Keeping parks as parks is a good long term investment for everyone. Please consider this. America first and the American people first.

Zip Code:

The State Parks were created and funded for everyone to enjoy and use. They are not to be sold off at the whim of one politician. Once sold, we cannot get it back. Not a wise move governor, if you want to be re-elected.

Zip Code: 64870

Reopen Bryant State Park! Please do not choose greed over letting Missouri families enjoy the natural beauty of our State Parks!!!! Perhaps we could have the park run on a skeleton crew with volunteers, but to sell this land off is a crime— once it is gone, it is truly gone for all of us.

Zip Code: 65023

Who in the private sector would add new facilities with their associated costs when your existing facilities require \$200 in deferred work and upgrades? Nope, only the government would consider such a foolish move. Sell this park land and do not develop or give it to the Dept. of Conservation.

Zip Code: 65711

I do NOT support selling the Bryant Creek Park! ! ! Please save something for future generations that has not been exploited either by private development or destroyed by mining or fracking!

Zip Code: 65804

Don't sell Missouri parks..they are an asset that belongs to the citizens of the state. The parks need to be maintained as a way to preserve little bits of Missouri natural history for our children and grandchildren. If we

allow them to be sold we will lose a part of our heritage that we can never recover.

Zip Code: 65655

I am concerned about the level of development that a park might bring. I would like to see no or little development for the park. I would like to see the byrant and land surrounding it remain in as untouched as possible. The concern lies in disruption of the ecosystem and bringing in people who are here for other reasons that visiting a "Wild" space.

Zip Code: 63301

We just wrote about Nixon State Park. And now we learn the governor wants to get rid of Bryant Creek State Park. We value our state parks and want the governor to keep them, not destroy our wonderful state park system.

Zip Code: 63139

My basic message is that you should not sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. This is a critical area for wildlife and for human recreation and it needs to be preserved.

Zip Code:

Congratulations to whomever made the decision to acquire this property. The natural features within its borders sound incredible. Preserving these natural features and making them available for all to enjoy will increase the attractiveness of the entire region. Furthermore, it will enhance the investments the state of Missouri has made in nearby properties by enhancing connectivity for wildlife, maintaining water quality of some of Missouri's best streams, and providing more opportunities for Missourian's to enjoy the mosaic of habitats that would be available to them. I appreciate the opportunity to provide comment and look forward to the day I can go visit this treasure.

Zip Code:

Keep Bryant Creek State Park open and owned by the citizens of Missouri.

Zip Code: 65203

Bryant Creek is said to have beautiful overlooks and a remnant pine forest that could be restored. Restoration of the pine forest could show Missourians and tourists what this area looked like before settlement. This could be opened for public use for primitive hiking and basic parking and improved as time and budget allows by the resourceful and award-winning State Parks staff. I hope

to visit and use the park soon after it is open to the public

Zip Code: 63552

I am not sure what options are open to us as far as real solutions. Removing the GOP as the majority party and specifically Greitens as governor is the real answer. I feel so helpless in this crazy GOP world.

Zip Code: 63025

I think Missouri's park system is a public treasure and oppose any initiative to reduce their numbers or size. Creating new parks is extremely difficult and will become increasingly so as development marches on. I believe it is critically important to preserve these special lands for the prosperity of our children and theirs.

Zip Code: 65101

Missouri has many beautiful places that need to be preserved. As a Colorado native, please do not let what has happened to all the beautiful places there, happen here in Missouri, in the name of adding too many people, too many homes, and too much development, just for a short term financial gain!

Zip Code: 64015

I think the Bryant Creek State Park should be preserved, both for its natural beauty and the protection it affords to streams and groundwater.

Zip Code: 63385

We, I and my family, don't think a handful of politicians should be able to take public lands away from us. We don't have enough land set aside for protection from commercial uses. These places belong to everybody and we need to keep them for natural habitats and hiking etc.

Zip Code: 64127

please do not sell this park

Zip Code: 63131

The park land should remain in public ownership under DNR's jurisdiction. Missouri has a long history of protecting lands over which it has been given responsibility, seldom if ever selling-off lands it has acquired.

Zip Code: 64054

i was taught that our land is most precious. We need to protect our lands as much as possible. My dad's family were farmers in Arkansas and land was very precious to them.

Zip Code: 65301

Please retain Bryant Creek State Park and all other state parks as resources for the people of Missouri. Keep them open, and promote them. It benefits us all if we have healthy and happy state residents who enjoy the outdoors.

Zip Code: 63385

Please protect the new Bryant Creek State Park. I encourage you to NOT sell the land. It is one of Missouri's most pristine watersheds and we have precious few of those. Thanks! [REDACTED]
Wentzville, MO

Zip Code: 63026

Please consider opening Bryant Creek State Park to the public. My family enjoys all of the State Parks. We often hike and camp at the wonderful parks in Missouri, and we look forward to seeing new ones. We visit Don Robinson State Park frequently, and have attended the Missouri First Hikes each year – as we plan on attending this year at Babler State Park. Since the new state parks were acquired with the plan to do minimal development, the cost to the State should be modest. On the other hand, the benefits to Missouri would be substantial. State Parks are good for the local economy. Our state parks had 18 million visitors in 2016, ourselves included, a new record. Those visitors patronize local businesses for food, gasoline, rental canoes, and hotel rooms. That means more local jobs as well as more local tax revenue. Missouri State Parks do not charge an entrance fee, so low and moderate income Missourians have access to affordable outdoor recreation in our community. Accessible outdoor recreation means improved health for our children and families. In November 2016, Missourians voted to renew the sales tax for state parks and soil conservation. A majority of voters in every single County in our state voted yes for parks. We shared the joy with many rangers throughout the state when we stopped in the visitors centers. We hope you will take into consideration our comments, and allow for families like ours to enjoy Bryant Creek State Park.

Zip Code: 64030

Leave our state parks alone! I went to Colorado this summer & got a deeper appreciation for nature! In Missouri, I have camped & floated down the Current river. Constituents need the state parks to relax after working so hard. Governor you need to stop selling our park lands.

Zip Code: 63017

Dear Governor Greitins, Please save our Missouri State Parks!!! We need these parks for future Generations. Don't follow what President Trump Is doing with our national parks!! Please listen to your constituents! Thank you. [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 63366

Zip Code: 65020

Please don't sell off Bryant Creek. There is plenty of other places that developers can build on. Keep the park for everyone to enjoy.

Zip Code:

The citizens of Missouri deserve to be able to visit and appreciate their jointly owned state parks, all of them.

Zip Code: 63376

Park is for recreation.

Zip Code:

Zip Code: 63116

Turn it over to the MDC. We need more public hunting and fishing ground.

Zip Code: 34202

Our State Parks are not for sale! Bryant Creek is one of the most pristine Ozark watersheds in our state. I travelled to Missouri to visit this park and found you cannot visit the new Bryant Creek State Park. Governor Eric Greitens has closed the park to the public. Now he is considering selling off this beautiful wilderness area. This is outrageous and the sale of our parks must stop...this park belongs to the people not to any particular entity....

Zip Code: 64077

please open byrant creek to the public.

Zip Code: 63116

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 63139

Zip Code:

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park with its important watershed. We need to think about the long-term

benefits such as watersheds rather than short-term economic benefits.

Zip Code: 63122

Keep all the Parks

Zip Code: 65565

One of our retirement goals is to visit every state park in Missouri. How sad to think that this special area is no longer accessible to the thousands of other people like us who so enjoy being outside in our wonderful state parks. State parks are a place that no matter your age, disability, or income level, everyone enters on the same playing field and can enjoy their programs and beauty. Please work with whatever agencies are necessary to keep them ALL open and accessible for this and future generations.

Zip Code: 64082

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 63301

I would never consider giving up state park land developed or not.

Zip Code: 63116

Missouri is known for its State Park systems and was once declared one of the type states to hike in. These parks help out local communities. Quit making our States Park part of this "these were from the other party" mentality. Some people donate monies and their lands to State Parks. It is unheard of politicians trying to undo State Parks until this recent move against them political climate.

Zip Code: 64034

Our state parks should DEFINITELY NOT BE FOR SALE.

Zip Code: 64119

Good afternoon, Thank you for opening this up as I was not able to visit any of the meetings. Sounds like a great site where you could fish, allow small craft boats down the creek, Hike/bike, have a picnic or just visit and take in the Ozark sights. Glad that the areas around are possibly considered for conservation. This is a really beautiful place. Glad to see it presented to be maintained by the Missouri State Park system. Thank you for allowing the public to comment and I appreciate all the MO state parks. -2005/2006 Passport and

2016/2017 Centennial Passport fan -2007 Trail of the Month fan

Zip Code: 63366

Please don't sell this beautiful wilderness area! We don't have enough wilderness areas in this state to satisfy our burgeoning population. Bryant Creek State Park protects a pristine Ozark watershed which is especially valuable.

Zip Code: 63303

The Missouri Park System should retain the Bryant Creek State Park property. These tracts of land protect the steep watershed that feed the groundwater and springs of Bryant Creek, along with a beautiful stretch of the Creek itself and its bluffs. Bryant Creek is an important resource for clean water entering into the North Fork River. This area contains high quality canebrake, which is nesting habitat for the very rare Swainson's Warbler (in which my family has taken bird watching trips just to see this unique bird), springs, and well developed riparian forest of shortleaf pine/oak woodland with a rich native understory. This area also contains forest that was logged and burned during a wildfire caused by drought. This plot will be a great learning experience for scientists and the general public to see how the pine/woodland restores itself. Natural areas like these are a tourist draw adding to the economic and tax base of the local communities.

Natural resource management and restoration should begin in 2018, with a long term plan determined with public input. Missouri State Parks should add to Bryant Creek's infrastructure over time in stages as funding and staff become available. Low cost infrastructure like gravel parking lots and primitive trails should be created soon to at least allow some public access to this public area. The Missouri Park System has never in its 100 years sold property, and any sale revenue would never benefit the residents of the whole state of Missouri as this property does. With the overwhelming renewal of the State Parks, Soils, and Water Sales Tax last fall, the people of Missouri approve of their parks. Please retain and begin maintaining Bryant Creek State Park allowing it to be "open" to the public. Thank you!

Zip Code: 63110

Please allow the residents of Missouri to continue to use this land for recreation and relaxation. Our state parks are part of what makes the state of Missouri so great.

Zip Code: 63109

I would like to see more hiking opportunities near Branson. Please don't let this become a gulf course!

Zip Code: 64024

The new state parks add to our already wonderful system. Each one has an unique presence that is needed to maintain a state park system that meets all needs and protects valuable natural resources.

Zip Code:

Leave the state parks alone!! Open the parks to everyone!

Zip Code: 64014

We must preserve our state parks. It has been proven that green space has long been proven to has psychological benefits and physical benefits. Missouri has an excellent history of park perservation and wonderful hunting and fishing and recreation in our state parks. Profits cannot and must not come before people. Sincerely, [REDACTED] MSN, RN

Zip Code: 64114

Please do not sell Bryant Creek State Park. We need this park as part of the overall "greenness" of Missouri. We have the reputation of being a wonderful state for conservation and recreation...please don't change that.

Zip Code: 63105

Zip Code: 63664

Bryant Creek park is a unique ecosystem and needs protection. Do not sell this land.

Zip Code: 63367

As someone who loves being outdoors and believes in our park system and all it offers to a broad array of people, I am discouraged at the governors move to close and possibly sell off park land. Not why I voted for him!!! On this issue he would lose me. Protecting fragile land within our park system protects water quality, air quality and quality of life.

Zip Code: 63105

Please preserve Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozarks river watershed. Preserving natural places is critical to the life of our planet, and to our health.

Zip Code: 64109

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 65402

Please do not sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 64130

The park system is for the use of the citizens and our wildlife, NOT to be sold off to the highest bidder for "resource utilization". Once they're destroyed by industry, our parks and wilderness areas are gone forever. Strip mines and fracked aquifers are deadly to life.

Zip Code: 65781

We need public lands. We need wild places to roam. Please do not sell off parks. There is no reason to do so.

Zip Code:

Do not sell Bryant Creek State Park. Reopen it for the public. I come from a long line of Republicans on both sides of my family, and Gov. Greitens is no Republican. This is FASCIST [REDACTED]. Don't you dare sell off land that MY tax dollars have paid for. I'm a capitalist, and if I spend money on something, I want something in return. Keep the park open for all Missouri residents, who have paid for it with their hard-earned tax dollars.

Zip Code: 63390

Don't sell any of our conservation land. We need to conserve all the land we can for Generations to come.

Zip Code: 64151

Missouri Parks belong to all of us. Do not sell.

Zip Code: 64454

Please do not sell off Bryant Creek State Park, or any others. This would be a very bad precedent. As a life long Missouri resident, I am extremely proud of our state park system. Don't start the process of destroying what has taken so many decades to build.

Zip Code: 65672

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Zip Code:

Please do not sell the Bryant Creek Park. It protects Ozark Watersheds and is important to the people of the area. Please think of our environment.

Zip Code: 64055

Do not sell Bryant Creek state park

Zip Code: 65018

Missouri State Parks belong to the people, not to governors or any other politician who wants the favors of businessmen who want to profit from our few remaining areas of pristine environment. Our people need these areas to stay emotionally attached to the earth and proof of benevolent, loving deity. If you destroy these parks, you will destroy a very important part of our humanity.

Zip Code: 64735

Sale of ANY park land is NOT ACCEPTABLE!

Zip Code: 63119

Please do not sell Bryant Creek Park. Missouri needs more wilderness, not less. Thank you.

Zip Code: 64081

Zip Code: 64801

The State Parks are very important to me. My family enjoys hiking, camping, and fishing in our parks. We have many happy memories of wonderful visits. I wish our governor would expand our state park system! We need more rangers and naturalists to help everyone learn about the parks when they visit. These wonderful people also go to our schools and teach the children about the amazing things that exist in nature. They teach about the importance of caring for and preserving our parks - and our world. Perhaps the governor could attend some of these programs and learn also! Protecting Bryant Creek park is especially important as it protects one of the most pristine watersheds in the Ozarks.

Zip Code: 64110

Leave it alone!

Zip Code: 63112

The parks in Missouri belong to all Missourians and should NEVER be sold off to any public or private person, "enterprise" or entity, EVER. If the legislature and the Governor were doing their jobs diligently and correctly, selling off public property OF ANY KIND would be unnecessary!

Zip Code: 63143

I support Missouri State Parks and do not want them sold off or developed. I would pay more taxes to keep them from being removed from public use. I would like public lands to stay public and out of reach of any developers. The simpler and wilder the better.

Zip Code: 63111

I don't favor any action that would endanger out public heritage.

Zip Code: 65049

Zip Code: 65203

I've had more than enough from the tyrant Greitens! How dare he sell off this beautiful area. All the Repugs think about is money. They are enraging. I love brautiful Bryant Creek and have spent many happy hours there with family as a child. We must drive Dictator Greitens from office. Nearly every other day something awful appears in the news that he has done! He must go!!!

Zip Code:

Zip Code: 64086

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. These parks belong to the people of the state of Missouri, not the highest bidder.

Zip Code:

Zip Code: 64151

Please preserve this important state treasure.

Zip Code: 63020

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 63074-1043

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code:

Zip Code: 65807

It is important to keep these State parks open and undeveloped. Does every last acre of land in Missouri need to be ruined by development? NO.

Zip Code: 63376

Please do not allow the sale of any parks to decrease the inventory available to all of us. It would be like selling our birthright or something. I don't particularly care if the governor likes the concept of parks, or if my Missouri neighbors hate parks. Once we have a park available to all of us, we need to keep it available.

Especially if it is a less developed type of park. What, are there too many state parks preserving Missouri or something? It really is that simple an issue. Please don't sell out for money. Things are not that dire. State parks are very simply some of the best things that Missouri has! The state does not have much revenue treasure, but it does have natural treasures. So I support the creation of more parks, and I categorically oppose selling rare jewels for bucks. Please don't cash in or sell out!!

Zip Code: 64078

Zip Code: 64055

Please don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. Our parks and wild places are precious to me. I'm proud that my tax dollars help to support state and national parks. My father always told me, "you don't plant an oak tree for yourself, you plant it for future generations." Protecting our parks and our environment may improve our quality of life and make us feel good, but the real benefit falls to future generations, and that's an important legacy to protect.

Zip Code: 63755

Not for sale!

Zip Code: 63126

Please leave Bryant Creek alone, Governor Greitens. Missourians love their public lands, and its parks are a wonderful thing Missouri is know for.

Zip Code:

No sale of state park land!

Zip Code: 63031

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. Natural places such as parks should be protected and made available for everyone to explore and enjoy.

Zip Code:

Greitens is a thief. He stole from a charity he created to help veterans but chose to help himself instead. His mission continues. Now he is trying to steal our parks. the park system should support grass root systems to rid ourselves of the thieves who currently occupy our state and federal administrations

Zip Code: 65049

Zip Code: 63304

Parks are forever unless they are taken away by self serving elected officials

Zip Code: 63111

Please leave our Missouri State Parks areas alone. It is not right for the Governor to sell off any properties that are supposed to be used by the citizens. This sounds like there is something illegal going on. Does the Governor have friends he's trying to sell the land to? I've personally used the areas around Bryant Creek State Park for fishing and hiking. It is a very beautiful and natural area that should be left to the people of Missouri not some crony friend of a politician. I would like to be notified if any of this goes forward from this point. I want to stay informed if the Governor decides to do something unlawful against Missouri.

Zip Code: 63144

Please don't sell Bryant Creek State Park. Our state's park system is one of our most valued resources for both state residents and the tourists who visit our state. It protects a pristine Ozark watershed and needs to be maintained as a park for Missourians to enjoy. The long-term value of this asset far exceeds any short-term gain that might be obtained. Again, don't sell Bryant Creek State Park. Thank you.

Zip Code:

Do not sell any Missouri state park properties! You'll just have to 'budget cut' somewhere else!

Zip Code: 64114

We NEVER have the opportunity a second time to preserve parklands. Gone is GONE. As a child, I spent many happy hours exploring in the woods very near our house. What a great way to begin to be a scientist.

Zip Code: 63105

Please don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. It is wrong thing to do. We must protect our natural resources in this state for now and for future generations.

Zip Code: 65101

The state parks belong to all Missourians. 80% of us voted to pay a tax for parks, so please keep Bryant Creek and the other 3 which may be up for sale. I spend a good deal of time outdoors hiking fishing and camping. State parks are the best option for me, because like most residents, I do not own land. In fact fewer and fewer of us have access to private land so public parks are all the more valuable. Again, I urge you to keep Bryant Creek as a public park.

Zip Code:

Zip Code: 63112

Missouri has a great reputation for the quality of our state parks. They brings visitors into our state who generate sales and tax dollars. They draw our citizens into nature which has a restorative affect on our society beyond mere recreation. We should be investing more money in our parks, not less. Thank you.

Zip Code: 64081

Please protect Bryant Creek and don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 65074

I don't know what you need to do but I think it is wrong to close the park and it definitely should not be allowed to be sold. Please consider any options that would save the park from being sold and opened back up to the people.

