# **MSP Disclaimer on Bryant Creek State Park Comments**

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### **Bryant Creek State Park** Comments from Dec. 5, 2017 Public Meeting

Zip Code: 65793

In 2017, budget crisis was caused by state tax cuts, i.e. senate bill 19. The republicans federal tax scam will trigger a \$850m to \$1 billion revenue cut to Mo. Because the MO STD Tax deduction is coupled to the federal STD Tax deduction. When it goes from \$12,000 to \$24,000/year MoSTD Deduction will double. Missouri State government will have to act and either decouple MO STD deduction or rewrite mo Tax code. Based on Greitens and republican action in 2017 and attacks on education, parks and healthcare. I am afraid in 2018 Greitens will use the STD deduction issue to attack spending on state parks and try to use an excuse to sell of parks and land.

### Zip Code:

I looked at this Bryant Creek Area when it was for sale in 2014. It was over priced so I didn't buy it but the state will all the publics money could afford it.

### Zip Code:

It's not for me -Age 69 It's for my kids and grandkids. We need more public lands not less On only the wealthy will be able to experience a great secret place like Bryant Creek

### Zip Code: 65608

Much more cost assessment should be done also the impact of loss of tax revenue. Maintain property the existing parks before launching into more liabilities.

### Zip Code: 65608

Sell the land now set aside for Bryant Creek SP. Use the funds for the upkeep on parks already owned by the state. If selling not an option, partner with MDC to protect and develop wood & water resources. Do not develop as a park-inappropriate use of taxpayer funds and makes it attractive to dope industry (parties). MSP currently unable to enforce, maintain current park system. Do not exacerbate an already unmanageable problem situation

#### Zip Code:

Sell the property back to the people and create more taxes for the county

### Zip Code:

Sell all this newly acquired land and spend the money on up keep and development of the millions of acres you already have and don't take care of.

Zip Code: 65608

Quit taxing me to run up the price of land in my area of

the country!

Zip Code: 65689 Rvers like nature too!

Zip Code: 65793

I grew up near KC lived near from 1977-1990 Watkins Mill SP and went swimming, biking, horseback riding 2-3 times week. Took my kids to Stockton park multiple times/summer to fish, boat, camp. State Parks are an asset to Missouri families. In 1990 moved out of state and lived in AR, IL and IN until 2016 but still come back 5 or 6 times/year to visit state parks. Bryant Creek 3000 acres could be an economic asset to Ava and Douglas counties of 10K to 15K property to revenue is small compared to possible economic impact. Cities all across Missouri give tax breaks to attract business. this is no different if mo parks allow horseback riding. I knew people from Indiana and Illinois who hauled horses to Eminence and Mark Twain National Forest to trail ride. Took grandson last summer camp at Echo Bluff park campground filled up almost every weekend. Faster wireless internet in campground than at my house. This is a shining example of what a park can be like

Zip Code: 65608

Keep it. Don't sell in lots. We don't need a lot of

druggins in our neighborhood.

Zip Code: 65608

Deed this to Conservation Dept to allow full use

### Zip Code:

Our area of natural forests are beautiful year round. Take our Governor camping

### Zip Code:

Please allocate some funds for the boots on the ground. We need more on hands and don't have enough hands.

#### Zip Code:

We love our state parks. We take our 3 kids on float trips on all rivers in Missouri. We float Bryant Creek 3-5 times a summer. We love the beauty and serenity and would hate to loose it. See it sold to a pig farm or worse.

#### Zip Code:

Great public support for this park. Beautiful property. Good fishing access on Bryant Creek's a must. This park fills a gap in Statewide park coverage. I'm excited to fish here.

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### Zip Code:

Keep park as Missouri wilderness. Pit toilets, hiking trails, no motorized vehicle, 4-wheels, handicap accessible trails, motorized wheelchair scooter okay

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#### Zip Code:

Remain a Park! That is what is was bought for 1 year ago! Can't be sold just because the new admin. want the money spend elsewhere! Too bad. They can find the \$ to fund the development of the park. Politics would sell of the National Park to China etc. if we don't watch out for them. Planned hunting of deer horseback riding hiking, canoeing.

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### Zip Code:

This property should not be sold but kept as a state park. There is too much beauty to keep as personal property as a horse rider. I am very concerned.

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### Zip Code:

Stay as a state entity

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## Zip Code:

Not selling the land to others who will rape the land for there benefit. Save the land!

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#### Zip Code: 65608

Keep it! You can't get land like this back after it's gone! If it's sold it will be a huge mistake! Let people use it as intended hiking, hunting, horseback riding, minimal development.

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#### Zip Code: 65608

Hope horse trails will be available.

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### Zip Code: 65608

The park would be and asset to Douglas County and the state and Missouri. The property needs to remain in the public domain for recreational use for hiking-horseback riding camping, etc.

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### Zip Code: 65608

Please keep in state parks or MDC. It is a great value to have these protected lands for future generations.

