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Description:

The current proposal to turn state forests into national parks greatly concerns me. The only thing national parks do is lock people out. It does not increase tourism in any way shape or form. People who currently use these state forests spend money in small towns surrounding the forests by buying food, fuel, camping supplies, ammunition as well as using services such as mechanics. If it becomes a national park you will not have these tourists because their activities are not allowed in national parks and they will not be replaced by any other kind of tourist. The national parks that i have visited in the last 25 years have become full of feral cats, rabbits, wild dogs and foxes that nobody can hunt. Some of these feral pests are detrimental to the native creatures that a national park is "supposed" to protect. I believe a better policy would be to protect these areas from logging if thats what the concern is by way of a special protection zone. These are already in use in state forests in Victoria. They still allow recreational activities while protecting the forests from logging. Thank you

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