Zip Code: 65203

Please keep all of our state parks for public use and pristine. Do not mimik President's Trump's bad behavior.

Zip Code: 63304

Please do not sell Bryant Creek State Park. Keep it for public use and enjoyment. Thank you.

Zip Code: 64093

Bryant Creek State Park needs to remain owned by MDNR as a state park without commercial mining or other extractive activities. These few remaining natural resources are our children's inheritance and our legacy! A country without intact wild lands is not habitable. Please do not sell this park, or any other for that matter. Missourians value their wild, natural places and it protects our water, air, soil, and critters.

Zip Code: 65043

We need to keep our parks intact. It would be beneficial to have at least a rough hiking trail available to the public.

Zip Code: 64113

Protect the Byrant Creek State Park. It belongs to the citizens of Mo.!

Zip Code: 64424

Our State Parks are not for sale! Bryant Creek is one of the most pristine Ozark watersheds in our state.

Closing the park to the public is shameful on your part and to sell it should be forbidden by you or any entity unless it has been deemed hazardous. Protect the new Bryant Creek State Park. Don't sell our public parks. Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. This area is where my family roots are. A place I want my children and their children to know. Missouri Parks belong to all of us, including our children and grandchildren. My family should be given many natural places to visit, explore besides the concrete jungles we live in and surrounded by.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 63124

To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to urge Gov. Eric Greitens to open and not sell the Bryant Creek State Park as it protects a pristine Ozark watershed. Thank you, [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 65023

I have floated many of the rivers in the Mark Twain National Forest including Bryant Creek. These rivers, from the Meramac and Current to the Big Piney and almost everything between. These rivers are a treasure and provide that needed peace and beauty that we need in between our hectic lives. The idea of Greitens either selling this river or keeping it closed for development is one of the most egregious attacks upon our natural resources that provide jobs for those who build businesses providing canoes and other services for those who regularly enjoy the rest and relaxation and fishing available to Missouri's citizens. The idea of closing this river as Greitens has and the possibility of selling this river is an insult to those thousands who recognize the value of these rivers. To do so is also an abomination and just further proves that Greitens like Trump has no appreciation of the real value of these economic and natural assets of our state. DON'T DO IT.

Zip Code: 63563

Zip Code: 65637

Please preserve Bryant State Park for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Thank You.

Zip Code: 65463

We need to protect all land that is not already destroyed ! We should cherish what land we have left !

Zip Code: 63052

Please do NOT sell this property. Some of my favorite childhood memories revolve around Missouri State Parks. Keep the parks to make more memories.

Zip Code: 65804

Please don't sell Bryant Creek State Park and consider reopening soon. The protection it provides to that watershed and subsequently the North Fork is paramount in our ability to continue to preserve our natural wonders and beauty so my kids can have the same experiences I currently enjoy. Thank you for your time.

Zip Code:

Zip Code: 63401

When they were created, a number of states designated themselves as commonwealths. This designation expresses the philosophy that, when we organize governments, they should protect areas that are of value and reserve them for the use and enjoyment of all of us. Our state parks and wilderness areas most definitely belong in that protected category. We should all be free to visit them and enjoy them in ways that are not destructive to their ecologies.

Zip Code: 63117

Do not sell it or develop ...I voted for you!

Zip Code: 64506

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. It needs to be there for all Missouri citizens, including those not yet born!

Zip Code: 65449

Bryant Creek State Park is public land and therefore belongs to all of us. It is in a pristine portion of the Ozarks and deserves to be protected for a number of reasons. Here are a few of the most important: 1. Karst topography, springs, losing streams, pristine water quality, all of which can so easily be polluted by human activities once the area is unprotected. 2. These natural features lend themselves to great fish habitat based on pure water quality and cold temperatures provided by the springs in the area. Pollute this and the water quality goes down. Harvest the timber and the stream temperatures go up. Both of these things reduce water quality and degrade fish habitat, which will create problems for the species mix here and will allow invader species to come in. Not good for the area or the current species. 3. Incredible geology in this area. Unique and a wonderful opportunity to visit and learn about. 4. Wonderful mix of vegetation that will develop over time. You are lucky to still have a block of mature

timber---hang on to that. 5. Great trail opportunities for a variety of trail users from hikers, strollers, horseback riders, or mountain bikers. 6. Trickle-down economic income from tourist dollars for nearby communities could be a valuable income, as well as part-time jobs for park-keepers. Here are my thoughts for options on the park: If it comes down to closing it instead of having it open full-time, there are some in-between options. Consider a one-room vault toilet instead of a two-room; it could be expanded later. Or look into a composting toilet instead of vault toilet. We used them successfully at Mount St. Helens at Forest Service facilities. Instead of the expensive gravel road option---until the funding can be found for that perhaps you could have a partial year opening during the dry season and just have a dirt road. Although the asphalt trail would be great and accessible by all, perhaps you could go with a dirt trail at first, then gravel until funding could be found. As far as stewardship, volunteers can and will do a lot for a park. I developed a major Volunteer Program out of nothing and went from one volunteer to over a hundred in just a few years. These folks were invested in the area, cared about their patch of earth, and showed up not only for their shift but for their contribution to a better future for their grandchildren. It is possible to do more with less. I know because I've done it---it just takes determination and ingenuity. This is so worth it to save this park. It is a little piece of heaven in this neck of the woods. Please fight hard to save it. Good luck. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Retired USDA Forest Service Professional Forester Interdisciplinary Team Leader Environmental Assessment Writer [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And many other hats....

Zip Code: 65233

Please don't sell it or allow it to be used for commercial purposes. It protects a very clean watershed making it more important than just its beauty

Zip Code: 65773

I live about 8 miles from the Park our neighborhood had already starting planning a big walking club, along with wildlife and nature walks learning about all the native trees and plants. We were very disappointed that we may not have a parks. Please we live in a rural area 20-30 miles from town, Having this park so close was like a dream come true.

Zip Code: 64089

Zip Code:

Please do not shut down Bryant Creek State Park which feeds the Ozark Waterways. As a matter of fact, don't

shut down ANY public lands. They belong to the people and future generations, not corporations. Thanks.

Zip Code: 63043

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 63636

its public land for all of the kids , kids ,kids and so on

Zip Code: 63670

We don't need fewer state parks, we need more! Our population is not shrinking, it's growing. Families need access to wildlife, hiking trails and the education/freedom/sensory immersion that outdoor environments provide.

Zip Code: 65791

Leave our State Parks alone they are not yours to sell.

Zip Code:

Keep Bryant Creek State Park but keep it minimally developed. This way the resource will be protected AND there will be minimum maintenance cost. Do not sell the park. This land, along one of Missouri's most pristine streams, should be protected for future generations. Thank you!

Zip Code: 64850

I am opposed to the sale of Bryant Creek State Park. We need MORE parks, not fewer.

Zip Code: 63383

Gov I voted for you to save these wonderful places . Not to sell them. I have hunted,camped and fished In this area. It is truly a beautiful place for Missourian's, why are you doing this to us? .

Zip Code: 64055

Graduate students seek grants to do field work and apply science to an application. University of Missouri should be given the opportunity to upgrade and improve Missouri State Parks, and also provide much needed analysis of water quality, soil ecology conditions, species population survey and monitoring changes in natural eco-systems through direct field work. Even private corporations make grants to study natural environment issues that enhance what can finance graduate student projects. Once we destroy a natural resource, really it is gone and it would take a very long time and much more expense to restore it. We so often take for granted what we have and it is not wise.

Especially as we know population climb and resource depletion mean few places of a more pure natural resource quality remain. Surely there is a way. We may not even know how many ways young scientific minds might deploy solutions in new university projects.

Zip Code: 63376

I'm a proud Missourian dedicated to our parks and the people who support our parks. We need to protect them and create more for wildlife and future generations.

Zip Code: 63112

I support keeping and minimally developing this land as a state park for the people, and for the resources and habitat it protects. It is very important to set aside land for this reason. I am a bird watcher, and value places where I can see birds and where birds can stop during migration or as part of their life cycle. We are losing these areas and need to hold onto what we can. Thank you!

Zip Code: 64064

I was once an avid canoeist in my youth, still get out a few times a year. I've floated most rivers, large & small, in Missouri but Bryant Creek was always one of my favorites. It was where I knew that my then girlfriend, now my wife of 40 years, was the best float partner i could ever have. She could read water like nobody else. Please save this park for the future couples who will have the same experience!

Zip Code: 65742

Zip Code: 65453-8199

Parks are for People not developers or private entities.

Zip Code: 63751

Our State Parks are one of our most precious assets. They are esthetically beneficial, spiritually uplifting, and they pay off economically. They are not for sale. They are not even for leasing if they might be desecrated by the leasors. God bless you with wisdom and courage to stand up for what is good and right.

Zip Code: 63114

Do not sell! We need all the wilderness areas intact.

Zip Code: 64133

I would like to see the Bryant Creek State Park reopened, and expanded if possible. I do not believe the Governor has the power to unilaterally close it and sell the land, as the court settlement that provided the funds

for the purchase of the park limited the use of those lands to natural resource and protection of other lands from future pollution. Selling this land off for private development would violate these provisions, and could open the state to a very lawsuit, and would make no sense from a responsible fiscal management perspective.

Zip Code: 64098

Zip Code: 63501

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code:

Zip Code: 63128

Even if you don't have the money to maintain these parks, PLEASE hold on to them for the future, when Missouri can afford to "man" them. I can't tell how many times I have seen land sold and later on, the land was needed. Missouri should be able to hold on to these parks, can't we?

Zip Code: 63130

Please do the right thing. Land like this, once sold, is gone forever. Please leave it alone.

Zip Code: 63131

Zip Code: 63060

Please preserve the Bryant Creek State Park. Missouri's State Parks are important to us all, even to those who do not live here for the ability to explore and recharge in natural settings. Bryant Creek is an especially good example of natural, unspoiled surroundings. Please save and preserve and reopen this lovely area. Sincerely,

██████████ Missouri Resident

Zip Code: 63125

It is urgent that all MISSOURI (and national) park land be free and open to the public. Do not under any circumstance sell or close ANY public park land which would be construed as a criminal act against the public.

Zip Code: 64110

Bryant Creek State Park is public property and part of our historic posterity. Open it and preserve it.

Zip Code: 64157

As one of the 1.3 million supporters of National Parks Conservation Association, I respectfully submit my comments in response to the National Park Service's proposal to increase entrance fees at 17 national parks to address the maintenance backlog. I do not support this drastic proposed fee increase. During the peak season at each of the 17 parks, the proposed entrance fee would be \$70 per private, non-commercial vehicle, \$50 per motorcycle and \$30 per person on bike or foot. The National Park Service should not increase fees to such a degree. This increase would make these places -- protected for all Americans to experience -- unaffordable for many American families to visit. The solution to the parks' repair needs should fall to Congress, and cannot and should not be shouldered by its visitors. There is a bill, the National Park Service Legacy Act, pending in Congress that addresses the National Park Service maintenance backlog and it deserves the Department of the Interior's support. This bipartisan legislation would provide a more substantial -- and sustainable -- investment in our parks. Additionally, proposed fee increases at each park should be evaluated at the local level with abundant opportunity for public input to determine the proposed uses of fee increases. Potential impacts on park visitation and gateway communities should also be examined. If done appropriately, fees could be a part of the solution to address the \$11.3 billion National Park Service backlog. However, given the scale of the backlog, increasing fees alone cannot be the answer to this enormous challenge. Thank you for considering my comments.

Zip Code: 65202

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. Doing so would be a waste of time and the Superfund money already invested to purchase it.

Zip Code: 63122

Please keep Bryant Creek park available to the public. We need these wonderful wilderness resources.

Zip Code: 63130

Our parks are invaluable resources. They are a national tourist attraction and purify our air and water. Preserve and protect these fast disappearing wild lands

Zip Code: 65251

After many float trips on Bryant Creek and many hikes throughout Bryant Creek state park I am in total disbelief that serious consideration is being given to disbanding this beautiful resource as a state park and opening up this pristine area to development and mining interests. The same thoughts apply to governor Greiten's

and our Republican legislature's attempts to privatize and open the other proposed state parks to development. These areas should be considered state treasures for ALL Missourians and not low hanging fruit for a handful of greedy bureaucrats. Shame on Greitens and his Republican lackeys.

Zip Code: 65616

Please do not close Missouri State Parks!!!

Zip Code: 63139

Please help protect our state parks! I am especially displeased with the attempt to close and eventually sell Bryant Creek State Park. Our state parks are such an important public trust. I want them to be there for my grandchildren.

Zip Code: 63117

Do not sell any State Park land.

Zip Code: 63901

Keep our parks! The benefits are numerous

Zip Code: 63125

Keep our Parks! Send Greitens back to his hole!

Zip Code: 64152

I urge the state not to sell the park, but to continue ownership and if there are currently insufficient funds to complete primitive development, then maintain ownership until such time monies are available.

Zip Code:

American veterans fought and died to preserve America the Beautiful, including the wonderful legacy of Missouri's amazing state parks. Why has Eric Greitens made it his "continuing mission" to destroy all those things that Missouri veterans hold sacred. Please protect all of our state parks from this special-interest-owned political hack. Destroying Missouri's parks and natural environmental richness may be in the interest of Greiten's dark-money financial backers, but it is not in the best interest of the ordinary Missourians who elected him. Keep his hands off our parks.

Zip Code: 65010

Bryant Creek State Park was chosen and purchased to replace damaged land. It was chosen because of the land's rugged Ozark character, scenic features, and high-quality stream resources offering a broad range of recreational activities. State ownership of the land protects river watersheds. Our state parks and historic

sites are treasures, and with knowledgeable management can be retained as such for generations to come. Because of its remote location, sale of the land will bring a relatively low price and minimal taxes in the future. I see far more benefit in holding the land in its present status as a state park.

Zip Code: 65810

Bryant Creek State Park is a valuable asset that will prove beneficial for the area and provide a recreation destination that will serve Springfield and surrounding areas. Natural resources should be very well protected by park management plans and I urge you to conserve habitat and wildlife as a priority in your development. I strongly support our state parks and look forward to enjoying this new area.

Zip Code: 63129

Zip Code: 63111

Parks gone are gone forever. Park belong to everyone for ever.

Zip Code: 65804

I have written the governor's office on this matter and will continue my efforts to keep this land public, and to help protect one of the last stands of native tall pines that remains in Missouri. Our governor should not be allowed to act on behalf of Missouri citizens when considering the demise of such a beautiful piece of land. Let's take it to a vote.

Zip Code:

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 63118

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 64804

Please keep Bryant Creek State Park open to preserve and protect our state's asset and allow the citizens to enjoy it's beauty in nature.

Zip Code: 63119

Preserving this area in its natural state is vital for the welfare of the Missourians who might visit it and for ALL Missourians who benefit from the ecosystem services — including its many functions as a healthy watershed. The short-term financial gain from selling it off would be virtually meaningless compared to the

long-term benefits of preserving it as a park. The complex web of organisms and environment in this area cannot easily be restored once ruined. To quote the esteemed conservationist Aldo Leopold, "To keep every cog and wheel is the first precaution of intelligent tinkering." Please do the intelligent thing and continue to preserve this park for all Missourians, current and future.

Zip Code: 64776

As a tax-paying citizen I heartily endorse keeping Bryant Creek State Park under the ownership of the people of Missouri. It's a public treasure, and can be our gift to future generations. Yes, keep it, in perpetuity.

Zip Code:

I was told this is the bible belt and greed is a sin. God only forgives if you are sorry.

Zip Code: 63301

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 63628-4384

Just wanted our governor to know that our state parks are not for sale!!!! Missouri is renowned for her state parks so keep that in mind before you elect to start selling even parts of any of them off.

Zip Code: 63139

Please do not sell off Bryant Creek to private interests. Mothball it for awhile, but save it for future public outdoor experience. Thank you.

Zip Code: 63348

Please do not close and sell Bryan Creek State Park!

Zip Code:

Zip Code:

Zip Code: 63128

Do not sell off our state parks. i just visited all of them and they are all beautiful and unique and should not be sold for any reason

Zip Code: 64108

Please preserve Bryant Creek State Park, because, as it is a nearly pristine watershed, it is vital natural resource for the health of the Ozark.

Zip Code: 63113

Parks are precious resources that should not be placed on the selling block. If this land is under used by the citizens, then work on prompting healthy activities outside so that land can be used by all. Sales of public land should be rare and taken through a thorough transparent process so the citizens feel it is in the best interest of the local community and the state. This process should never be rushed or occur behind dark curtains and in back rooms to benefit a specific person. Thank you, [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 62685

We need our parks for our future.

Zip Code: 63116

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 63348

Zip Code:

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code:

Zip Code:

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 63118

State parks should NOT be sold and should remain public lands for shared use

Zip Code: 62025

I have floated Bryant Creek numerous times over the years from Vera Cruz down to Warren Bridge, and beyond. It is one of the most secluded canoeing and fishing areas in the State. It would be a shame to sell off land that would keep this area pristine and deny users access to this beautiful area. My passion is canoeing. I live in Illinois and work in Missouri, so yes, i am a taxpayer of the State. I buy a Missouri fishing license every year to paddle and fish the Ozark streams with many of my friends. I become increasingly confused how there is money for something like Echo Bluff State Park, yet other State parks go unmaintained or are sold off. Please protect Bryant Creek and keep the park and river frontage for all future generations to use and enjoy.

Once it is sold and gone, it is gone forever. As a civil engineer, i have a great appreciation of watersheds and the need to protect them. I hope to continue floating Bryant Creek and the North Fork of the White, until i am too old to do so. Please protect these treasures for all.

Zip Code: 64111

Please do not renege on our legacy of pristine wilderness. Somewhere, sometime, our children will need a haven from unsightly strip malls, urban rubble and the millions of acres of farmland polluted by toxic agri-chemicals. We must maintain a sanctuary from the entropic toxicity of over-development.

Zip Code: 64109

Hey Gov Cretins, keep your hands off our state parks! You have no business selling off private property.

Zip Code: 63011

Do not sell Bryant Creek State Park.

Zip Code: 65201

Please do not sell any of our state natural areas. We MUST preserve them. Once they are sold they are gone forever. Please consider our future!!!!

Zip Code: 63366

The best option would be to improve and make accessible all of the acreage that is now in the hands of the Missouri State Park system. Keep all that are open, open. Open any of them that are closed. Our Missouri state parks are the gem of our state, the thing that attracts people from outside of our state to come and visit us. My family has travelled all over the US and found that Missouri is very high on the list of beautiful, natural, well maintained and designed state parks. Missourians love their state parks. Please, please, please do not sell ANY of the land that we already have. Please, please, please, make as much of the land accessible and available to Missourians and our visitors (who spend money here when they visit us) as you can.

Zip Code: 64012

Even if this is never developed as a fully functioning state park, it deserves to be kept in the state park system. There is no harm in keeping undeveloped land just for the sake of keeping things wild and as nature intended, as a reminder of what Missouri looked like and in hopes that future generations can use and enjoy it. Thank you for your consideration.

