

Protecting Existing Resources Q&A and Information Template
June 2020

NOTE: An “Outdoor Recreation Funding Roundtable,” chaired by State Rep. Cindy Ryu (D-Shoreline/32nd Dist.) and including numerous stakeholders and a handful of other lawmakers, is working through subcommittees to look at future revenue options for outdoor recreation, to better define the components of what makes up ‘outdoor rec,’ and to make the case for protecting existing state resources that go to this critical economic, quality-of-life, and health of this sector.

Please take a few minutes to review the questions in this template (*Pgs. 1-2*) and e-mail completed forms to ‘Protecting Existing Resources Subcommittee Chair Doug Levy (Doug@outcomesbylevy.onmicrosoft.com) and Rep. Ryu’s office (Cindy.Ryu@leg.wa.gov; Shoubee.Liaw@leg.wa.gov) by COB Friday, June 12 if at all possible.

***Documenting COVID-19 Impacts and Increased User Demand Experienced by
Outdoor Recreation Agencies and Organizations (June 2020)***

What types of fiscal impacts has your Agency/Organization experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Please provide specific fiscal-loss details to the best of your abilities:

Has your Agency/organization had to resort to layoffs, furloughs of seasonal workers, or other personnel cutbacks? Please provide specific data.

Explain the potential negative impacts and consequences of these cutbacks. Details, metrics, and quantified information would be appreciated.

If your Agency is city- or county-operated, can you describe decreases in tourism, lodging taxes, or both due to the pandemic and resulting closures?

Can you describe in detail the impact COVID-19 has had on special events, festivals, summer fairs, carnivals and other large gatherings that typically draw visitors and discretionary dollars to your community? Please include outdoor recreation-driven businesses that you may be aware of. Specific details, metrics, or dollar impacts would be appreciated.

With the Governor's recent "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" Order, what types of increased demand have you experienced on your facilities and amenities? Specific details, metrics, data would be appreciated.

If you are a state agency dependent on a share of fuel tax proceeds, or a local agency/organization that utilizes fuel-tax-financed grant programs, please describe in detail the impacts you are experiencing due to the sharp reduction in vehicle travel.

If you are an organization, please describe in detail what the COVID-19 pandemic has done in derailing fund-raising and fund-raising events you depend upon.

If you have details about closures of, cutbacks at, or significant impacts on outdoor recreation businesses that depend on this sector, please provide them here.

If you have details about health and/or quality-of-life impacts on your part of the outdoor recreation sector due to COVID-19, please provide them here.
