





Keeping the Great in the Great Outdoors

The Need:

-  Federal campgrounds were constructed in the Eisenhower era and were not built or equipped to handle today's modern RVs or provide the amenities current and next-generation RVers desire.
-  Broadband coverage on federal land is key to providing visitors with the reliable internet service they require. More importantly, advanced connectivity provides weather alerts, enhanced maps to safely navigate trails and waterways, free promotion of iconic federal lands via social media and much more.
-  Outdoor recreation is the largest driver of economic activity on federal lands. To continue to grow the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy, federal land agencies must make recreation as high a priority as conservation and natural resource management, while focusing on relevant experiences for the next generation of recreationalists and RVers.
-  Public-private partnerships can be used as mechanisms, many being budget neutral, for increasing recreational access, addressing backlogged maintenance and modernizing deteriorating assets, including RV campgrounds. Unfortunately, numerous barriers are in place that hinder private investment, contract lengths and the effective use of public-private partnerships.

Request: Please support the addition of a “recreation title” in any upcoming infrastructure bill.

Other ways to support :

Cosponsor S. 751, the bipartisan National Park Service Legacy Act of 2017. Original Co-sponsors are: Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA) Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)

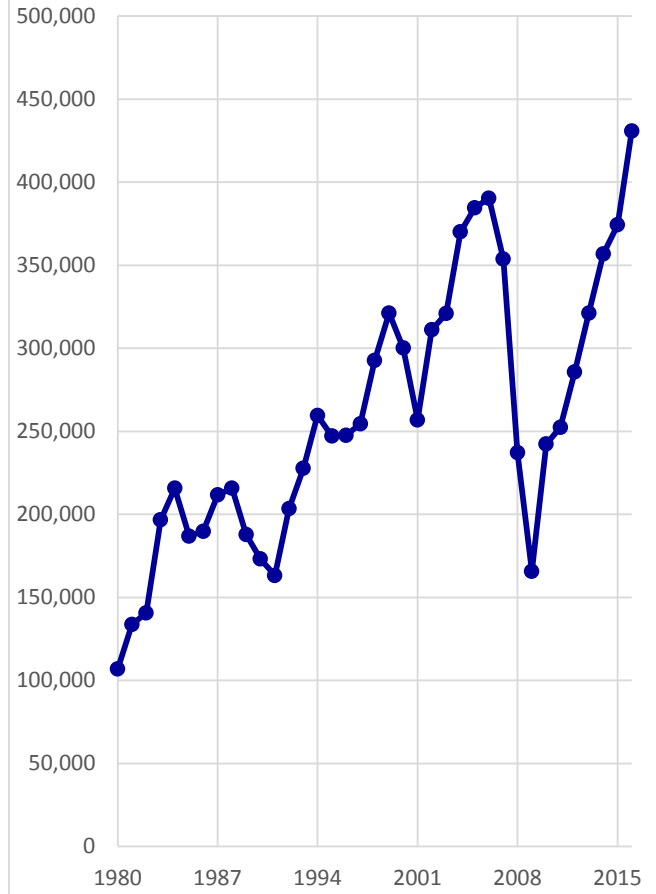
Cosponsor the soon to be introduced, bipartisan Recreation Not Red-Tape Act of 2017. Lead Sponsor is: Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)






Total RV Overnight Stays at National Parks 1980-2016



Total RV Shipments 1980-2016



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-  Industry research shows that 89% of consumers purchase RVs to go camping, meaning **383,000 of the 431,000 RVs shipped JUST last year** will roll up to many federal campgrounds, not counting the 9 million RVs already on the road.
-  Unfortunately, RV-associated stays within National Park Service (NPS) campgrounds have declined from over 4.5 million overnights in the early 1980s to only 2.5 million overnight stays in 2016.
-  During the same period RV shipments and sales have grown dramatically, and state and private campground are reporting increases in RV overnight stays.