Zip Code:

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. If funding is needed for maintenance or other things to make it available for the public to visit, please get the word out and I know Missourians will respond well!!

Zip Code: 63135

Protect Bryant Creek State Park for its natural resources and beauty.

Zip Code: 65043

Keep Bryant Creek. Open Bryant Creek. Do Not sell any MO State Parks. At other areas- Create new equine trails, fix the eroded current trails, expand equine use on the Katy Trail.

Zip Code: 65803

Should keep all of the state parks. Why sell it to be torn to shreds by companies who care nothing about the history of our State. Or trees to be cut down and left laying or piled to burn then over land with cement for parking or buildings.

Zip Code: 65807

Zip Code:

Dont sell the park!! Consider more programs for students to learn, make a bigger effort to encourage summer camps for kids and hunting education IN the parks, fundraisers and more family programs. Wildlife refuge with learning programs let the family and children actually see the animals and learn about them, learn respect for them. Summer camps even fall camps for kids teens and even get aways for adults could draw revenue.

Zip Code: 63341

Our State Parks are NOT for SALE. They have been designated as parks and must not be sold, traded or given away!!!

Zip Code: 65536

Don't sell BryantCreek please we need our natural places to stay for wildlife and trees for everything they provide

Zip Code: 65807

do not see bryant creek state park. It belongs to the people of Missouri.

Zip Code: 65807

Zip Code: 63103

Don't sell it off!! It is not yours to sell!

Zip Code: 63043

We all love our Mo State Parks, for us, our children and grandchildren, Don't sell any of them

Zip Code: 63108

Zip Code:

Stop selling off our state parks!

Zip Code: 63133

Bryant Creek is one of the most pristine watershed areas in Missouri. I want my child and my future grandchildren to be able to experience and enjoy the beauty and wonder of such an unimpeded upon natural treasure later in their lives also and that won't be possible if the park is closed and sold off. Please, I implore you, preserve this state and national treasure for our future generations to enjoy and to preserve a tiny segment of our state's natural wonders.

Zip Code:

All state parks belong to all the citizens of the state. We should all have a real say in what happens to them-not some greedy developer or hateful politician who hates the outdoors.

Zip Code: 65203

Pls don't sell it. Let we the people enjoy it.

Zip Code: 65548

Our State Parks are one of the states biggest treasures.They bring income from travelers into our state and provide local enjoyment for Missourians.Please keep them pristine and intact.Don't allow the parks and riverways to be exploited by the greed and destruction of a few.

Zip Code: 65740

Please leave OUR parks for us to enjoy. Gov. Greitens has no right or OUR consent to sell OUR parks.

Zip Code:

MISSOURI PARKS SHOULD BE OPEN TO ALL CITIZENS FOR THEIR RECREATIONAL USE. THIS LAND BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE OF MISSOURI AND NOT THE GOVENOR. LAND GRABBING FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AND SELF SERVING GREED IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR

STATE. GOVENOR KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OF OUR PARKS!

Zip Code: 65550

Protect Bryant Creek State Park with its pristine watershed. This park should be another jewel of Missouri's beautiful landscape protected for all to enjoy.

Zip Code: 64081

Bryant Creek is one of the most pristine Ozark watersheds in our state. Unfortunately, I am told that I can no longer visit this beautiful wilderness area since Governor Eric Greitens has closed the park to the public and is now considering selling it off. Please protect the new Bryant Creek State Park. Don't sell it off!

Zip Code: 65084

Please do not sell the park! Keep it open for the public.

Zip Code:

We should be protecting and adding Park Lands not degrading or reducing what we have already secured

Zip Code:

Zip Code: 64068

Please do not sell our current State Parks. We are so fortunate to be able to get away to pristine quiet wild places. Thank you

Zip Code: 63960

for a safe beautiful place to go and have a day with your family and learn the history of our parks and wildlife... IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO TAKE IT FROM OUR CHILDREN AND OUR WILDLIFE ANIMALS , I VOTED FOR YOU ERIC GRITEN ,, DONT MAKE ME REGRET MY VOTE I LIVE DOWN THE ROAD FROM MINGO WILDLIFE PRESERVE AND SOO MANY ANIMALS ,BIRDS OF ALL KINDS FOXES TURTLES FROGS EAGLES THERE EVERYWHERE AND I COULDNT EMAGINE MY LIFE WITHOUT SEEING THEM EVERY DAY PLEASE SAVE OUR PARKS ,,,,,,,DONT SELL THEM

Zip Code: 65201

Please do not do away with any park land or decrease acreage of any. We need more access to nature. It is good for everyone and good for our environment.

Zip Code: 63119

We paddle on Bryant Creek usually every other year when the water is sufficient for our Spring trip. Bryant Creek is one of the most pristine and beautiful rivers in Missouri. Please protect this wonderful state treasure.

Zip Code: 63011

Please do not sell Bryant Creek State Park. We need all the green space we can get and we need to protect watersheds in our state.

Zip Code:

Zip Code: 63105

State Parks are treasures we should not mess with.

Zip Code: 64110

Please do not sell Bryant Creek State Park. This park is essential for the protection of a pristine Ozark watershed. We need to do more, not less, protection of state parks.

Zip Code: 63139

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code:

That's the new way!- maybe a T hotel on it too! You all voted for them! Good Luck!

Zip Code: 64701

Please don't sell off Bryant Creek State Park. It's a valued area.

Zip Code: 63379

Please do not be selling off our State park land for development. We need this land for our grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Zip Code: 63146

Our State Parks are beautiful and attract many visitors. They belong to everyone and need to be kept and taken care of very well. Do not sell off. We need natural beauty!

Zip Code: 65613

Zip Code: 63069

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. We would very much like to visit here.

Zip Code: 63043

Please do not sell this pristine area of the Ozarks. Don't even think about it.

Zip Code:

This belongs to the people of Missouri - not greedy politicians.

Zip Code: 65631

Please do not let Gov. Greitens sell this land!

Zip Code: 65737

I lived in this area for fifteen years. It is peaceful, full of wildlife, great tourism and family friendly. Save this wonderful Park. For the citizens of MO and our children and grandchildren. Please Remember,,you work for us.

Zip Code: 65565

I live in the Ozarks, outside Steelville, MO, and a great deal of this beautiful country is in private hands. We need public parks in order for my generation and that of my children and grandchildren to have a place to see unspoiled Missouri. It would be an insult to Missourians, past and present and future, to sell any state park to satisfy a politician's (Gov. Greitens) political agenda. **NO TO THE SALE OF BRYANT CREEK STATE PARK!!!**

Zip Code:

The land belongs to the people and is not for sale.

Zip Code: 63119-2001

I've been a camper, kayaker, and fisherman on Missouri lakes and streams since relocating here in 1978 to work for DESE as a DVR Counselor and SSD Teacher. What we have in this State in the way of parks and waterways is special. We need to protect and promote our beautiful public lands for the general good of our current and future citizenry. An Administrative decision to whittle away at our parks, transferring them to the whims of private interests, seems short sighted to me. Some folks might even consider such action a dereliction of duty to actualize the best interests of Missouri's environment and therefore the welfare of its people. When was the last time, my Governor, that you spent a couple of days on the Current River or Lake Mark Twain, or...you name the beautiful location. You might want to do something like this before giving it away. The experience might enlighten your thinking.

Zip Code: 64151

The park is not yours to sell or dismantle. It belongs to all the citizens of Missouri. Stop the madness perpetrated against our public lands.

Zip Code: 63130

Please don't close Bryant Creek State Park! We need it for good water quality. Missouri's parks are one of our state's best features.

Zip Code: 65203

The state parks in Missouri are some of most valuable resources. People travel to Missouri from throughout the world to visit our parks. If these parks are sold for regular "commerce" they will never be able to be a part of our heritage recreation areas ever again. It is very short sighted to believe that our parks are not worth the money to keep the in order and functioning as public resources. The last two times the State Parks Tax was up for renewal, it passed with a huge margin. Missourians want public parks and they are willing to help pay for them. Please listen to the majority of Missouri citizens who have voted in favor of supporting our State Parks system.

Zip Code: 65714

Please do not allow the Bryant Creek State Park in Douglas County to be sold!! It needs to be re-opened! We need watershed protections in this state, regardless of contrary federal interference that seems to be in the offing. Too many streams and waterways are being ruined and recreational options are dwindling.

Zip Code: 64081

Bryant Creek State Park must remain protected land. It's important to preserve such lands for future generations.

Zip Code: 63116

Missouri citizens like myself want our watersheds and public lands protected and open to the public to enjoy. Governor Greitens, our land is not for sale and you will be held accountable by the citizens if you choose to sell them.

Zip Code: 64152

I support the opening of Bryant Creek State Park.

Zip Code: 65806

Zip Code: 64111

Preserve beauty, sacredness, nature, wildness, freedom, goodness and love for WE THE PEOPLE!

Zip Code: 65203

Do not sell off the new Bryant Creek State Park. Please re-open the park so that Missourians and visitors to our beautiful state can enjoy it.

Zip Code: 63020

We have a wonderful conservation dept. In mo. and more and more tourism dollars from out of state people who are coming here spending money in our parks and surrounding area. Selling our parks is a short term gain, keeping this area is good for all, not just for a few fat cats!

Zip Code: 63110

Please protect Bryant Creek park.

Zip Code:

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 63141

PROTECT THE NEW BRYANT CREEK STATE PARK-DONT SELL IT OFF! STATE PARK ARE THE LEGACY WE LEAVE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN...ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS. LEAVE THE PARK INTACT FOR PUBLIC USE. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SHOULD HAVE THAT IN THEIR FUTURES! LEAVE OUR STATE PARKS ALONE....FOR ALL OF US TO ENJOY! PROTECT THEM, DONT DISECT THEM AND SELL THEM OFF!

Zip Code: 65203

State Parks are precious and must be preserved and expanded, so that future generations (if any survive climate catastrophe) can enjoy them.

Zip Code:

Zip Code: 63119

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. We need to protect and preserve our state's natural resources.

Zip Code: 65804

Keep the park. It is a living example of what this part of Missouri and the Ozarks used to be. We should have it to enjoy and instruct the generations yet to come!

Zip Code:

Leave our parks alone to be used and appreciated by future generations!

Zip Code: 63040

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. State Parks should not be sold off. My grandson and I are involved with the 100 anniversary of Missouri state parks and have visited over 50 of them in the last year. They are unique and each one is different.

Zip Code:

All MO state Parks should be preserved and enhanced now and forever.

Zip Code: 63025

Zip Code: 63117

Missouri state parks are a treasure. As a child I have many fond memories going hiking and camping with my parents, playing in creeks, climbing rocks, finding odd - looking sticks... I hope to do the same thing with my daughter when she gets old enough. Please make sure I can do this with my daughter. Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 63116

Hello, Please don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. Missouri Parks belong to all of us, including our children and grandchildren. Our State Parks are not for sale!

Zip Code: 63119

Protect the new Bryant Creek State Park. Don't sell it off! Missouri's state parks are the jewel of the state. In a time of increased interest in natural resources, we should be investing more in these invaluable assets, instead of caving into special interests or the short-sighted who say we can't afford new state parks. We can, if our priorities are in the right order.

Zip Code: 64082

Please leave the Bryant Creek wilderness intact and do not sell it off. This is an area I visit often and would like to see it protected for the sake of my grandchildren. Our wilderness is declining and once it's gone, it's gone forever. Thank you, [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 65401

A very short sided plan- we all know how important our state parks are for not only Missourians but for revenue from tourists, support local business/employment. I want

my children and their children to be able utilize the parks in Missouri!

Zip Code: 65203

Please keep this unique and beautiful area as an "undeveloped" state park for hiking and camping for all Missorians. Thank you,

Zip Code: 65202

Do not sell our land to real estate developers who certainly do not need more money, You can't make more land.

Zip Code: 64133

The parks, nature, is the most important place for us to redeem our humanity.

Zip Code: 65721

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park. This is an insane idea and Gov. Eric Greitens is stepping way out of bounds with this idea. Our state parks should NOT to sold off to some "for profit" corporation. Our public lands are "our" lands.

Zip Code:

Please DO NOT sell Bryant Creek State Park! I am a Missouri resident a constituent, my zip code is 63026. Bryant State Park lands protect an important watershed in Missouri. The people of Missouri need and deserve clean water!!! Thank you. [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 63126

Bryant Creek is one of the most pristine Ozark watersheds in our state. Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 63131

The people of Missouri LOVE our state parks. Protect them...do not sell them!

Zip Code: 63376

ALL of them - these are public spaces meant to be enjoyed by the public, NOT land to be developed in any way!! Leave our state parks alone!!!

Zip Code:

Remember his actions, next time we vote. We don't set aside public parks, voluntarily, with public funds, so some lobbyist licking politician, can come along and fund some buddies private ventures, with our hard work and efforts. We will vote our conscience.

Zip Code:

The state parks belong to Missourians and are not your private property. Hands off.

Zip Code: 63021

We need our Missouri State Parks for wholesome recreation and appreciation of our environment. God expects us to be caretakers of our world and our parks allow Missouri Citizens to become aware of the majesty of His creation.

Zip Code: 64152

My family uses all the Missouri state parks and we want to keep them. Keep Bryant Creek open to the public, please.

Zip Code:

As a real estate professional, I can tell you that you can ALWAYS sell, but you can't always buy back. Perhaps the governor has some grand scheme in mind to make a quick profit from what, as I understand it, is land owned by the public. This is shortsighted thinking. Our parks and forests provide enjoyment for all citizens, and a stable attractive environment which boosts property values. Timbering, mining and other concessions only provide short-term benefit for a few.

Zip Code:

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code:

My feedback is why are our public parks being closed and perhaps sold by our state administration? There is no excuse for taking our public lands away and selling them to profit a political entity. This Is unfathomable in a democracy. Missourians will not easily allow THEIR parks to be given away by a corrupt government.

Zip Code: 63089

Please leave Missouri State Parks for public use and God's creatures. Selling them to private investors is not an option. Our planet needs balance to survive.

Zip Code: 65608

This land is our land and one of the main reasons I moved here. Not for sale!

Zip Code: 64083

Do not sell off Bryant Creek

Zip Code: 64151

Zip Code: 63141

Zip Code: 65102

Missouri State Parks are as unique as the citizens of Missouri. Bryant Creek is a wonderful stream with little development and not bordered my home after home. The area for Bryant State Park is also pristine and should be preserved for all of us to enjoy. The governor here is the problem.

Zip Code: 64836-6130

United States

Zip Code:

Selling off state parks is a short-sighted and petty political waste of time and money. Protecting the vestiges of Missouri's natural heritage is valuable to the economic and healthy well being of Missouri citizens.

Zip Code: 63123-3808

Keep For Public Use For Missourians And Our Neighbor States Folks. God Bless America.

Zip Code: 63122

Please don't sell Bryant Creek State Park. We need all of the outdoors areas that we can get for hiking, running and mountain biking.

Zip Code:

Please don't sell the park.

Zip Code:

Zip Code: 65202

One of our favorite activities to do in this state that we were born in and raised our family in is to visit the state parks. As a result, we spend a lot of money in a portion of the state that we would otherwise never visit. We believe that the addition of this state park is not only an economic boon to this portion of the state but to the state in general as it brings much needed recreational income into the state. Additionally, these are long-term assets that belong to the people of Missouri and should not be sold off to benefit private individuals. Keep Bryant Creek state park in the park system.

Zip Code: 64454

I can't believe the government is selling our national and state parks! What in the world are our kids, grandkids suppose to do to learn the importance of land, trees, plants, animals ect. The land is either farmed or developed everywhere. That is why the parks should be protected more now than ever.

Zip Code: 63303

I'm writing to urge you not to sell Bryant Creek State Park. We need to be expanding park lands, not removing them. Not long ago, Missouri was recognized for having one of the best, if not the best, park systems in the country. Our public officials need to recognize that and live up to that legacy.

Zip Code:

THIS PARK BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE OF MISSOURI, NOT GREITENS WHO MANAGES TO POLITICIZE EVERYTHING. EVERY ACTION HE TAKES IS INTENDED TO PUNISH THOSE WHO DID NOT VOTE FOR HIM. What a self-serving

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Zip Code: 65804

Our parks belong to us! They are not yours to sell!

Zip Code: 63005

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code:

Please do not close access to Bryant Creek State Park. Make efforts to preserve all of the land and resources in our state parks for generations to come.

Zip Code:

Don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 65793

At the Bryant Creek Park meeting in Ava, I talked with various state officials but also met a lady named ██████████ who was with either the Ava Economic Development Group or Ava Chamber of Commerce. She told me how excited their city group had been when they heard about the new state park. She envisioned an economic corridor for Ava that would include the new, developed, state park as well as 2 or 3 other recreational and tourist sites already in existence. She talked about how Ava wanted to grow their economy using the natural beauty of the area and tourist dollars, rather than trying to attract factories. She said her group called tourists "walking

wallets". So Gov. Grietens and our State Government are doing a disservice to the area by closing the park. I personally see how opening the park and making it the 17th state park that allowed horses, horse camping, and all the dollars that would bring, could boost the Douglas county economy. I moved here from Indiana and know of countless people from Illinois and Indiana who pack up their horses and families and drive to Missouri to go camping and trailriding. They are looking for developed campgrounds with electric/water/sewer camp sites versus primitive camping. Perfect example of the economic impact is Brown County State Park south of Indianapolis that has 100 to 150 fully developed campsites and miles of trails. People come from all over the country to this park. Missouri would have a longer riding season and could attract people in the fall and winter. With Ava already having the Foxtrotter headquarters, this is an even better reason for a fit with a large state park catering to horses and horse people.

Zip Code: 64113

It important to keep Bryant Creek as a public asset. It is needed not just as parkland in its own right, but as a vital part of the Ozark watershed. Protect our unique ecosystem!

Zip Code: 63110

Let's have a long term approach and not hastily do things spur of the moment for short term gain (or even worse, for short-sighted political reasons), please. Once state parks/land is gone it is for the most part 'gone for good'. We need more nature preserves and state parks, not less. There is plenty of room on other lands for development in our State. We the people of Missouri, from all walks of life and all political vantage points, want and need publicly held/protected nature for a variety of reasons. Thanks for listening.

Zip Code:

You really don't want to be governor again. As an Independent this selling of public lands, my land, my grandchildren's land is the straw that breaks this back.

Zip Code: 65320

I think this is a terrible and horrible typical Republican Trumpeque move and just another example of how the State's political infighting is now going to take from the public. These places need to be preserved for so many reasons, that I can't begin naming them all. It is not just our NOW political attempt to settle old political scores, but what our children and children's children will miss out. All over Missouri I see endless bull dozing of trees paid for by our taxes as farmers receive government welfare to destroy our environment. When will we save

one little piece of our State and happily fund it in lieu of funding destruction of the environment. I would like to know what investment/development lobby has dibs on this land and who is getting the kick back?

Zip Code:

Please do not sell Bryant Creek State Park. Our state parks are very important to Missourians. Bryant Creek is one of the most pristine Ozark watersheds in Missouri. Let Missourians enjoy it.

