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To: Zeph, Paul
Subject: RE: Reminder to DCNR Partners & Stakeholders

Paul, Here are some comments:

Looking ahead for the next 25 years, are there things you would like to see changed or improved regarding recreational activities, facilities or operations within the state park system, or things you feel should not be changed?

We are into outdoor recreation, such as hiking/camping/cabin rentals in state parks, etc. and would like to see trails and other outdoor areas become more accessible for people with mobility concerns OR have more instruction on steepness/length of trail, etc. It would be nice if more hiking areas offered an accessible route option in addition to the traditional 'off the beaten path' kind of trail. **More advertising for local parks and or information about them. Are they accessible, connected to any trails or other parks? I know these things are often found with some short google searching, but maybe adding it to events of the area would make it more noticed and utilized. I personally feel I don't discover these places until I personally search out for them**

Do you have any recommendations for the stewardship of natural and/or cultural resources within state parks?

Cleaner public restrooms ☺ – this was all we could think of right now!

Are there any activities or facilities that you recall seeing at a local, state or national park that impressed you and that you feel would benefit the Pennsylvania State Park system?

Shenandoah Park/Skyline Drive in VA was a great experience for us. We were able to plan in advance because the website detailed each hike and told us how long/steep it was. The websites also had good information on accessibility for lodging and other activities. Having a disability means that someone is going to plan their trip in advance with more details, so finding information ahead of time was key to being able to do and see as much as we could on a trip! **Information 'stations' or stores. A place where you could learn more about the local plants, animals and history. Also where they sold items which benefitted their park; shirts, walking sticks, stickers, pins, etc.**

Do you have any suggestions for how to foster closer working relationships with stakeholder groups like yours?

Host inclusive community events and consult with ADA experts to ensure that your event is accessible. Keep in mind that some people with disabilities rely on paratransit to get places which means travel is limited to specific areas and/or expensive. Incentives for free day passes or free parking for activities/parks

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