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### Zip Code: 65638

Keep this park! Keep as primitive camping. Have concessions available offsite or onsite private local contract. Have primitive programs

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#### Zip Code: 65608

I have raised my boys floating the Bryant. It is a treasure and needs to be protected. Not only for the beauty and recreation but our water quality. Feeds into the North Fork and our lakes. We depend on recreation income from these resources.

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### Zip Code: 65746

I love all the states park. I'm here to say that if they tear down the parks it would ruin the kids lives. I'm one myself but the kids go to the national parks to get away from the city and connect with nature and with the creatures, the plants and etc. I'm only here to help stop them. Hope they realize that the woods, parks, river and etc. would tear down society itself with no nature, no deer, pigs, and etc. but the parks are here so kids like me can go out of the city and connect with nature and hopefully my message can get to people to see that when those parks go down so will everything else. I'm 14 and I want to help save the park from

and I want to neip save the destruction.

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# Zip Code: 65793

Would like all the state parks to stay open and provide conservation education and recreation for all. These wild places need to be preserved for the future generations. They can be developed to encourage economic growth and revenue in the future. We have enjoyed Missouri State Parks our whole life. From horseback riding; to skiing to canoeing and hiking now that we are older. We have our grand kids now who we are sharing the State Parks with now. After raising our kids a new generation is now going to the parks to enjoy and learn new things. Educational programs for campers and local school put on through the parks programs are important for the future. Conservation is important for everyone. We can't allow this state government to take away a very valuable asset for MO. Keep our parks open.

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### Zip Code: 65655

I would like to see the new park retained by the state and developed for rough camping. I am concerned that the property will be sold and the resources exploited. Keep Bryant State Park!

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#### Zip Code: 65775

Bryant Creek is a clean, beautiful creek and undeveloped in its upper reaches. We need all the places like this we

can keep. A park has already been purchased there with \$ dedicated for parks - this money should stay where it is. We need decisions based on good management not on politics.

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Zip Code: 65608

Keep this park as a primitive park for hikers. preserve this beautiful piece of land. I own property on creek that flows into the Bryant and we have a fen and ice age plants on our property. I'm sure there are unique areas and plant species on this property.

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Zip Code: 65638

Education/Primitive Camping for 4-H groups and

Boy/Girl scouts

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Zip Code: 65608

I would like to see Bryant Creek State Park remain undeveloped and preserved as a day hike park.

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Zip Code: 65638

Minimal development. Public/Private partnership.

Protect the watershed. Thanks!

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Zip Code: 65608

My husband and I want the park to remain a park, not be sold. Make trails, pit toilets, bare necessities. Thanks for

your work!

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Zip Code: 65608

Please do not leave to the Conservation. I own land that connects to the State Park and am very scared of hunters that do not know the area shooting into my land. We enjoy being outdoors and would like to continue to feel safe as we do now. I would enjoy the state park as is now. Its beautiful land. Thank you for your consideration.

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Zip Code: 65655

Do not sell the Bryant Creek State Park land To save money, keep the park development at a minimum, even a no-development scenario, pending further public comment or availability of funds.

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Zip Code: 65775

I value our state park system very highly and would like to see this land retained by the state. This is beautiful land with several unique opportunities for study and education. I'd very much like to see it developed with a minimal footprint, yet maximum educational opportunities.

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Zip Code: 65775

I like it that a section of the Bryant Creek would be protected from development. This would be a big bonus from the parks exhistance.

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Zip Code:

We need horseback riding trails. It is a huge economic impact in this area. Don't overspend on trail construction. Horses can go anywhere humans can walk.

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Zip Code:

For BCSP I strongly prefer a designation of Missouri Wild Area-this conserves the land, protects the creek, and does not require large economic investment. This area is so special and a large area undisturbed-excellent MO vegetation from earlier times and a beautiful healthy creek will be further protected. All that's needed is parking, pit toilets, and hiking trails, developed. No atv's, bikes, horses - just hiking and primitive camping. Mostly leave it be for us to experience how much of MO was---It's such a gem! P.S. We do not need creek access here. Bryant Creek has a sufficient # of access. Thank you.

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Zip Code:

Over the years I've seen too many areas be developed and logged. The areas left must be preserved for our kids and grandkids. The state is famous for hunting, fishing and floating. Use the area to encourage that and bring in visitors and revenue to the state. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to voice my (our) thoughts and feelings.

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Zip Code:

Think of all the people who visit Rockbridge who can use the park to camp and swim who would enjoy the land and creek-while visiting Rockbridge spending money all the while. Save the LAND. Don't Resell it

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Zip Code:

Please open the parks.

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Zip Code:

Please don't sell this property. It will only be logged to ruination. Please let me be able to see this property as it has been for the last 100 years and let my grandchildren be able to see it is I have. It is a treasure for all people to see.

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Zip Code:

Leave as natural as possible. As little development as possible

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Zip Code: 63965

I would like to see this park developed in a similar way as other Missouri State Parks to allow hiking and camping. Also, I would like to see the old growth forests and rare species protected and consideration given to natural areas.