Zip Code: 64030

DONOT SELL OFF MO STATE PARKS. LEAVE THEM ALONE.

Zip Code: 65203

Keep Bryant Creek State Park exactly that, a state park. It's a treasure and a resource of our state and development would be a negative impact to this environment. thank you.

Zip Code: 63122

We don't want this park sold off. Our state parks are important to the people of this state and have been paid for by the people of this state. Our public lands don't need to be sold off.

Zip Code: 64113

Please do not sell Bryant Creek State Park. The state parks in the Ozarks are jewels in Missouri's crown - treasures we have unlike any other state. It would be a shame to lose these!

Zip Code: 64113

Please reopen Bryan Creek State Park - do not sell it off. Our State Parks are a priceless resource that we must keep.

Zip Code: 63130

We need to preseve our wilderness areas. There is no second chance. Don't sell off our future.

Zip Code:

I would remind the Governor and legislators that the conservation sales tax recently passed in every county of the state. We take our parks, clean water and air seriously. We are the envy of every of state. Let's dont act like fools

Zip Code: 64152

Save the park. Not every piece of land is for development and hunting Greitens.

Zip Code: 63130

this is a perfect opportunity for Missouri to show other states we WANT our lands kept safe and clean -- not sold off to Big Businesses to destroy - all w/the approval of the current Fed. gov't, how do we as citizens fight this current STATE gov't who want to dictate to us what they will do -- vs what we as Missourians WANT??? This watershed is vital as water becomes more scarce. Once we lose the land and the water - it's all over but the dying.

Zip Code:

Please don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed.

Zip Code: 65806

Please keep Bryant Creek State Park protected. Missouri is so beautiful because of our forests and parks. We cannot afford to let ANY of them go. Please consider future generations in any decisions made!

Zip Code: 63021

We need more state parks in Missouri, not less. Selling off this park to put a few dollars into the hands of politicians is very wrong. Our parks are priceless now, and anything given away now for any reason, is short sighted and irresponsible. Accessible wild areas are disappearing at an alarming rate. We need to increase the number and size of our state parks.

Zip Code: 64734

Missouri has a stellar reputation for conservation approaches and providing habitat for wildlife. I would hate to see this model changed for business interests. Our future generations will remember us for what we preserve today. Money should not be the only consideration when making development plans, the health of our wildlife populations are at stake.

Zip Code: 63130

Zip Code:

SAVE BRYANT CREEK STATE PARK! DO NOT SELL BRYANT CREEK STATE PARK. This is Missouri's Park, as well as the visitors who come to visit our wonderful state and our beautiful BRYANT CREEK STATE PARK. Selling OUR park is wrong. It is Missouri's Park, it belongs to all of us who call Missouri

home as well as those who come to visit. SAVE BRYANT CREEK STATE PARK!!!

Zip Code: 65201

Keep our parks and keep them open.

Zip Code: 63069

Do not sell Bryant Creek STATE Park. It protects a pristine Ozark watershed and should be able to be enjoyed by all Missouri residents.

Zip Code: 65201

Zip Code: 65686

Please don't close the park.

Zip Code: 63703

Do not close or destroy any of our state parks. We need to preserve the land, and also keep it open for tourist revenue and jobs.

Zip Code: 65804

keep it open and as a park for all Missourian to enjoy

Zip Code: 63379

Please don't sell off our parks!

Zip Code: 63122-1819

Do not sell parks.

Zip Code: 65781

Please do not sell Bryant Creek State Park. It protects a pristine Ozark watershed and needs to be protected and available for the citizens to enjoy. Please do not concede to the greed and short-sightedness of this governor.

Zip Code: 63026

Missouri State parks are a treasure. They attract visitors, generate economic growth, and separate our state from other states. Parks should be preserved.

Zip Code: 65802

state parks should not be used for perks to the greedy wealthy republican 1%

Zip Code: 65202

Please don't sell Bryant Creek State Park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. We need to keep this protection in place. Thank you for your time.

Zip Code: 64152

Bryant Creek State Park is a beautiful and pristine new addition to the Missouri Park System. As a supporter of the Sierra Club, I and many other conservationists hope the Missouri Park System will not sell Bryant Creek State Park. Please protect and save this beautiful park, which protects a pristine Ozark watershed. This park is an important part of the Ozark ecosystem. Thank you for considering this critical issue.

Zip Code: 65063

I have hiked the Bryant Creek watershed many times and it would be a crime to sell this to private parties. Missouri needs to ADD to our list of protected places, not sell them and make them vulnerable to activities that work against wilderness protection.

Zip Code: 65721

Please don't let this be your legacy.

Zip Code: 65203

We need to save as many of these special areas as we can. There is no bringing them back once they are gone. They are for all Missourian and their children. It is not be a political choice, rather one of foresight and respect for where we live.

Zip Code: 63456

Public parks are For the public!

Zip Code: 63301

It is essential we keep our beautiful State Parks in Missouri. It is not Greitens' right to do anything with these public lands. He's a disaster, just like Trump. These State Parks belong to the citizens of Missouri, not to Eric Greitens.

Zip Code: 63031

Please do not sell Bryant State Park! This beautiful wilderness area needs to be kept safe and protected from outside interests that would only exploit this area and destroy its natural beauty.

Zip Code: 64155

The Missouri Parks should be expanded, not sold off. We appreciate open spaces, as there are more and more people, undeveloped land becomes more and more necessary for mental and physical health.

Zip Code: 63104

Expand the parks. Public lands should remain public, protected, and available to all. Selling land for developers or resource rights will not only destroy more of a beautiful state, it is short sighted. Science doesn't care about trickle down theories, political corruption, and twisted governors who will be long gone by the time the damage they're doing is apparent. We need to act on climate change with all urgency now. That means protecting and expanding natural habitats, not selling them off to already wealthy developers.

Zip Code:

I understand that Bryant Creek State Park is in jeopardy of being closed for good and sold. I would like to ask that this be reconsidered. We need to be good stewards of our natural resources so that generations to come can also enjoy them. Bryant Creek State Park was developed to protect a pristine Missouri watershed. I beg you to please protect our natural resources and keep Bryant Creek State Park open and available for all to enjoy. Kindest Regards.

Zip Code: 64113

Please do not allow the sale of Bryant Creek State Park. Please let me know the process for such an action by the State of Missouri.

Zip Code: 63126

I question what kind of "development" is going on in a state park? Shouldn't state parks be protected from development.

Zip Code: 63389

Stop trying to sell off state parks. We have to take care of this earth and it's ecosystems. Humans are ruining enough land.

Zip Code: 63627

Don't sell Bryant Creek!!! It is important to our families and the environment!

Zip Code: 63119

This country needs green spaces to be open and free to all Americans to enjoy the outdoors. We need to keep all state parks open.

Zip Code: 63116

Bryant Creek park should be open to the public. It belongs to the citizens of the state of Missouri. IT should not be sold or closed. Parks are what make Missouri more than a pass through state.

Zip Code: 63130
Please don't close a state park in which I wish to visit!

Zip Code: 63144
Operate the park. Period.

Zip Code:
Please don't close Bryant State Park to the public!

Zip Code: 63028
Please don't sell off this valuable property. If we don't have funds to develop it then hold the property for a future time when funds are available. Missouri has a strong history of providing wonderful state parks. Let's continue that legacy.

Zip Code: 63049
Please do not close this state park....or sell it. It belongs to the citizens of Missouri and should be kept that way.

Zip Code: 65202
Please keep this state park open. We need more wild places for the people of MO to go - not less.

Zip Code: 63049
Develop into campground

Zip Code:
Looks like a beautiful natural area and would be a great addition to Missouri's public natural areas. Missourians consistently support parks through visiting and voting in favor of ballot initiatives.

Zip Code: 34949

Zip Code: 65608
We would like the Bryant Creek Park to be kept in as pristine a state as possible with minimal development. This small piece of wilderness will be a gift to future generations, a place for quiet contemplation and enjoyment of the restorative power of the beauty of nature.

Zip Code: 63137
Please reopen this park as soon as possible.

Zip Code: 63038
Please maintain this park in a minimal way to optimize maintenance costs and preserving its natural condition. Do not sell it.

Zip Code: 63129
Bryant Creek should be kept open as a wilderness area until it can be developed. It should be developed with a place to kayak canoes, a picnic area and primitive camping. Money to develop and operate should come through closing underutilized parks and Historic Sites.

Zip Code: 63012
This park shouldn't have been closed in the first place. Keep the politicians hands off one of Missouri's greatest assets.

Zip Code: 65101
I would suggest that Missouri State Parks utilize this piece of property to for its potential for the people of Missouri. This park should be retained as part of the MSP system. If money is an issue, then only develop it minimally. The people of Missouri have voted and made it clear that State Parks are an important part of Missouri's history, natural, and cultural landscape. Therefore, Missouri State Parks should ensure this park is available for future Missourians to enjoy.

Zip Code: 65066
Director of Natural Resources, I want to let you know that I support Missouri State Parks including the three new ones: Ozark Mountain, Bryant Creek and Jay Nixon (change the name if that makes it more political feasible). If necessary, place in some kind of hold, to develop and safeguard these lands until which time we can "afford" them. Thanks for listening. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Owensville, MO 65066

Zip Code:
This is very beautiful natural land. It needs to be left alone and protected! I would go here.

Zip Code: 63108
I am strongly in favor of spending the relatively small amount of money recommended to keep Bryant State Park in the Missouri State Park system. It is a wonderful combination of old growth forest, Bryant Creek and varied topography which would be enjoyed by all of us Missourians for years to come.

Zip Code: 65804
This park would be an excellent addition to the state parks system. Bryant Creek is a high quality stream and its protection is important to support the local canoeing and fishing economy. Please move forward with

opening this state park for the enjoyment of Missouri citizens.

Zip Code: 65793

Bryant Creek is another Missouri treasure, a jewel. Preserving this land as a park is a wonderful addition to our great Missouri state park system. Selling it or just mothballing it is a short-sighted and perhaps vengeful. Let's move forward. It may take some time, but don't take forever.

Zip Code: 65793

I have spent the last 32 years living in Willow Springs MO. My family has floated the Ozark National Scenic Riverways as well as Bryant Creek. Bryant creek is another gem of the Ozarks that could use land management in the riparian zone. Please keep this park in the system and create a low impact park for generations to come.

Zip Code: 65261

I urge you to please keep the Bryant Creek State Park in the Missouri State Park system. State parks are fantastic for local economies. They attract tourists from other areas of the state and country who spend money at restaurants, gas stations, hotels, and other local businesses such as canoe rentals, grocery stores, etc.. They are a show piece for the state by preserving and protecting our ecosystem, natural landscape, and history. They provide affordable outdoor recreation, unique education opportunities, and family bonding experiences. Missourians have already gone to polls in 2016 and voted to renew our sales tax to support state parks and soil conservation. In fact, the majority of voters in every single county in the state voted yes for our parks. Please do the right thing and honor what the voters of our great state want. We want our state parks and we support them! Please keep Bryant Creek State Park!

Zip Code: 63052

The Bryant Creek State Park should be developed, maintained and opened for public access. State parks are especially important for public use considering the Federal Government's lack of concern for the environment and the lack of preservation of current Federal park lands. Please take the lead in making sure citizens have areas of undeveloped land preserved in their natural beauty and balance for this generation and future generations to enjoy and appreciate.

Zip Code: 65689

I grew up on the Rockbridge hillside. My grandparents were friends with the Ashbaughs who owned a large portion of land of which I believe will be part of the park. I also spent many nights camping with my family along the creek side that is secluded which was once cow pasture that ran near the banks of Bryant down the old dirt road if it is still passible. I road my horse for years there exploring the logging trails in my youth. It's beautiful there. A Missouri treasure. I rode along the pines as well. It should have never been logged several years ago. It made such a mess. Very sad to see what it did and how they did not replant or repair the damage. I believe it was Jack's dream for it to be a state park. His house should be the ranger station. I believe it was a mid century modern house. From someone who knows from her greatest memories of growing up there. It should be enjoyed by the public and made into a place to enjoy by families and nature lovers. Some of the best memories I have are on horseback there and the things I rode upon.

Zip Code: 65638

I want to see this park open. I am within a few miles of it. My neighbors and I are very supportive. I want to see minimal development. This park is important to the protection of the Bryant Creek watershed.

Zip Code: 64151

I support developing and opening this, and any, state park. MO had to protect our natural areas for all to enjoy.

Zip Code: 65203

The opportunity to acquire these park lands now was probably the only chance we will have to ever acquire them. If there are not sufficient funds to develop them now, simply holding on to the land until the development resources are available will cost the state and Division of State Parks very little. Casting them aside for some one-time cash would be a terribly shortsighted move. The only winners would probably be entities who can acquire, exploit and destroy these natural areas. The losers would be the millions who value and enjoy our great state park system.

Zip Code: 63122

If Missouri State Parks has decided to cease protecting the acknowledgeably dwindled biodiverse habitats of the state, then turn the land over to Missouri Department of Conservation that apparently protects the public land at less expense and probably with less amenities...but protects it nevertheless!

Zip Code:

I support developing and opening this state park.

Zip Code: 64024

I feel it imperative that this area along Bryant Creek be preserved for future generations. It will undoubtedly pay for its self many times over, while adding income to small businesses and large businesses in the area. Thank you for your consideration of my views on this matter.

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Zip Code: 65618

I am strongly in favor of maintaining Missouri State Park status for the Bryant Creek State Park in perpetuity. The Park land provides priceless ecological and recreational benefit. I also strongly favor leaving the Park undeveloped as much as possible. Such a policy both protects its ecological integrity and has the lowest possible budgetary impact on State finances. I thank the Parks Division for your work in securing the land and establishing the Park.

Zip Code: 63090

This would make a wonderful camping spot, maybe you should start it off as primitive until you have funding with the thought of it being bigger and better. Now if you want campers you need full hookup, if you build it they will come. All the campers now days want full hook up and that is what is holding state park camping back a little. I do camp in State Parks 5 different ones every year but I do prefer full hook up.

Zip Code: 63050

do not sell this property even if it cannot be opened in the near future.

Zip Code: 65250

This is a very nice tract, an excellent investment for the future; only an imbecile would put it up for sale.

Zip Code: 63010

This park should be preserved. Our state parks are what make Missouri the envy of the nation. This park will not only preserve priceless natural landscapes, but also help mitigate the deleterious effects of climate change.

Zip Code:

Zip Code: 65742

Hello,I would like to see this site preserved ,and set aside for the citizens of the state of Missouri,and others to enjoy. I know this area well,and see wealthy private owners, buying up large parcels of property.This

property is then used for paid hunting,or owner group use only.Wealthy private individuals also buy property like Bryant Creek, and clear cut the timber, reap the profit and then sell the property. The land after clear cutting of the timber takes a life time to regrow ,this clear cutting also leads to erosion,and silt overflow into waterways.I would like for the state of Missouri, to keep this property as it exists now,keeping it as a place for everyone to enjoy ,not a private place to keep visitors away.

Zip Code:

Keep and fund the parks ! We can't have too much green space for our citizens to enjoy. Plus it saves the wildlife too. Thank you.

Zip Code: 63146

Wow, what a beautiful tract of land! With all of the forests, this property is a strong asset for maintaining the air quality of the region and removing pollution from the air blown in from other places. Tourists will come to see the rock formations and enjoy trails in the woodlands. Fishermen will fish. The streams will be kept clean by the purification created by all the riparian vegetation. Over time, the pasture land can be reverted into native prairie, attracting more bird and animal species to be viewed by tourists. The black bear population will also enhance the tourism. The state has dedicated the area as a Conservation Opportunity Area.....so why be short sighted and sell the property?? You'll only want to buy it back!!! Abundant wildlife, beautiful scenery....what's not to like? Please do not sell the property!

Zip Code: 63965

I want the park lands in Douglas county know as as Bryant Creek State Park to remain. In consideration of budget concerns, I want to advocate for minimum development and management. As such, I would like to see Bryant Creek State Park opened for hiking, hunting, birdwatching, etc., and for its invaluable ecological benefits. If there is little or no active development it should have little further impact on State/DNR/Department of State Parks funds.

Zip Code: 65793

The 3 state parks were purchased for \$15 M, or about \$1850/acre. I consider that a pretty fair price so the claims that the parks were a land grab is false. These parks belong to Missouri citizens and the current Republican administration would be doing a disservice to our state to sell the parks. It is interesting that the Echo Bluff State Park, near Jason Smith's home town of Salem is the one park that got funded to make it a state of the art park with great campsites, great lodge, and

wifi in the campsites better than at my house. We camped there in July and the campground host said the park is booked solid through the fall with retirees. It was full during the summer. These "walking wallets" of campers are bringing lots of money to the area.

Zip Code: 65655

keep this park. it will bring local/tourist money to ozark and douglas county that we can use. we are 2 very poor counties and we need all the income we can get. ask for volunteers to help clear out trails/roads. we don't need much just a parking area, a bathroom and a guide map to all the scenic areas. most of us that hike can find our way thru the trees if we know how to get there.

Zip Code: 63146

Sheer dolomite cliffs and old growth oak forests deserve protection! There is enough lumber acreage available already, why release more land for logging, when the demand is still manageable?

Zip Code: 65807

Bryant Creek State Park is in a beautiful part of the Ozarks that could benefit from the addition of hiking trails, picnic and camping areas and access points for canoes and kayaks. The area is economically depressed and any additions that would add tourist dollars or jobs would be beneficial. The forest and water resources would continue to be protected in a state park setting. I would definitely recommend to keep this area as a state park and add another gem to our park system. When I was working on my master's degree, I spent time in the area getting to know the landscape and the resources. Beyond the beauty of the area, there is a real need for something like this in Douglas County.

Zip Code: 63131

This area many interesting geologic features and a stream. It is important to preserve these green spaces as our population grows. They provide opportunities to connect with nature and also maintain plant life, rock formations, streams and animal habitat. This area also could be attractive for camping. Even if this property cannot be developed immediately, please bank this land so it can be developed in the future.

Zip Code: 63130

We need more State Parks, not fewer ones. The people of the State of Missouri have continuously shown their support for their parks. Even if the money is not there at present to fully support the parks, it is short-sighted to think about eliminating them.

Zip Code: 64068

This is an important land tract that helps protect Missouri's waters as well a number of other important features, including 'the scenery' that tourists come from around the world to see and visit. This land does belong in public ownership and should not be sold. Ideally, it would be nice to have access and user facilities (toilets, trails, parking, camping, etc.) developed soon, development can wait until resources are available. The protecting this land in the meantime is extremely important. All over the Ozarks, land is being subdivided and developed. Large areas of land such as this one are becoming endangered and can't be readily replaced in the future.

Zip Code: 63011

What a beautiful and significant piece of Missouri Ozark stream habitat. The citizens of Missouri deserve the opportunity to enjoy this landscape and keep it in the public trust. Some say we can't afford to maintain this property. I say we can't afford not to.

