

Ventura County California
Board of Supervisors
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"WHEREAS, Congress authorized the United States Forest Service to charge visitors to the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, and San Bernardino National Forests daily and yearly fees to obtain a permit to park on forest land, and issue citations for the failure to obtain such a permit; and

WHEREAS, the Adventure Pass program charges \$5.00 per day or \$30.00 per year for individuals to park their vehicles within the National Forest when they hike or camp in the forest; and

WHEREAS, the Adventure Pass fee constitutes a regressive tax, which bears no relation to the actual costs of many types of passive recreation such as hiking, having a roadside picnic or observing wildlife; and

WHEREAS, while the original intent of the Adventure Pass program was to generate revenue to maintain recreational facilities and enhance visitor services, it has garnered strong criticism from forest users, we are concerned that some residents may be deterred from visiting and enjoying our national forest; and

WHEREAS, while controversy over the Adventure Pass continues, the core issue of providing adequate funding for forest maintenance remains unresolved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors hereby request an end to the Forest Service's Adventure Pass Program and request restoration of the much needed maintenance funds in the Forest Service budget."