Dear Forest Service Officers,

Please do not eliminate the discounts we enjoy and have enjoyed with our Golden Age Passports. Given the current state of our economy and the losses of our hard earned retirement savings, our Forest Service Lands and National Parks are the last places where we can affordably enjoy the outdoors and beautiful places we have waited so long to visit. We have been reliable taxpayers, understanding that we need to sustain the lands we jointly own with our fellow Americans. We have been responsible citizen users of these wonderful places that our country has set aside for everyone to use. We do not look forward to salary increases that would allow us to pay rising rates. We've already paid our dues.

Concessionaires must not be allowed to follow policies that are illegal at USFS managed sites. The privatization of public lands is an egregious departure from the original mandate for setting aside these special places.

As taxpayer owners we are increasingly distressed that our voices are not heard as clearly and loudly as the voices of those who would make a profit from the profligate exploitation of our public lands.

Sincerely,

William Tanaka and Kathleen AldrichTanaka