Zip Code: 65804

Once land is set aside as a Park, it should remain a park. This park is alongside Bryant Creek. Saving it will save the creek itself from pollution and despoiling by the wrong uses and thus help preserve the quality of the groundwater for those who live in this area. Missourians love their parks and streams; parks bring much needed revenue to rural areas; streams provide much recreation and revenue; Missouri is known for it's float and fishing streams; we continually vote overwhelmingly for the tax that provides parks funds. When we stop protecting our streams, we shoot ourself in the foot, so to speak. Sometimes good things take time. Current fiscal situations will change and so if not now, when the money is available. Extensive development of this park is not necessary ... mainly trails and some safe float put-in points and such. Relatively unspoiled land is rare in our time. No more is being created. It should be treasured.

Zip Code: 63628

I do not think they should sell this land. They should make new trails though. Maybe even make trails all around the park.

Zip Code: 65790

I live near this area and float the Bryant Creek. About a year ago, when visiting a friend who lives not far from this park's location, I saw a black bear. This area is a gem in the crown of the Ozark's natural places. We are fortunate to have a park like this. Fishing, kayaking and canoeing, hunting and trails to enjoy nature in a

beautiful natural setting would be the well suited for this area. Minimal development is what seems the best course. It makes this park less expensive to maintain while permitting the public to access truly wild places that are unique to the Ozarks.

Zip Code: 63628

I do not think the state should sell the land to Bryant Creek State Park. I think campsites could be built when funds become available. There should also be trails built. **DO NOT SELL THE LAND!!!**

Zip Code: 63601

I think you should add a tower so people can see what the land looks like from a higher place. the more you add to the park the more people its going to attract and the more money you make. You should also consider hiring someone to give people a tour of the park so they can see the best places to visit.

Zip Code: 63628

I don't think they should sell Bryant Creek State Park. They should add trails and campgrounds.

Zip Code: 63601

I do not think the state should sell the land for Bryant State Park. I think in the near future people would love to have trails added to the park and some campsites. Thank you for your consideration.

Zip Code: 63601

If you were going to put any park up for sale this would be the one. Honestly, the park seems crowded and cruddy. I think that this park doesn't seem to be ideal for me to go to anyway.

Zip Code: 63620

This plot of land is great for Bryant Creek State Park. It should not be sold for something else. In the future, i would like to see this land get a dock over the water, and maybe a couple of different trails for biking, walking, and hiking. I appreciate your consideration.

Zip Code: 63628

I would love this land to be protected. I do not want it to be sold. I think there should be rugged backpacking trails built in the future. The land does not have to be developed right away but should be protected.

Zip Code: 63601

I think that the state shouldn't sell Bryant Creek property. It is such a beautiful place for many people to

enjoy. A lot of people love to take a day off or on the weekend and go hike and explore a state park. I think the park would get more and better use being open to the public then being sold for someone is tear it up or use it for unuseful reasons.

Zip Code: 63601

I believe the state shouldn't sale the Bryant Creek State Park. This park is so pretty and to just get people outside and doing something besides sitting on there phone all day. Also, it is a really good camping place to go.

Zip Code: 63601

I do not want the state to eat my biscuits because they are for me

Zip Code: 63628

There are not very many things to do in the area so taking away this state park would cause the area to lose money and tourists. Taking away this park would also cause the city to lose taxes on the park.

Zip Code: 63401

I believe that the information presented on this park is incomplete. If your agency is sincerely seeking input from Missouri citizens like myself, then why is the acquisition price of the subject property not provided? As a taxpayer, how can I weigh the costs and benefits to making this property a state park if the costs themselves are unknown? Additionally, the benefits listed in the provided literature are basically null. Will spending up to \$390,000 on an access road to a couple rough trails actually provide any benefits to the public? Is this specific geographical region lacking in state parks? The answers to these questions are shrouded in doubt, as not enough information has been presented. Until evidence to support "yes" answers for the above information is presented, I must fervently oppose designation of this parcel as a state park. Additionally, DNR and MO State Parks has a poor track record in managing properties, with many state parks in a run down condition, receiving less maintenance than they would receive if they were sold and returned to private landowners. It would be a mistake to entrust them with more when clearly funds are short. In my experience as a real estate appraiser, private landowners take far better care of their real estate from a conservation perspective than when it is held publicly. Additionally, public ownership removes a property from property tax obligations, which makes a huge difference for struggling local governments. I would advocate for returning the subject property to private ownership and using the funds to cover operating shortfalls other places

in the MO State Parks budget. Thank you for considering my comments, [REDACTED]

Zip Code:

I do not support keeping these or any of the new parks purchased under the Jay Nixon administration.

Zip Code: 65010

There is no cost that's too much when it comes to our state park system. Bryant Creek provides an abundance of beautiful scenery as well as good fishing and kayaking opportunities! I've always been proud of Missouri's park system and the job they do! Let's protect and keep all of our state parks!

Zip Code: 65201

I cannot describe the effect that the Missouri State Parks system has had on the past two years of my life. I started doing the centennial passport program and really enjoyed the trips I would make over the weekends to go to every single one and experience the unique things each had to offer. My boyfriend and I had a lot of fun finding the parks and getting all the stamps. It was in Missouri state parks that I started trail running and now I have taken up the sport, training with others around my town in mid-Missouri, multiple days a week. I am in the best shape of my life, have an entirely new appreciation for the outdoors, and have had some of the most memorable adventures in the past two years in Missouri parks than I have ever had before. If given the opportunity to develop more parks, no matter where, I say soundly, yes! I will travel to each and every one of them. Please keep this land and use it for the good of the people. Missouri state parks are available to all of Missouri citizens no matter what their socioeconomic status, and in this day and age, the people need some free fun that can bring families and friends together.

Zip Code: 64086

This property should be maintained as a Missouri State Park. Minimal development would be fine with me. This property was a priority for MDC 20 years ago when I worked for them. The high quality of Bryant Creek was touted even back then and being able to incorporate another portion of the Natural Area into public ownership is a great opportunity. Numerous studies show that state parks provide an economic boost to local economies. This will be just one more draw to the Ava Area. While MDNR may not have money right now to develop the property or for its maintenance, the land could be banked for future development. It could be left open as a state park with now amenities, or temporarily given or leased to MDC. Which they could manage as part of their adjacent CA, until MDNR could

afford to operate the area. Missouri's Natural Areas should be conserved in public ownership when possible. Don't threaten the state's natural heritage and the Ava areas economic opportunities.

Zip Code: 65608

Keep the land, once it is sold a resource like that can never be replaced. It doesn't matter if it takes years to develop. It needs only minimal improvements anyhow. Place a park ranger on the land with a small allowance, insurance, free/cheap housing in the current residence, with the freedom to have a job elsewhere if chosen. Also allow horseback riding, managed hunts, day hiking, seasonal camping, NO ATVs, and choose local labor over outsiders.

Zip Code: 63034

I am an avid supporter of Missouri state parks. I strongly support the primitive development of the Bryant Creek property as a state park. This makes sense both economically and ecologically. There are non-profit nature/environmental groups who would be willing to assist with natural resource management.

Zip Code: 63131

I am an enthusiastic fan of our beautiful Missouri State Parks system. My family has lived in this state since before it was a state; it is my devout wish that our state parks survive and thrive so that my grandchildren and great-grandchildren can love and enjoy them as well. Right now our state is sadly divided, and I fear our state parks are being used as a political football. Please do whatever it takes to remove petty politics from our parks. Please don't name parks after living politicians; that just invites controversy where it doesn't belong. Our parks provide not only recreation, but an economic boost to surrounding communities. Our parks preserve our natural and our cultural heritage. Please do not consider selling off park lands. Instead, take the time and effort involved to think about appropriate development of these precious lands. Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 65101

do not close these parks, protect them.

Zip Code: 65203

Preserving natural areas is very important and large scale infrastructure is not needed just keep it natural.

Zip Code: 65010

I hope that this park will be kept for all Missourians to enjoy. It would be practically criminal to sell off this

land after the public showed such support for our parks with the last tax vote. It doesn't need to be developed.

Zip Code: 63110

I support the development of Bryant Creek as a state park. Based on the fact sheet it seems like a valuable opportunity for conservation and education as well as just overall enjoyment of the outdoors by the public.

Zip Code: 65616

Great opportunity for the state of Missouri to hold these lands in public trust. Minimal development is recommended to include hiking/biking trails, road, parking lot and access to Bryant Creek. All parks in the State Park System do not necessarily need to be fully developed. With over 2,000 acres in public trust creates to opportunity for further watershed/water quality in the Bryant Creek watershed.

Zip Code: 65655

I believe the Bryant Creek State Park is an amazing asset to our area, which has no close state parks. I think the benefits of keeping the park as public land and opening it to the public in some sense is very important. Whether that is through a lease agreement with MDC managing, or with the State Park system itself managing the land, I think either route could be successful.

Zip Code: 65804

Please keep this land, it is a gem for now and for future generations. If MDNR has budget challenges, consider lining up partners and keeping infrastructure costs low. When resources allow, please develop the park in a low-impact, sustainable way (financially, socially, and environmentally). My preference is for hiking and mountain bike trails, primitive camping, and river access.

Zip Code:

Preserving and maintaining native habitat is extremely important as we have so little of it left. A site like this appears ideal for that purpose.

Zip Code: 65203

State parks are important to the beauty and attractiveness of Missouri. They provide outdoor options for residents and tourists alike. Please open these parks and continue to make them a priority to our state's welfare.

Zip Code: 65608

I would like the State park to consider leaving Bryant State Park as primitive and wild as possible. A place for

education with lots of nature trails, interpretation center, walking, hiking and biking. No motorized vehicles on trails. In the beginning only a day park, no camping, lighting kept to a minimum as not to disturb the darkness of the night sky in the area. State Parks belong to everyone and have the possibility of bringing revenue into the State and the county's they are located within, if they are well thought out and become, through use, rather than something planned and planted in an area. Start small and grow this park.

Zip Code: 65802

Don't close this park and stop trying to profit off of our natural landscapes.

Zip Code: 65714

Stop taking these state parks and selling them off it's disgraceful!!!

Zip Code: 65793

Please keep the state park open. We need this.

Zip Code: 65202

This acreage is a real treasure and needs to be preserved for future generations. I am in favor of a light management touch to keep the park fairly wild, perhaps just a primitive campground and some hiking trails. It's a beautiful piece of land and definitely should stay under state ownership.

Zip Code: 65775

I toured the Bryant Creek State Park last winter during the open house. There were over 100 interested citizens there that cold January day. I think all in attendance that day supported the property becoming a state park. The park could be developed with trails for non-motorized travel to show visitors the marvels of this Ozarks forest. Many outdoors visitors would be interested in access to the Bryant for fishing and other water activities. Primitive and developed campgrounds could be enjoyed by many visitors. All development should be done with the primary purpose being the preservation of the outstanding beauty of this property for future generations. I live in West Plains and have a vacation home on the North Fork of the White River, about 25 miles from the Bryant Creek State Park.

Zip Code:

Missouri has a treasure in Bryant Creek. To sell this park would be an injustice to the people of this state and an example of a governor overstepping his boundaries. If plans need to be made for park development and usage, then a committee of park services, educators,

recreational use engineers, and residents (both local and out of area) should be formed to begin the process if planning.

Zip Code: 65802

Save our parks and natural resources. Before any park land is sold to private entities, the issue should come before the voters.

Zip Code: 65802

The Bryant Creek area is a beautiful, pristine area of the southern Ozarks. I think very minimal development would be best to preserve the quality of the river. Cut and marked trails with map board and toilets, parking lot. The park boundaries would protect the land from damaging development.

Zip Code: 65807

Fund our Parks. Effectively manage our Parks and DO NOT sell them to ANYONE

Zip Code: 63367

The Bryant Creek property is an excellent location for a state park. I would hope there is space for RV camping. I love fishing the north fork and Bryant Creeks. The natural features in this area are well worth preserving and making accessible through the state park system. I will soon retire and Missouri state parks are one of the reasons I will remain in Missouri rather than moving somewhere else. Missouri's parks are the best in the nation. The Bryant creek property will definitely be a worthy acquisition. One of the beauties of state parks is they are accessible to the young and the elderly. Missouri does have a lot of public land, but many of these lands are less than ideal for people younger than 10 and over 65 with health problems. Missouri's state parks are almost always accessible to these important age groups (of which I will soon be part of. The parks should find a balance between having some areas accessible, and others secluded for the more adventurous among us. Bryant Creek is a perfect place to create that balance. It will also bring additional tourist dollars and additional jobs to the area, which is short on jobs and long on scenery. I say, go for it.

Zip Code:

I am submitting the same comments about all three parks. Since you are the Parks department, I really feel it is unnecessary to remind you of the many benefits our amazing state parks give everyone. (I find spiritual renewal in the parks in my area and think that many, many other people do, too.) I will just make a couple of points. First, land acquired for parks is often not

developed or managed for years after acquisition. Second, the current Republican Evil that is looting our public institutions for private profit will pass. If we survive it, you will have a chance to develop these three areas later. If our republic is destroyed, it won't matter that they were not developed.

Zip Code: 65101

The only option is to value the unique assets this park adds to the Missouri Park system and develop short and long-term plans to develop the park for appropriate public use and enjoyment. Points to consider: Historically, new parks have not been immediately developed. The first parks acquired in the 1920's received their first significant development by the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration in the 1930's. There were five undeveloped state parks when the Parks and Soils Sales Tax first passed in 1984. Any new parks need a period of assessment and planning. Development and staffing should follow in stages. Public access could occur within a relatively short time for activities that do not require extensive infrastructure, yet can be supported by the parks' natural environment. State Parks are economic assets to the local communities, counties, and the state. Studies have shown they have profoundly positive economic impact. The parks attract visitors who spend money at local businesses. The state spends in the local area for operation and maintenance of the parks. The parks provide full and part-time jobs in the park and in businesses in the local area. These activities produce tax revenues for communities and counties. While it will take time for the lands to be developed and the tax benefits of tourism to be realized, this is an investment that should not be missed. While state parks contribute greatly to Missouri's tourism economy, the increased opportunity for recreation in the local area is just as significant. Lands of the natural qualities found in these four new parks are rare. The fact that these high quality natural areas still exist in today's world is something of a miracle. They offer unique opportunities to preserve, educate, and enjoy. Retention of the lands in State Parks for the benefit of present and future generations is an achievable goal, and should be considered necessary to the quality of life in Missouri. The Missouri Park System has prospered for 100 years without resorting to the sale of its lands. Sale or disposal of these lands should not be an option. No one can answer where the funds received from such a sale would be spent. It is extremely doubtful that another use for the funds would benefit so many people in the state, or that any part of the funds would be spent for the benefit of the local communities and counties in the areas of these new parks. Sale of these new park areas is a loss for every citizen of Missouri and a dangerous precedent for the future of the system. Natural resource

management and restoration of this property should begin in 2018. These are seasonal activities that could be supported at low cost with part-time personnel led by regional park staff. While the impact of these activities is long term, they are also a necessary step to prepare for public use. Planning for public use should begin immediately. Planning activities are typically led by regional and central office staff. The choice to begin planning activities is a choice of priorities rather than cost. Initiating a public planning process should begin with these public meetings. Planning for public access and park development should consider activities that are compatible with the natural and cultural resources of these park areas. As the Missouri State Park System Mission requires, recreation and public use of these new parks must be balanced with preservation and interpretation of the areas' natural and cultural resources.

Zip Code: 63051

My opinion is that, if they must be sold, and the state cannot afford them, could they be swayed to sell them to an entity that would preserve them in perpetuity

Zip Code: 63628

I support this park being added to the state park system. It can be developed when funds become available. Natural places such as this park should be conserved for future generations. State parks are the most valuable natural resource in Missouri.

Zip Code: 65039

Bryant Creek is a beautiful area that should be protected as a State Park w very little development. Missourians love the out of doors and their State Parks are second to none. We support them without regard to political affiliation.

Zip Code:

Keep the park until funding permits further developments.

Zip Code: 65109

I fully *support* the development of Bryant Creek State Park as a primitive park. I would be personally interested in volunteering where it would make sense (trail building, etc.). I also fully *oppose* the sale of this property.

Zip Code: 63026

Bryant Creek is a beautiful scenic waterway and an Outstanding State Resource Water, this property would protect 2 miles of shoreline. This property consists of mature and old growth mixed pine and oak forest which

need protecting. The park would require minimal development and maintenance. Please open this resource to the public.

Zip Code: 72701

Bryant Creek State Park is a gem Missouri should immediately realize cannot be replaced ever, and you are lucky beyond words to have it among your State Park treasures at this moment. Will Rogers, (a famous Okie you may never have noticed) told America, "Buy land, they ain't makin' any more." Great advice for the future of Missouri. Please realize you don't need anything fancy on the place, in fact you don't need anything but what it already is: Irreplaceable, beautiful, and wild. You have the land. You have what really counts. Be thankful. [REDACTED] --no longer living in Missouri, but never left.

Zip Code: 63751

I urge you to take the option of preserving all State Parks lands. Missouri State Parks are a very small percentage of land in Missouri compared to the amount of land in private hands. Public lands are available to all citizens. Private lands are available only to a few individuals and are available to any and all types of exploitation.

Zip Code:

The Bryant Creek State Park is a great addition to Missouri conservation even without the development of park infrastructure or significant annual maintenance expense. The park will serve its highest purpose-- offering protected natural open space to the people of Missouri--even if no parking areas, campgrounds or restrooms are built.

Zip Code: 64114

I am familiar with this area. My brother and I and worked there on a crew in the 1980s, doing timber stand improvement when it was privately owned. We visited every nook and cranny of the two main hollows as we treated the trees and thinned them to improve the timber quality. We saw the shut-ins, the ridges and the long bluffs and cliffs, the waterfalls and disappearing streams. This is a unique and valuable area, full of the diversity and beauty that typify this part of Missouri, the Ozarks. Ranks of white and black oak, understory dogwood and redbud trees; wildflowers, mosses and lichens carpet the tops of the bluffs, while in the depths of the hollow grow golden seal plants, trillium and wild ginger, spicebush trees; up on the north facing slopes there were stands of wild Missouri ginseng. It seems half of the birds in the state bird manual inhabit the place, as do more than half of the wildflowers in the state wildflower book. In a state that has its share of city, suburb, town, farm, fields

and pastures, Bryant Creek State Park stands out. It is rugged, remote and spectacularly wonderful. It's a reminder of what much of the Ozark forest once looked like. I hope to see it preserved as a wild place which people can visit. spend some time exploring on foot, and discover a real treasure in our midst.