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Zip Code: 65742

This potential park is a one time opportunity. The geographic and natural features will not be able to be obtained in the future. This park is necessary to balance the distribution of state parks to allow for more balance for southern Missouri. The benefit to be in contact with Bryant Creek, means that if this property is not held by Missouri Parks it will not be able to be replaced. I strongly encourage the Bryant Creek be retained by the Parks and developed in small stages as resources are made available from state government-private citizens and business. This decision may the most important for MO Parks in our life time!

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Zip Code: 65608

1) Horsetrail riding, camping 2) Parking for trailers 3) Some kind of restroom available 4) Visitor center or Nature Center - a way to use existing house 5) Learning Centers or Areas - there are lots of different types of studies for environmental/nature study. 6) DO NOT SELL-Douglas County Needs This!!!!

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Zip Code: 65793

Open to Archery deer hunting Open to Spring turkey hunting. Primitive camping Encourage hiking, education resource protection 2nd choice-turn over to MDC

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Zip Code: 65608

We would love to see the land remain public for the

enjoyment of future residents. Thanks

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Zip Code: 65775

I would like to see the Bryant Creek State Park remain open, and undeveloped beyond a parking lot and directions to trails. We need more of these kinds of

parks.

Zip Code: 65608

More public land. Accessible but low development. Walking/horseback trails. Keep wild. More money to

open to public and maintain.

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Zip Code: 65608

Hope equestrian trail riding will be available. Glad this is part of MCD!

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Zip Code: 65773

Do not want Bryant Creek sold. It is the only State Park in our area. Our club would be interested in doing some work there.

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Zip Code: 65689

We are proud of our State Parks! Streams and Rivers. We have good woods and lots of nature to enjoy. We have the best floating Rivers. I hope we can keep our new parks. Tourist bring in needed money to our small towns. I am proud to be a Ozarkian.

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Zip Code: 65638

Leave as it is. A Park! No development other than

minimal. Open up.

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Zip Code: 65773

We need more trails for horses and hikers in this area ----

Zip Code: 65608

Always protecting the pure water and nature trails for many, many generations to come. We live in a magical natural wonderland, it should be loved and nurtured so 500 years down the road our great, great, great grandchildren to love as we do. It is our Garden of Eden.

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Zip Code: 65773

We would like more trail for horse back riding and

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Zip Code: 65773

Keep this park with minimum development-maybe you would want to do something later-once you sell it-it's

gone forever

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Zip Code: 65638

I'm a Natural Resource Manager, forester, and beekeeping instructor. I've lived and worked in conservation around the world, including Hawaii-and Bryant River watershed, it's the BEST. It's a unique place that must be cherished and preserved. I teach natural beekeeping seminars near Rockbridge, MO and they attract people from literally all over the world. People travel from all over the US, Canada, and overseas to see this area and taste the unique honeys that wild Ozark plants produce. Honey is really the "flavor of the place" and Bryant River honey stands out and commands 10x higher price than US average speaking to the quality and diversity of the vegetation in this area. Keep the

land, converse it, do minimal development, and don't log it. Bryant River river hills are a jewell.

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Zip Code: 65638

I was born in Hawaii and raised in Douglas Co, MO just miles from Bryant River State Park property. This area is extremely beautiful and must be preserved. It really deserves being part of the State Park System. Do only minimal development, don't cut the big trees. Thank

you!

Zip Code: 65775

I'm all for 1) Keeping the park 2) Minimal development 3) Put the park signage on the creek-just so floaters and fishers know where they are!

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Zip Code: 65760

I am very excited to have a beautiful state park in my neighborhood! I would like to see minimal development and maximum resource protection. This will be a great improvement to our local quality of life, have a very positive economic impact, and help protect our precious natural resources.

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Zip Code: 65638

Please keep it as a primitive state park-primitive camping and hiking. Low maintenance and as "natural" as possible. Beautiful area-appreciate your considering

it.

Zip Code: 65760

Please do not sell Bryant Creek State Park. Please do not sell any of the three new state parks. If management funds are scarce, simply don't develop the park. Thank you!

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Zip Code: 65775

Thanks for protecting and providing our lower economic area with more public lands for state citizens and tourist

can visit.

Zip Code: 65761

Equestrian Trails 10+ miles Hiking Trails-share horse trails Fishing-river? Trailhead-big enough per 10-20 horse trailers Contact Back County Horsemen of

Missouri and Douglas County Foxtrotters

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Zip Code: 65775

I hope this can be developed in a way to give people more access to pristine outdoor areas. River access and scenic trails are my main interest. Minimal development is preferred. Echo Bluff is way over the top! Much of that money could have been used to develop these other 4 parks. People need more access to public lands! Thanks!

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Zip Code: 65608

This is a beautiful piece of property well suited to many recreational activities. I would like to see equestrian trails throughout (14 mile average loops). Trail sharing would be feasible with hikers but mountain bikes would need alternative trails as they can spook horses. Great building already exists for a visitor center and there is ample parking for school buses and horse trailers. As a former elementary school teacher, this property would make a great nature center for kids. It is a very diverse in its terrain and biomes. It would be such an asset to our underserved part of Missouri

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