Forest Service backs off discount cuts. Is Washington listening?
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Washington, DC — The US Forest Service has backed away from cutting discounts to seniors and disabled pass holders. The original proposal would have chopped the discount pass holders receive at concession operated campgrounds from 50 percent to a mere 10 percent.

In a prepared statement released by the Service boss, Tom Tidwell. After some 4,000 comments were received from the public on the suggested cut, Tidwell said, “Each year more than 175 million people enjoy recreational opportunities on National Forests and Grasslands, and that includes more than 15 million visits to our campgrounds. Particularly in these difficult economic times, it is very important to maintain affordable access to our National Forests and Grasslands, giving people easy ways to recreate and find respite in the great outdoors”

The backlash against the proposed changes was strong among RVers. Not only did they flood the Forest Service with comments by e-mail, the Service also heard live testimony by users in forums around the country.