Zip Code:

Please keep this park!! It is a great example of Ozark natural plant communities and a refuge for all biodiversity in an increasingly developing world. Many endemic Ozark flora and fauna reside here. If it becomes owned by the private sector, as is usually the case, the endemic and rare flora and fauna will be at risk due to development or any number of commercial activities. Over 88% of Missouri is privately owned, giving the public much less opportunity to view such areas when compared to most other states. Transferring these properties to the private sector will not make a difference in any one local/county level economy to be worth the potential irreversible loss to bio-diversity. If transferred to private hands, the financial gains will likely be a one-time bump in the local economy, likely related to timber purchases, not enough to have any level of sustained significant increase. Upon harvest of merchantable timber, if converted to pasture for livestock production, as is the common practice in the Ozark region, the soils will not support a sustainable or thriving system of production. This fact can be evidenced in the many small, low-productivity tracts through out southern Missouri where off-farm income is essential to keep financially afloat. However, the potential economic gains due to eco-tourism would far outweigh any others the private sector offers, especially when projected out over the long-term. Suitable examples of this economic gain would be in the Ozark communities of Eminence, Van Buren, and Arcadia Valley, which see yearly tourism dollars supporting business and families, directly related to the public's ability to access beautiful and healthy public lands. I hope my words do not fall on deaf ears. Missouri's citizens have a rich heritage in the conservation of our state's natural resources, a fact that is envied and replicated through out the nation. Bryant Creek State Park is another page in that history, please keep this park!

Zip Code: 65608

Please contact me! I am Tim Stanton, retired MDC Forester that worked on the Bryant Creek State Park from 1985 to 2007. I just spent over an hour typing in the history of the tract from the 1950's to present. I also had my recommendations for future management. As I was finishing, I looked up and all was gone. I really do not feel like typing for another hour not knowing

whether or not it will happen again. I probably know more about this tract than anyone in the state and have access to files that are about 10 inches thick. I was very close to the people that owned it for so long and feel obligated to them to see this tract is properly managed. I tried calling and got an answering machine that took me to a mailbox that was full and could not take a message. Frustrating!

Zip Code: 63141

Bryant Creek looks like a wonderful state park with many water features from the creek. This would be a welcome addition to the MO state park family. We, in the state of MO, do not have enough parks as it is. Our family has in the past taken advantage of many of the state parks for swimming, canoeing, hiking, and camping. We have reservations for the new Echo Bluff State Park this summer and we are looking forward to our visit. We do not wish any of our state parks to be sold as they are OUR State Parks. I have heard that some of the land was donated to the state and I am sure those donors would be shocked to hear that the govt of MO wishes to sell the land. Also, other land was bought with our tax money. Either way we are against having this park property sold for any reason!

Zip Code: 63125

I'm really looking forward to visiting this new state park. It will be near my family and a great place to visit while we are visiting them.

Zip Code: 64068

What a Grinch thing to do - taking away State Parks! For Shame! The Missouri Park System has survived for 100 years without resorting to the sale of its lands...And the money for purchasing these lands came from dedicated tax monies separate from State general funds - where it looks you want the proceeds to go. So now you want to rob Peter to pay Paul? New parks have historically not been immediately developed and many activities do not require extensive infrastructure. State Parks are economic assets to local communities, counties, and the state, and contribute greatly to Missouri's tourism economy. Planning for public use should begin immediately and should consider activities that are compatible with the natural and cultural resources of these park areas. Lands of the natural qualities found in this park and others on the chopping block are rare. It is a small miracle that they still exist. Retention of the lands in State Parks for the benefit of present and future generations is an achievable goal, and should be considered necessary to the quality of life in Missouri.

Zip Code:

I would love it if this park were to open! This area holds a lot of natural wonders that Missouri rarely sees like black bears and pine forests. This could be such a cool spot for nature education walks as well as incredible bluff overlooks.

Zip Code: 65201

From 1978 to 1986 I lived on N highway near the proposed park site. We often took our family to Bryant Creek to canoe, swim, visit with friends, hike, explore. It is a special memory for all of us. I think this area of our State needs to be protected as the forests are special native hardwoods that are disappearing from our unique landscape. Please add my voice to those who support this State Park.

Zip Code: 63040

Bryant Creek is a valuable watershed that should be preserved as a state park. Do not sell this land!

Zip Code:

I am in favor of keeping all parks - it is well worth the money and i would like them protected for future generations to enjoy.

Zip Code: 63501

Bryant Creek is gorgeous, great for fishing and floating, and part of the network of streams that keep southern Missouri's tourism industry alive. The ecological positives are icing on the cake. Primitive amenities are relatively inexpensive, and the long-term benefits should speak for themselves.

Zip Code: 63089

Do not sell this state treasure. It should remain in the possession of the DNR.

Zip Code:

Regarding the proposed new state park at Bryant Creek in Douglas county: I [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] about 4 miles from this proposed state park, am in favor of keeping this property in the state park system. I know this area well and profoundly believe it should be protected and made available to the people to see and appreciate. Parts of this property represent a time that is long gone. I would love to have my grand-children see this area and have it available to their grand-children. This is a wild area and as such does not need extensive development. I think this park could be a low impact, low cost endeavor. It could provide some much needed jobs for the people living in this area, building hiking trails, parking area,

primitive camping site etc. Please don't sell this area. It would be short term profit for a few. To keep it would be a treasure for all in the future.

[REDACTED]

Zip Code:

All of our state parks should remain open!

Zip Code: 63123

Please Keep It! We need spaces to escape crazy politics and scandals, more now than ever!

Zip Code: 63376

Put up a sign with the parks name and a small parking. Leave it undeveloped. Man made trails are unnecessary. Quit over developing.

Zip Code: 65608

I am in favor of keeping the Bryant Creek State Park in the park system. I know this property well. I did Timber Stand Improvement for the Mo. Dept. of Conservation on it in the late 1970s. I profoundly believe this property should be protected and made available to see and appreciate. Parts of this property represent a time that is long gone. I hope to have my grandchildren see this area and have it available to their grandchildren. This is a wild area, and as such does not need extensive development. I think this park could be a low impact, low cost endeavor. It might also provide some much needed jobs for some people living in this area. If this property is sold it would only be short term profit for a few. To keep it would be a treasure for all in the future.

Zip Code:

This seems to qualify as an exceptional state park landscape. It's nearly 3,000 acres and has room for future expansion, and bounds a high quality stream known for its small mouth bass fishing. It appears to have a high diversity of ecosystems related to the features surrounding a high quality forested stream. Being located far from any impending housing development, it should qualify as a state wild area. It seems the highest and best use would be to recognize its qualities as a wild area with trails, limited parking and perhaps a small picnic area where appropriate. This would be a low cost option (and best given the wilderness resources) given the budgetary constraints caused by the excessive cost of developing Echo Bluff.

Zip Code: 65807

This area should be slowly enhanced to allow locals and visitors to hike, fish, camp, not unlike the Hercules

Glade area. Although different departments own them, the features and potential uses are very close. Once a area is gone, developed, or converted to farmland/pasture, the water quality suffers negatively, and as the saying goes" we all live downstream."

Zip Code: 65039

Keep it as a state park. We need more parks, not fewer.

Zip Code:

Please preserve this property for future generations of Missouri to enjoy

Zip Code: 65655

I would request the park lands to continue on as Bryant Creek State Park, and that if there is little or no active development there will be correspondingly minimal further impact on State/DNR/Department of State Parks funds. I live down the road [REDACTED] from the site and wish to see this special Bryant Creek watershed environment preserved.

Zip Code: 63109

Bryant Creek is a beautiful area that is certainly worthy of protection. There is no reason the entire park needs to be developed all at once. Surely a 15-year (or longer) plan can be established that would gradually give access to the most significant areas of the park. Why not start working towards a more primitive model for state parks? Conservation Areas attract large numbers of visitors and are generally not as developed as a state park might be.

Zip Code: 65775

I believe that the Bryant Creek State Park represents a unique opportunity to view several interesting habitats within one area: old growth forest, cane stands, river, and new growth forest. Each of these habitats has unique species within and it is fascinating to see how they evolve and change, particularly as the newer growth forest continues to age. Ideally, this could be kept fairly rugged with unpaved trails, simple camp sites, information stations, and composting toilets.

Zip Code: 63127

In 2016, Missouri passed the parks and soils tax with an 80% approval rate. We love our state parks. I oppose any recommendation by the Governor to close a park for any reason other than health and safety of its guests. Our states natural resources are the one tangible gift we have for future generations, to rob them of that gift is wrong.

Zip Code:

Sell the property. Our government doesn't need to waste valuable resources on this project.

Zip Code:

please don't sell

Zip Code:

I would like to see Missouri State Parks keep Bryant Creek. Please keep the land (you can't build more land) and plan a slow development process that can be sustained long-term.

Zip Code:

This property looks amazing - true Missouri Ozarks!. Would definitely like to visit, regardless of whether facilities etc are made. Since the state already owns it, please keep it. Make publicly available, even if a partnership with another agency or conservancy groups is needed to make viable.

Zip Code: 65202

This is a no brainer. The highest and best use of this land is a State Park at this location. Bryant Creek is an excellent float stream and has excellent fishing opportunities. Passing up develop of this area as a State Park would be missing an opportunity of a lifetime as an area that could include a float stream concession and great fishing retreat; available to the public. This would be a great tourism destination and appears to complement adjacent land uses. The area contains numerous springs and is well forested, making it and ideal location for a State park.

Zip Code: 65109

Bryant Creek State Park needs to remain a state park. It is a beautiful and irreplaceable piece of property and should remain in public ownership for the public to access and enjoy in perpetuity. Over 90% of Missouri is in private ownership and it is not too much to ask that lands like Bryant Creek State Park be held in the public trust as a state park and sustained as it is. The park needs to be developed to the extend that the public can enjoy - camping, etc.

Zip Code: 65608

I would like to see primitive non invasive and quiet activities at Bryant Creek Park- dirt hiking trails, etc. I would like the park boundaries to be clearly marked to respect the existing neighbors and to ensure park visitors do not wander onto private property.

Zip Code: 65203

Thank you Please close Governor's Mansion and cut all of his travel expenses for him and the wife. That should more than cover the cost of keeping three MO State Parks open.

Zip Code: 63110

Mo. State Parks, First and foremost I wish to have all four delayed state parks open to the public as soon as possible - including and most importantly the Eleven Point River state park. With regard to Bryant Creek specifically, I'm excited to explore the area. I've floated for more than a decade on the North Fork near Twin Bridges and know the incredible beauty that the area holds. I hope this area will provide the opportunity for new memories. With regard to spending money, I think the minimum should be expended improving the properties and the focus should be on creating access first and improvements later, even if it is opened as a pure wilderness area. Thanks for considering my comments Respectfully Submitted, [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 65626

Please do not sell. Logging with pasture development is a concern in the Ozarks leading to flooding along our rivers and streams. With climate change any land that can be protected from bad land use practices should be preserved especially along rivers to help with erosion and minimize flooding.

Zip Code: 65804

If, for the time being, there is no money in budget to completely develop this as a state park, why not make it a conservation area in the interim. This would allow public access without requiring as many resources. It's a shame to have a large piece of public land that is closed to public access at a time when it is becoming more and more difficult to find access for hunting and fishing opportunities. Thank you for your consideration

Zip Code: 65704

I believe it should be sold. I know how much the property was listed for and I know Missouri Paid way to much for it.

Zip Code: 65101

Missouri's state park system was tied for first place on my list of reasons to move here from South Carolina when I separated from the United States Navy. Also, Missouri State Parks generate amazing benefits for the state economy for a relatively miniscule cost. Any decision to sell off or not open Bryant Creek State Park

would be foolish I think the park should be opened with primitive facilities as soon as possible.

Zip Code: 63146

I believe it was Will Rogers who said of land, "They ain't making any more of it," or a similar quote. For this reason this park should remain in the MO State Park System, even if there currently are no funds for park development. This land will only become more valuable as time passes and wild places outside of the Park System disappear. DO NOT SELL THIS PARK!

Zip Code: 65608

Please keep Bryant Creek State Park. It needs little or no development to be a state treasure.

Zip Code: 65757

We would like for the State not to sell this parcel of land. We would like to see multi-use trails, including equestrian, developed in this area. This would take some of the pressure off of other trails that have become damaged from over use. It would also bring in visitors from other states increasing the revenue for the area.

Zip Code: 65656

SAVE THE PARKS!!!! Green spaces, nature and areas for the public to explore are what make MO great!!!

Zip Code: 63110

Please, do not dismantle Bryant Creek State Park. It is a park where I have hiked often and it is an important part of the Missouri trail system. We must protect our beautiful wilderness from exploitation and development. Our parks are a valuable resource, which you cannot put a dollar value on. Please do not take Bryant Creek State Park away from the citizens of our state!

Zip Code: 63069

I would like to see this property protected and held for protection of the watershed and for its unique plant and animal life for future generations to enjoy.

Zip Code: 65065

My husband and I have spent many a wonderful day fishing in -- and floating on -- Bryant Creek. We are totally in favor of preserving this section of land and stream for future generations so that it is left as is with, of course, the modifications needed to cater to folks who enjoy the outdoors. We can never have too many state parks nor can we have too many other public lands and public land opportunities. Now, more than ever, we have to lock up land for the future that will never be

exploited by factory farmers, miners, and other industries which could blight our lands and waters for generations. Thank you.

Zip Code: 63122

Please do not sell this park land. These parks are for all Missourians to enjoy now and in the future. As a citizen and taxpayer, I want my elected officials and administrative agencies to make every effort to expand our park system. Ozark river properties are hard to come by, and I want the state to work to make every effort to acquire outstanding properties when the opportunity is available. Please DO NOT SELL this park land. Parks support and expand local economic activity as well as offer outstanding recreational resources.

Zip Code: 64118

I am very proud of Missouri's State Parks and Historic Sites. Missouri State Government should also be proud. You are building on the vision of other Missouri leaders of the last century in expanding the State Park System. I have visited so many State Parks and Historic Sites that I have lost count. I met people from all across the country who treasure Missouri's parks as well as spend their hard earned money here. This is an amazing location for a State Park long the North Fork River. I have canoed and hiked in this area. The opportunities for development at this property are doing public education on the fragile ground water resources of the region and to explain how the geology impacts the vegetation impacts the wildlife and water quality. I am so pleased that the State of Missouri acquired this new park land and urge the Department to do everything possible to develop these properties.

Zip Code: 64011-9110

I support Bryant Creek State Park and it should not be sold.

Zip Code: 65775

As mentioned by Congressman Jason Smith in an email 12/5/2017, "I agree that conservation of public lands is important, In southeast and south central Missouri we are fortunate to have several public land resources. These public lands provide not just local recreation but they also bring thousands of visitors and economic activity to southeast and south central Missouri annually." I would like to see the new park lands open to the public with little effort as they should remain as natural habitats to educate and demonstrate how beautiful our living planet is. Adding this park to an economically depressed area will help spur visitors to bring tourism income into the area.

Zip Code:

Keep the park. The governor is off base on this one.

Zip Code: 66202

My hope is that Bryant Creek State Park is developed and opened. It would give us more reason to visit this beautiful part of Missouri. The public access on the North Fork and Bryant is somewhat limited. This state park would give me and my friends more options.

Zip Code: 65401

Missourians support the State Park Sales tax by over 80% and it passed in every county. This shows the strong support the Citizens of Missouri have for their state parks. Nationally the general public wants more public lands to use and recreate on, politics and big business lead the small voice of the opposition to more public lands. This evidence says we need Bryant Creek State Park, especially one hour from Springfield. Furthermore, preserving our streams is key to water resources. The health of North Fork Lake is tied into the lands upstream of it, and this piece of land and its water frontage is a win for the lake. Please leave politics out of what 80% of Missourians support.

Zip Code: 65401

Section 4, page 5 of the ASARCO Southeast Missouri Natural Resource Damages Settlement Agreement clearly states that, "The trustees shall use all of the funds in the Restoration Accounts, including all interest earned on such funds. for restoration activities at or in connection with each Site as directed by the Missouri Trustee Council, but shall not be used to conduct assessment activities." If Bryant Creek State Park was purchased using funds from the ASARCO NRD Fund, the ASARCO NRD Fund. If selling the land is the only way the Missouri Department of Natural Resources can get the money, then they should do so immediately.

Zip Code: 64429

Please keep Bryant Creek State Park. It is so lovely and a place where I find peace.

Zip Code: 64118

These parks are a resource that we need to leave to our children. They are not ours to do away with for short-term advantages. They were passed on to us. We are obligated to do the same.

Zip Code: 63020

Thank you for giving us some of Americas most beautiful land to all of us. I feel the majority of people

want as much public land as you can manage to get.
Thank You

Zip Code: 64118

First I want to thank Missouri State Government for building on the vision of other Missouri leaders of the last century in expanding the State Park System. As a 60 year resident of the state I have visited over 70 of the State Parks and Historic Sites and met people from all across the country who treasure Missouri's parks as well as spend their hard earned money here. This property appears to contain a number of opportunities for both the highest quality scenic resources that will build on recreational opportunities for Missouri residents, educational opportunities for promoting the protection of important state resources and for restoration of rare habitat types for threatened native plant and animal communities. The beauty of Bryant Creek and the Ozark landscape speaks for itself and can be developed for low impact public use, camping and hiking. The geology of the site should be emphasized as it has surface exposures of rock that make up the Ozark Aquifer which is so critical to the water resources of all Missouri residents in living in the ozarks an is so vulnerable to contamination. The park should be used to educate Missourians on the value and need to protect this resource. Lastly, I would encourage emphasizing the now rare pine forests and cane breaks that were once much more common in the Ozarks and the now rare species they supported. Of course every efforts should be made to support restoring rare species that depend on these natural communities. Once again I want to commend State Government on having the vision to expand our State Park System, one of the true gems of our state.

Zip Code: 65550

Let's insure that our great State Park system, including Bryant Creek State Park, remains one that our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy. As the state's population grows, so should the availability of public recreation lands. This new state parks will bring in visitors to Ozark County, along with their dollars for this local rural economy. The new park should be opened to the public as soon as possible after proper planning has been completed. I urge the DNR to seek a balance between preserving and enhancing natural communities and providing compatible recreation opportunities. I am adamantly opposed to any thought of selling any state park lands, including Bryant Creek State Park. These are the property of all Missourians, not just local politicians or landowners. To my knowledge, we have never had to resort to selling park lands, especially given that Missourians have voted several times to help fund the parks with a 1/10 cent sales tax.

Zip Code: 63303

Keep our parks open. Public land is priceless.

Zip Code: 65402

This property really sounds like a gem worth holding onto. I wish it were closer to where I live. I can't even imagine our Governor or legislators thinking about selling a place like this. What are they thinking? If the State of Missouri doesn't have the money to develop it as a park right now, who cares? Be glad the people of Missouri already own the property---development can come later. [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 65203

Keep it as a state park. Shame on the Governor for attempting to undo his predecessor's efforts "just because." I've already seen enough b.s. and deception from our Governor to last a lifetime.

Zip Code: 63670

I am unalterably opposed to selling this land. It is a high quality property with significant river frontage, and the access possibilities to Bryant Creek alone make it extremely valuable in public ownership. The ecological and geological features only add to its importance. Priority should be given to developing this as a state park.

Zip Code:

Please consider hiking paths

Zip Code: 65109

Do NOT close or sell this park. Doing so would be stealing from Missouri citizens and would have serious consequences for elected officials.

Zip Code: 65775

Please keep Bryant State Park, as well as the other 3 new state parks. I went on the tour last year and I believe they would be a great asset to Misourians. I have talked to locals in Aton, near that state park and to locals near the Bryant State Park and they fully support the parks being there. Do not sell the parks!

