The U.S. Forest Service has announced big changes to discounts currently offered to senior citizens. It plans to eliminate the 50% discount at National Forest campgrounds that has traditionally been available to holders of lifetime Senior and Access passes. This change will apply at campgrounds operated by private concessioners. In the December 1st Federal Register notice, the agency outlined a new policy that would replace the half-price rule with a 10% discount. The policy would also require Senior and Access passholders to pay a fee at National Forest day-use sites.

What do you think of these new plans? Share your thoughts below.

Comments (as of 1/3/10)

December 31, 2009 at 8:47 pm
(1) rmaki says:
This really bites. I’ll be 62 in April, and I’ve been waiting all of my life to get the senior federal lands pass (formerly called Golden Age Passport).

January 1, 2010 at 10:09 am
(2) gspen says:
Sure – sock it to the seniors, the people who also see no increase in Social Security this year. What’s the matter? Not enough voting power for you?

January 1, 2010 at 12:11 pm
(3) David says:
It sucks!!!
January 2, 2010 at 10:56 am
(4) Lawrence Follmer says:
Odd that this would be the same year that the Federal employees all received an unearned raise while SS benefits and Medicare were either unchanged or lowered.

January 2, 2010 at 2:58 pm
(5) Dennis says:
I always thought National Parks and Forest Service had class and supported them. Never thought you would screw us over. I guess this is change we can believe in.

January 2, 2010 at 7:45 pm
(6) sundog says:
Oh well, I guess that’s the end of my park service stays. For the most part their facilities are not nice enough to pay full freight to stay in. And the sad part is that this new policy will not benefit the park service only the private companies that operate them. What? Do they think we’re stupid that we don’t see through this BS. If the seniors will boycott all private vendors in the parks perhaps they’ll catch on; but I doubt it.