Zip Code: 63069

Hello my name is [REDACTED] i came home from your meeting in Ava with a few questions answered. i just hope that the parks in question are not sold. What is most important is access to any water source,I am also a camper so camping sites would be nice, hiking trails are a must.If possible any horse area be keep clean by the

people who use it. We hate when people bring in their horses and when they leave there is a big smelly mess.

Zip Code:

This is property of the citizens of Missouri, supported by continually approved revenue streams. These areas must be available for public access.

Zip Code:

This place looks amazing. Since the state already owns it, we should keep it available to the public.

Personally, I'd be willing to buy state park passes to further support our parks (as they do in other states). If not financially viable, under park budget - could this place be transferred to another agency for management?

Zip Code: 65043

I'd like to see Bryant Creek open to the public, with at least a primitive trail available. Missouri's parks and other public lands are some of our most important assets.

Zip Code: 65793

This Bryant Creek State Park is important to our state and citizens. It should be opened with essential facilities built, such as bathroom, signs, trails, along with people to oversee its safety (no ATVs) and management. Costs can be incurred gradually by going a step at a time.

Personally I don't mind paying a little more in state taxes for this park to exist and be available to the public. It needs to be kept healthy & beautiful for future generations as well. Asking for volunteers for building trails is a good option, along with volunteer monitors - our national parks do this. This park and the others help our state economically. This park helps our local people. It is an obvious win-win to keep it a state park, to open it, manage it and yes to pay for it. In the future we'll all be glad we did -- it will improve our local economy, help our wildlife AND give our citizens access to a healthful, clean recreational space.

Zip Code: 65550

As I said in my other review this would be a wonderful addition to our park system. It's got water and the pines, which I love when in Arkansas, fields. This would make a nice trails place to go even if you can't afford to fix it up right away. On the river too. I am for it all. I will send \$10. When you need it. Have a fund raiser like public radio! Keep up good work.

Zip Code: 63090

Ozark Mountain State Park as well as all of our other (Missouri) state park lands should be preserved.

Governor Greitens' fiscal policy and priorities are skewed in the wrong direction on this issue.

Zip Code: 63119

I would like the State Parks Division to keep the new Bryant Creek State Park, and not sell it off. This park protects an important stream corridor, and would provide an accessible free opportunity for family recreation.

72.4% of Douglas County voters supported the State Parks & Soils Tax in November 2016, so local residents support the state park system. 80% of Missourians statewide voted for state parks. It would be wrong for the Governor to overturn the clear will of the people.

Zip Code: 63089

Please protect this park. This is a special, high-priority area with valuable natural resources that deserve to remain protected. November's overwhelming statewide vote to renew a one-tenth of 1 percent sales tax for parks shows Missouri residents' strong desire to support parks. Please save this park.

Zip Code:

Keep the parks. Open the parks. Develop the parks minimally until some future time when there is more money to do so.

Zip Code: 65706

Never sell any pristine parks! I would be like selling your own child! Political mistakes piss people off and they won't come to Missouri!

Zip Code:

Keep this place in the public realm. It is beautiful and uniquely Missouri. This would be a welcome addition to the park system, with nearby national forests to feed off. If costs are too prohibitive for state park to maintain as a full-fledged park, please consider using as primitive and or day use park for time-being, or consider other public agencies to keep available.

Zip Code: 65020

Please bring this park to the forefront and make it available to the public in a completed way, as we should all park properties. Continue the rich heritage of having the finest park system of any state in the nation.

Zip Code: 64145

The Missouri park system is intricate part of our nature and well being. They are a tourist attraction and a beautiful composition of Mother Earth made to be shared and explored throughout all the vast lands. This

state park is one to keep for the decades and the fact that we are even considering letting it go for a few dollars is incredibly disappointing and upsetting. There is no other state mark that is more profoundly unique and beautiful in all of Missouri. This is a park that has been visited by families for many years and in no way shape or form would loving outdoorsmen ever condone the sale or removal of a state park. I truly hope the Missouri Department of Parks and Recreation will do all that they can to retain all their state departments and will continue to develop and acquire more land for the years to come.

Zip Code: 64083

do not give up one single acre of our preserved natural spaces!!!

Zip Code: 63357

This park should be kept and opened, even if it is minimally developed. open spaces for public access and protection are important to our start and the health of our people and environment.

Zip Code: 65203

Great idea! Let this property be returned to the marketplace and help balance our state budget. Missouri has many lovely parks to enjoy. Let's use our resources to keep them up.

Zip Code: 65203

With fewer than 7% of Missouri's land in public trust it is an embarrassment that you would even consider selling these lands, or leaving them closed. I am by no means saying you need or should develop them. Let them sit, as they are. Land cannot be created, it is limited. Missouri already has little public land. If you don't own your own land you have to scrounge for a place to recreate or hunt. Please don't mess this one up.

Zip Code: 65608

Please protect the Bryant Creek State Park. DO NOT sell it for timber! Enough damage is being done already!

Zip Code: 65793

I am completely for KEEPING the Bryant Creek State Park & the 3 others that have presently been closed by Gov. Greitens. They are of benefit to the local area as well as tourism. Most are going to be primarily left in natural surroundings so that maintenance will be minimal. The Eleven Point State Park is soon to have public meetings as well I hope so that public input can also be expressed. I am with the Eleven Point Headwaters Stream Team as well as the Sierra Club (local chapter of the White River Group in Springfield,

MO). We are anxiously awaiting public meetings about the Eleven Point State Park. Please, these all these parks are wonderful additions for our area to enjoy, recreate in and show off the beauty we so treasure here in the Ozarks. Thank you.

Zip Code: 64110

Please keep this scenic property in the Missouri State Parks system.

Zip Code: 63303

Please open and develop (minimally this great new park) Missourians have shown their love for their state parks by their frequent visitation and their willingness to renew taxing themselves to pay for their parks, renewing the 1/10th percent sales tax last year by nearly 81%. This park is in a unique ecosystem in an area previously underserved by the recreational resources a state park offers. The park needs only minimal development with a small visitor center/museum, bathroom, parking lot, primitive campground, and hiking trails. These can come right away or over time as DNR park budgets permit. But the park must be kept in the public domain for now and into the future.

Zip Code: 65580

I am in favor of continuing with development of the park. The land has already been procured and plans have already been made. Investment of state dollars to protect/preserve natural areas and/or historical properties is always a good use of public funding. And, unlike some other investments of public funding, state parks and state historic sites are available for everyone to visit, so everyone benefits. My husband I regularly visit state parks and historic sites and would enjoy the opportunity to visit new sites.

Zip Code:

As a life long resident of MO-57 years-along with a frequent visitor to MO parks and Conservation Areas, I am requesting that you keep this park open to the public.

Zip Code: 64068

Bryant Creek is a great place for a park. A beautiful and a great stream. It's too bad more of the stream couldn't be part of the park.

Zip Code: 65802

Please keep our public spaces protected and available for all to use! Thank you for all you do!

Zip Code:

I was born and raised in Missouri and have lived here my whole life. The best thing about this state is its beautiful nature, and its state parks. This land is included in that. As an advocate for the environment and the preservation of land such as this, I ask that you please not sell this beautiful land to be torn apart and "developed." This land should be preserved in its natural beauty.

Zip Code: 63119

This park should not have major development. It's location/riparian corridor is essential for the protection of Bryant Creek and as a watershed it should be protected and not developed. I suggest that the park be developed in phases. First: clear abandon buildings (unless they are deemed cultural resources) and remove all existing roads within the park with full restoration except a single roadway for a future river access. Secondly: develop a moderate trail system linking the other public lands that are adjacent with minimal trailhead parking. Thirdly: establish a functional river access put-in with a pit toilet. Bryant Creek has minimal access points and the park would provide a vital role. Do not develop a camping area close to the river! Camping would be by river Access only and on existing gravel bars. This park is essential in providing greater protections to the watershed and giving the public greater river access. Organized camping should occur only if funds are available with the location well away from the river and a minimum (20) number of sites with only a pit toilet and no potable water. I have over 30 years experience in managing parks; 6 1/2 as a MO state park superintendent and feel that the minimalist/moderate approach should be used to use and protect this valuable watershed and riparian corridor.

Zip Code: 64151

I am in favor of opening Bryant Creek State Park to restore and preserve the native forest alongside Bryant Creek to protect the groundwater resources that feed the creek and local springs, and to provide for public use and enjoyment of the land. The Kerr-McGee Superfund settlement funds may be used only for natural resources protections. If DNR were to sell Bryant Creek (putting aside whether that is legally allowed), the proceeds could only be used to restore or replace natural resources. The boost to the local economy provided by the park will far outweigh any loss of property tax revenue.

Zip Code: 63021

I do not support closing this park and/or selling off the property. Missouri State Parks are a tremendous asset. I have visited most of them, bringing money not only in the form of camping permits but also my spending

dollars to the surrounding communities. My family and I camp, hike, boat, and fish in Missouri state parks every season of the year. All of these activities bring money into the community. We should be investing in MO State Parks, not selling them off. Selling them off is short sighted. I have no problem with my tax dollars being used to develop new parks and maintain existing ones. Missouri State Park use is at an all time high. More residents are using our parks than ever before. This means that money is being brought into those communities and families are making their living from those parks.

Zip Code: 63119

It is important to keep our state parks. Hold the property and develop when funds are available.

Zip Code: 65046

One of my favorite things about Missouri is its wonderful state parks. One of my favorite places ON THIS EARTH is a particular Missouri State Park, Johnson Shut-ins. This state park is unique because it is a home to 1200 acres of old growth forest and a habitat for many black bears. Please don't sell it off. It breaks my heart that the State of Missouri is considering selling this off, especially the old growth trees. I mean, timber if necessary but please save this resource from becoming a one-time profit source.

Zip Code:

As an Eagle Scout that spent a lot of time on Missouri State Parks, I see a lot of value in maintaining the possibility of future public use. I wouldn't be who I am today without my experiences in the Boy Scouts, and consequently, my time in Missouri State Parks. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Zip Code: 65714

Investing in state parks is investing in Missouri. The decision to purchase and develop these parks reaped tremendous positive press. This will only generate negative press, hurt the elected officials relectability, and damage optics for the state of Missouri and our ability to attract talent, families, and good citizens. It would be interesting to hear the arguments for selling this land. Logically, it strikes me akin to selling personal belongings at a pawn shop, and it has the same PR viewpoint. Make the logical, ethical, and moral choice to continue these projects and fund existing parks.

Zip Code: 65760

This new park is a great idea. Let's keep it open. It's costs are designed to be low and Missouri can afford this. Thank you kindly

Zip Code: 65638

I am against any action that would take the Bryant Creek park out of the park system. This (Bryant Creek) is an important and beautiful and mostly unspoiled watershed. This park is an important way to highlight, share and protect that. I am a nearby neighbor (within 3 miles) and feel strongly about this, as does my wife.

Zip Code: 65203

I strongly oppose the sale of any state parks including this state treasure: Bryant Creek. It is a beautiful unspoiled wilderness area necessary to the well being of our future, the native flora and fauna who live there, and to the clean waterways throughout. I count on and treasure the ongoing presence of these protected areas in our state, and I know many others feel the same way. We count on you to look out for our state treasures, not sell them off carelessly. Only in the extreme, a sale with restrictions on invasive development such as mining, drilling, clear cutting and the like. What about Nature Conservancy? However, there must be creative alternatives to sales of areas designated as state parks. I would be willing to serve as a committee member to brainstorm and help to implement alternatives. Please contact me.

Zip Code: 63070

I love hiking in Missouri and I live experiencing the outdoors. One of the things that makes our state so great is that we have beautiful parks for families and groups to enjoy. I would like to keep Bryant Creek State Park open and available to the public as parks are intended for. Please don't sell off this important natural experience. Please consider Missouri families and the impact removing such a destination would have on our wellbeing and happiness. Parks are valuable to those who seek the outdoors and we would never wish for them to be sold off for profits. Please reconsider the ramifications for taking this away from the community.

Zip Code: 65608

I would like to see this area open to the public. Especially in the Ozarks the opportunity exists to preserve for public use near-wilderness experiences and conservation. Minimal development to provide access including rudimentary hiking trails and monitoring to prevent abuse I feel would be most suitable for this location. Would partnering with MDC help with costs considerations? I support more public lands with

emphasis on preserving the natural resources commensurate with allowing public access.

Zip Code: 64060

I support maintaining Bryant Creek State Park as public, protected land. Properly protecting and maintaining the slopes above Bryant Creek will be critical to preventing erosion and improving water quality. The native cane breaks will provide critical habitat for the endangered Swainson's Warbler. The ability to access this unique habitat will draw people to the Ava area, benefiting the local economy. Do not sell Bryant Creek State Park.

Zip Code: 63132

I am a life-long Missouri resident and have enjoyed our state parks over a life-time. They are a model for other states to follow. 1. They bring in tourist dollars and foster economic growth 2. They provide educational opportunities for residents at little or no cost. One need nothing other than books on local butterflies, wildflowers and birds to enjoy the parks. 3. People from every walk of life enjoy the parks, affording opportunities for nature walks and more. 4. It is important to preserve our natural and wild resources. Smart planning takes into account the importance of parks and recreation as one element among many that makes the state of Missouri stronger. Selling off park land is short-sighted and irreversible. Please be wise in your deliberation. [REDACTED]

Zip Code:

Open this park and keep it as primitive as possible. You can save a lot of money by simply crossing off the one-mile gravel road - plenty of people in cars, SUVs and trucks made it up there just fine for the introductory hikes. You don't need a gravel trail either. Expand the parking a little bit, offer an asphalted short trail for disabled park owners, and leave Bryant Creek as it is.

Zip Code: 65203

Please keep, maintain and open any/all the state parks. My family loves and looks forward to going to and camping in the Missouri State parks every year.

Zip Code: 65738

We need State Parks, the wild area promote tourism and enjoyment of our residents. Over the years many lands have be held until funds are available to develop them. I understand that Mr. Greitns and the current majority have issue with DNR on one park being named after Governor Nixon; rename it Humphries in honor of the guy who financed them but keep the park. It is bad enough that the Governor and State Legislature has been

sold, lets not sell state parks. The parks provide enjoyment for many.

Zip Code: 64152

Cherish and protect Missouri's wonderful Ozarks - keep the Bryant Creek property in our park system. The natural resources are outstanding and can be managed to benefit current and future generations of Missourians. The sinkholes and springs that dot the entire property should be enough to protect this land, and therefore protect downstream water resources from pollution that will occur if the property is logged or developed. If management costs are the driving issues, MDNR and Parks should reach out to NGO's and private organizations to assist - develop public-private partnerships to benefit all of Missouri. Other state and local governments do the same to develop and maintain their parks.

Zip Code: 64060

Please keep Bryant Creek Park. We love our parks!

Zip Code: 63144

I have spent quite a bit of time floating Bryant Creek and traveling around its watershed. This area must be kept in the state park system and protected for outdoor recreation and nature. I am absolutely opposed to selling off any state park land. It would be a foolish and short-sighted decision.

Zip Code: 65608

Please consider selling this property into private hands. The state already owns over a million acres in Missouri, and the Federal government owns another 1.4 million. This makes an abundance of public land in the state. We do not need the expense of owning and managing more land. Your main source of funds comes from taxes, and as a taxpayer, I do not need agencies expanding their needs of funds. Sell Bryant Creek. By the way, you paid too much for this land and were taken. Cut your losses and sell the land.

Zip Code: 64093

Please, please, please continue development on this project. Having traveled extensively and visiting state parks all over America I can testify to the skills of capable and wise professional employees who design and maintain our system. They can be trusted to do an outstanding job. The dollars invested return many times over! The resource of these spaces must be preserved for future generations. We love our parks and recreational areas. There is no such thing as too many

parks! Money well spent. I wish the legislature would just get out of their way and let them do their job!

Zip Code:

Please retain this property as a state park for future generations of Missourians to enjoy. Regardless of whether or not the prior administration handled this acquisition in ideal fashion, at this point it would be counterproductive to undo what has already been done and return the property to private ownership. There is long term value in protecting this property even if it takes a while to provide some relatively basic amenities. I look forward to floating there someday!

Zip Code: 63130

Keep Bryant Creek, almost 3000 acres of beautiful pines, oaks, hickories, and streams. This is rare beauty in a diverse watershed that gives Missourians the opportunity to step back in time to see what our state was like before the pines were logged out. Surely our state government can find the funds to protect this special piece of property for future generations. Yes, Missouri has a backlog of repair projects needed in our parks. The solution to that problem is not to back off from the opportunity to preserve a natural landscape like Bryant Creek, but to seize the opportunity to better support AND enhance our beautiful Missouri parks by funding them!

Zip Code:

This property should be operated by the Missouri Conservation Commission. Conservation oriented parks controlled by DNR are poorly managed and inefficiently run. Conservation could more effectively and efficiently manage this and similar properties. The millions of dollars saved could then be used to operate a proper state museum and the numerous historic sites currently languishing under DNR's neglectful care.

Zip Code: 63025

This is such a beautiful area and the citizens of Missouri are so lucky that it is currently being considered to be opened as a state park. Please don't let the politics of the times allow for a decision sure to be regretted if this property is lost. Even if it is not able to be developed for some time it is a gem that deserves to be preserved for the future by the park system.

Zip Code: 65803

Do not sell the park. Do not sell or lease resource rights for the park. Maintain, at minimal levels if needed, until such time the park can be further developed.

Zip Code: 63116

Do not sell the property. Many state parks have remained as is for many years until the funds were there to develop them. State parks are one of Missouri's greatest resources. They provide jobs and health benefits to the entire state. There are jobs when the parks are developed there are jobs in the parks, and the areas surrounding the parks provide jobs. With the tourists, hikers, hunters, bird watchers, fishermen and nature lovers in general money comes into the surrounding areas. Research has proven again and again that a connection with the outdoors reduces stress and promotes healing. Do Not sell the property.

Zip Code: 64850

This land was given to the people of Missouri now living and those generation yet to be born. I can understand at this time the state does not feel it has the money to keep these parks. But to get rid of them would be a far worse fate the for them to lay idle until funds do become available. And do not underestimate the people of Missouri. We are the off spring of people who rolled up their sleeves to fight foreign threats, to collect money for programs one dollar at a time to take care of a need or a fellow citizen in need, to fight to keep wild spaces wild so all may enjoy the peace of wild places and countless other task that had to be done. These lands do not belong to those living now they belong to our children's children's children and countless generations yet unborn. If the state will hold onto this precious land and allow the people to roll up their sleeves they will not only volunteer their labor and their treasure they will collect the needed funds one pie supper, one concert, one event at a time and inspire others to join them. Please give the people a chance to save land given to the all of s for generations. Do not sell us short. Roll up your sleeves and vote to keep this land. We at least deserve to have a chance before you so carelessly dump these nice sites for a few coins now when they are worth untold value in all the people's life who will enjoy outdoor activities on it. It's the right thing to do, let us all get busy and care for these sites. Give us a chance please.

Zip Code: 65632

We feel it is very important to preserve the state's natural resourses for present and future generations. This land should be kept as part of the state parks even if there is no money available to make any primitive improvements. Left in its natural state is by far more beneficial to the citizens of Missouri than being sold to a private party. Selling should not be an option.

Zip Code: 65742

Please no motorcycles or 4 wheelers. People come to enjoy nature not hear idiots rip and roar! I see no connection between anything with a motor and nature.

Zip Code: 65202

Dear Missouri State Parks, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Bryant Creek State Park. This is a beautiful piece of property and I would love to see it accessible by Missourians and non-resident visitors alike. I would love to see this property remain as raw and wild as possible with minimal infrastructure added. Opening this property for broad recreational use would increase the number of visitors to the area and allow even more Missourians to enjoy it for a number of activities. I think many Missourians would love to see this property accessible for hunting, fishing, camping (sited and dispersed as in our National Forests), hiking, photography, wildlife viewing and any number of other activities. With gaining permission to access private lands for recreating being ever more difficult to achieve, opening this property for all of Missouri's outdoors-people would be a great asset to the state and those who enjoy spending time in its natural beauty. Thank you for your time and I would love to discuss this matter further should you have any questions. Most Sincerely,

██████████ Missourian and Public Land Owner

Zip Code:

Missouri State Parks are an important part of our wonderful life here i the Ozark's. We need to preserve as much natural beauty as possible for future generations to love and explore. I would hate to see this site lost to not only Missourians but to all people from near, far, and across the globe.

Zip Code: 63341

I strongly believe the three parks should remain open and in the park system. They offer unique examples of Missouri landscape. Leave them as undeveloped to minimize their costs. The problem with selling them is once they are gone, Missourians will never get an opportunity to enjoy them.

Zip Code: 63376

You can never regain sold land. Our parks are shrinking around the United States. The population is growing rapidly. We truly need to keep this natural space for future generations. I cannot tell you how much I use our parks here in St Peters and St Louis. Eventually these proposed parks for sale will be surrounded with developments. We need green space. Thank you for listening!

Zip Code: 65109

A beautiful and diverse resource which should be afforded protection for future generations. I would be willing to pay more taxes to preserve locations such as this. If DNR is unable to take on properties like this and the Ozark Mountain tract, perhaps they could be managed as Natural Areas by MDC instead. The main thing is that the state preserves unique and beautiful areas such as these. Thank you.

Zip Code: 64119

Bryant Creek State Park will add to an already nationally recognized Missouri State Park system. The new park can be developed at a relatively nominal cost and is an asset to the local community and our state. Please move forward with this plan.

Zip Code: 64155

I'm concerned as to how these parks were acquired and when the existing State park system faces funding issues. Would like to see that addresses

Zip Code: 65560

Do not, under any circumstances, sell this property to private interests. Keep this land in the public domain and develop it into a state park when resources are available. Give all citizens of Missouri the opportunity to enjoy this special place.

Zip Code: 63025

We float Bryant Creek every summer. What a beautiful piece of property for a state park! I am so sad that politics have entered into preservation of our lands. Please do not sell this property. Please keep it for a state park. You will never get it back if we don't hang on to it. Even if money is tight right now, keep this land. People will use it once it opens as a park. Look at the overwhelming response to the openings of Don Robinson and Echo Bluff State Parks -- two new gems. We Missourians love our state parks. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THIS LAND AWAY FROM US. Minimal development is all that is needed. Thank you.

Zip Code: 65738

I would like to see trails and a vault toilet at this location.



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and via email to ben.ellis@dnr.mo.gov

Re: Comments on the Future of Bryant Creek State Park

Dear Director Ellis:

On behalf of Sierra Club, we submit these comments on the future of Bryant Creek State Park in Douglas County, Missouri. Founded in 1892, Sierra Club has been an advocate for public lands and has worked to protect and increase access to them for well over a century. In furtherance of its mission to promote recreation, education, and conservation, Sierra Club organizes thousands of trips, outings, and hikes every year, including hundreds across the state of Missouri, to engage people in the outdoors and promote appreciation and protection of the natural environment. As such, the future of the park is of critical interest to Sierra Club and its approximately 10,300 members in Missouri.

Sierra Club recommends the following with regard to Bryant Creek State Park:

- Preserve the 2,917 acres in perpetuity for use and public access as a state park, the purpose to which the property was expressly dedicated when the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) acquired it.¹ Do not sell the park.
- Implement the restoration plan described in DNR's Bryant Creek Tracts project proposal.² Preserve and protect the park's mature, uncut woodland and forest and restore its nearly 1,000 acres of recently logged forest and 20-acre knob-top glade.
- Open the park for public use and access, but leave it undeveloped with the exception of trails, parking, and vault toilets to preserve its natural character while minimizing development and operation and maintenance costs.

I. DNR Should Not Try To Sell The Park.

Missouri's state parks are immensely popular, and Missourians willingly show their support for them with both their feet and their wallets. The number of people visiting the parks each year has increased by more than 5 million over the past decade and topped 21 million in 2016, an all-time

¹ Limited Warranty Deed, by and between Simorg South Forests LLC and Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Oct. 6, 2016), Recorded in Douglas County, Missouri Oct. 14, 2016, Instr # 161694; General Warranty Deed, by and between Mark A. Simpson and Lynne C. Simpson and Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Nov. 22, 2016), Recorded in Douglas County, Missouri Nov. 22, 2016, Instr # 161935.

² DNR, Missouri State Parks, Natural Resource Restoration Project and Restoration Plan, Bryant Creek Tracts, Douglas County, Missouri (Oct. 2016) (Bryant Creek Project Profile) at 20-25.

high.³ Missourians voted overwhelmingly in 2016 to reauthorize the one-tenth-of-one percent parks, soils, and water sales tax, which provides the bulk of the park system's operating funds; 80 percent of voters statewide supported reauthorizing the tax, it passed in every single county, and 72 percent of voters in Douglas County voted to reauthorize the parks tax.⁴

Missourians also benefit economically from state parks. According to the State Parks Division:

The Missouri state park system ... has a positive economic impact on the state and local communities. ... Results of an economic impact study released in 2012 estimate that total annual expenditures of state park visitors in 2011 were approximately \$778 million. The overall economic impact of these expenditures is estimated at \$1.02 billion in sales, \$307 million in payroll and related income, and \$123 million in federal, state and local taxes. Also, visitors' expenditures support 14,535 jobs. **For every dollar spent by Missouri State Parks to operate the state park system, Missouri's economy saw a \$26 return on investment. These impacts show that Missouri state parks enhance our state's economy as well as improve visitor's health and well-being.**⁵

Adjusting for the increase in attendance since 2011, park visitors would have spent approximately \$946 million in 2016 (the latest year for which attendance information is currently available), resulting in a total economic benefits of more than \$1.7 billion.

Given the popularity of Missouri's state parks and their economic and other benefits, it would be contrary to the interests of Missouri residents, including Douglas County residents who showed their strong support for the parks by voting nearly three-to-one in favor of reauthorizing the parks, soils, and water sales tax in 2016, for DNR to try to sell Bryant Creek State Park. As set forth below, such a move would be both unwise and unlawful.

II. Bryant Creek State Park Is a Long-Sought Addition To The State Park System.

DNR has been seeking to add Bryant Creek to the state park system since 1992, when the Ashcroft administration published the Missouri State Park and Historic Site System Expansion Plan (1992 State Park Expansion Plan or Plan).⁶ The Plan's release followed a five-year process

³ DNR, State Parks Division, Missouri State Park Attendance for January-December 2016 (Jan. 23, 2017), available https://mostateparks.com/sites/mostateparks/files/FINAL_2016_Attendance.pdf; Record 20 million people visit Missouri state parks in 2016, MissouriNet (Dec. 21, 2016), available at <https://www.missourinet.com/2016/12/21/record-20-million-people-visit-missouri-state-parks-in-2016/>.

⁴ Election 2016, Missouri Amendment 1 – Keep Conservation Sales Tax – Results: Approved, New York Times (Aug. 1, 2017), available at <https://www.nytimes.com/elections/results/missouri-ballot-measure-1-keep-conservation-sales-tax>.

⁵ DNR, State Parks Division, Facts And Figures, Economic Impacts of State Park System (emphasis added), at <https://mostateparks.com/page/55072/facts-and-figures>. See also Cole, Shu Rian, et al., University of Missouri, 2002 State Economic Impacts of Missouri State Park Visitors, Submitted to Missouri Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks (Feb 2003), and DJ Case & associates, Missouri State Park Economics and Benefits: An Update Based on 2011 Visitation, White Paper Prepared for Missouri Department of Natural Resources Division of State Park (May 2012).

⁶ DNR, Missouri State Park and Historic Site System Expansion Plan (Sept. 1992) (1992 State Parks Expansion Plan), available at <https://mostateparks.com/sites/mostateparks/files/ExpansionPlan1992.pdf>.

involving research, public meetings, and input from elected officials.⁷ The 1992 State Park Expansion Plan identified recreation, natural history, and cultural/historic resource gaps in the state park system and recommended specific sites for inclusion in the system to address those gaps. To this day, DNR has continued to embrace the 1992 State Park Expansion Plan: “This document still provides the fundamental basics for evaluating suggested additions to Missouri’s state park system.”⁸

The 1992 State Park Expansion Plan proposed acquiring a significant tract of riverscape land in the Bryant Creek/North Fork River area to fill a recreation gap in the state park system:

This area of the state is notable because of its rugged Ozark character, scenic features, and high quality stream resources. It would be appealing to campers, hikers, canoeists, fishermen, picnickers, and other traditional state park users. Parks that focus on stream resources are the most popular in the state park system and provide recreation opportunities of statewide interest.⁹

The Plan also indicated that the state park system should include representation of as many major natural history themes as possible in each major natural division and section in the state, and identified Bryant Creek as a significant theme lacking representation in the south-central Ozarks:

This beautiful stream dissects limestone-dolomite cedar clad hills, and flows southward into Lake Taneycomo. Area features include cliffs, spring seeps, rock barrens, narrow valleys, shrub forests, and associated stream recreation. Area of at least 3,000 acres would be suitable.¹⁰

The acquisition of Bryant Creek State Park therefore fulfilled DNR’s decades-long determination to fill recreation and natural history gaps in the state park system by adding a park in south-central Missouri that includes a portion of Bryant Creek.

In addition, the Missouri Department of Conservation highlighted the Bryant Creek property as a Conservation Opportunity Area in its 2005 and 2015 Wildlife Action Plans because the area supports a wide variety of plant and animal life, including several species and communities of conservation concern.¹¹

⁷ *Id.*, Foreword and Introduction at 6, available at <https://mostateparks.com/sites/mostateparks/files/ExpansionPlan1992.pdf>.

⁸ DNR, State Parks Division, Facts And Figures, Missouri State Park and Historic Site System Expansion Plan, available at <https://mostateparks.com/page/55072/facts-and-figures>.

⁹ 1992 State Parks Expansion Plan, Notable Gaps in the Missouri State Park System, at 17.

¹⁰ *Id.* at 28.

¹¹ Bryant Creek Project Profile at 17.

III. DNR Purchased The Park Primarily With Funds Dedicated To Natural Resource Preservation, Which Cannot Be Used For Other Purposes.

DNR acquired Bryant Creek State Park primarily with funds obtained under the federal Superfund law.¹² Kerr-McGee and related companies caused significant contamination resulting from chemical, mining, and oil and gas activities in Missouri and several other states. The federal government, numerous states including Missouri, and the Navajo Nation sought clean-up costs and compensation for natural resources damages under Superfund, which makes parties responsible for contamination liable to clean it up (or pay for others to do so)¹³ and also to reimburse federal, state, and tribal trustees of public resources for natural resource damages.¹⁴ In a series of lawsuits and settlements over several years, the companies ultimately agreed in 2015 to a record \$5.15 billion settlement to cover cleanup costs and natural resources damages.¹⁵

Due to the contamination of sites in Springfield and Kansas City, Missouri, the state received nearly \$48 million for site cleanup costs and nearly \$6 million for natural resource damages.¹⁶

Both the Superfund law and Missouri state law expressly limit the use of natural resource damage recoveries “only to restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of such natural resources by the state.”¹⁷

In accordance with Superfund practice and regulations, DNR prepared a Statewide Groundwater Restoration Plan to evaluate options for redressing the natural resources damages covered by the Kerr-McGee related settlements, as well as other, future damage recoveries involving

¹² The federal Superfund law is formally known as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.

¹³ 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607(a)(1)-(4)(A)-(B).

¹⁴ 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607(a)(1)-(4)(A)(C) and (f).

¹⁵ U.S. Department of Justice, United States Announced \$5.15 Billion Settlement of Litigation Against Subsidiaries of Anadarko Petroleum Corp. to Remedy Fraudulent Conveyance Designed to Evade Environmental Liabilities (Apr. 3, 2014), available at <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/united-states-announces-515-billion-settlement-litigation-against-subsidiaries-anadarko>.

¹⁶ Consent Decree and Environmental Settlement Agreement, *In re Tronox Incorporated*, Case No. 09-10156 (S.D.N.Y. Bankruptcy Ct., Lodged Nov. 23, 2010, Corrected Ex. 2 Nov. 30, 2010); Settlement Agreement, *In re Tronox Incorporated*, Case No. 09-10156 (S.D.N.Y. Bankruptcy Ct., filed Apr. 9, 2014, Approved by Opinion & Order Nov. 10, 2014, Case 14-cv-5495 (KBF)); EPA, Case Summary: Settlement Agreement in Anadarko Fraud Case Results in Billions for Environmental Cleanups Across the Country, available at <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/case-summary-settlement-agreement-anadarko-fraud-case-results-billions-environmental#distribution>; DNR, Former Kerr-McGee Wood Treatment Facility, Springfield, Missouri, Fact Sheet: August 2016, available at http://multi-trust.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Springfield-MO_-Fact-Sheet_08-31-16_FINAL.pdf. See also press reports at - <http://www.news-leader.com/story/news/local/ozarks/2015/02/10/koster-million-clean-railroad-tie-plant/23176979/>; <http://ksmu.org/post/settlement-results-19-million-cleanup-contaminated-springfield-site#stream/0>; <http://fox2now.com/2015/04/23/missouri-gets-another-3-million-for-springfield-site/>; [http://www.news-leader.com/story/news/local/ozarks/2016/09/14/group-cleaning up-contaminated-springfield-site-plans-more-testing/90317228/](http://www.news-leader.com/story/news/local/ozarks/2016/09/14/group-cleaning-up-contaminated-springfield-site-plans-more-testing/90317228/); <http://www.newstribune.com/news/local/story/2016/sep/18/more-testing-planned-springfield-cleanup-site/640809/>.

¹⁷ 42 U.S.C. § 9607(f); § 640.235.3, R.S.Mo.

groundwater contamination.¹⁸ Missouri State Parks then prepared a specific project proposal explaining why the acquisition of the properties that became Bryant Creek State Park would fulfill the goals of the restoration plan.¹⁹

Bryant Creek is a scenic, high quality main tributary to the North Fork River. Groundwater moving through its watershed – and the Bryant Creek Tracts – feeds the springs and maintains its spring- and groundwater dominated base flow. Most of this groundwater originates as rainfall onto the enveloping hillsides, entering the shallow aquifer over their Jefferson City and Roubidoux formations by seeping into, and moving through the soil over bedrock to replenish water in deeper aquifers via karst features or add via seepage and surface runoff more directly to the base flow of Bryant Creek. ...

The purpose of this project is to acquire, then respectively restore, rehabilitate and preserve 2,917 acres of forested watershed containing this geology associated to springs and groundwater flow directly into Bryant Creek.²⁰

In its capacity as natural resources trustee for the state, DNR approved the project proposal.²¹ State Parks used \$3,615,543 of the Superfund natural resource damages settlement funds to acquire the larger of the two tracts that comprise Bryant Creek State Park;²² it used \$465,000 from the State Parks capital improvements budget to acquire the second tract.²³ Thus, 89% of the acquisition costs came from the Superfund settlement's natural resource damage funds.

The recorded deeds for both tracts state that the property is “dedicated to public use” and conveyed to DNR “only for the following purposes and none other: for public use as a state park, and for natural resource restoration and preservation.”²⁴

Because State Parks acquired Bryant Creek State Park largely with settlement funds that may only be used – under both federal and state law – to “restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of such natural resources” damaged by the Kerr-McGee related activities, those funds could not have been used for other, pre-existing parks. Moreover, apart from DNR's lack of legal authority to sell the Park (see below), any attempt to sell Bryant Creek State Park would require that the proceeds be used solely to restore, replace, or acquire the equivalent of the natural resources

¹⁸ DNR, Missouri Statewide Groundwater Restoration Plan (May 2015), available at <https://dnr.mo.gov/env/hwp/sfund/docs/finalgroundwaterstatewiderestorationplan.pdf>.

¹⁹ Missouri State Parks, Natural Resource Restoration Project and Restoration Plan, Bryant Creek Tracts, Douglas County, Missouri (Oct. 2016).

²⁰ *Id.* at 3.

²¹ DNR Memorandum, Missouri Statewide Groundwater Restoration Plan – Project Selection, Bryant Creek Tracts (Oct. 4, 2016).

²² NRDR Authorization to Pay – Real Estate Acquisition Project Name: Groundwater Restoration – Bryant Creek; Property Name: Simorg South Forests, LLC; Resolution Number TRNX-2016-001 (signed Oct. 4, 2016).

²³ State of Missouri Purchase Order, No. SC 781 S4DP700006 (Nov. 18, 2016).

²⁴ Limited Warranty Deed, by and between Simorg South Forests LLC and Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Oct. 6, 2016), Recorded in Douglas County, Missouri Oct. 14, 2016, Instr # 161694; General Warranty Deed, by and between Mark A. Simpson and Lynne C. Simpson and Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Nov. 22, 2016), Recorded in Douglas County, Missouri Nov. 22, 2016, Instr # 161935.

damaged at the contaminated sites. The funds could not be used for State Parks operations at pre-existing parks and could not be directed to other state programs. In addition, if the sale proceeds did not equal or exceed the acquisition cost, DNR would also be in violation of CERCLA and state law by wasting natural resource damage funds.

IV. DNR Does Not Have Legal Authority To Sell The Park.

While DNR has both constitutional and statutory authority to acquire and maintain state parks,²⁵ it lacks authority to sell state parks. DNR is only authorized to dispose of park property if it consists of five acres or less, is being sold for the specific purpose of resolving a park boundary conflict with adjacent property owners, and DNR receives land in exchange that is of equal or greater value.²⁶ In light of the state's constitutionally-grounded commitment to expand, develop, and maintain the state park system, and DNR's narrowly-circumscribed authority to trade – but not sell – park property, any effort by DNR to sell Bryant Creek State Park or portions thereof would be unlawful.

Sierra Club urges DNR to dispel the cloud that it has cast upon the future of Bryant Creek State Park and the three other closed parks, and to open the Park available for public access.

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²⁵ Missouri Constitution, Article 4, § 47; § 253.040, R.S.Mo.

²⁶ § 253.043, R.S.Mo.