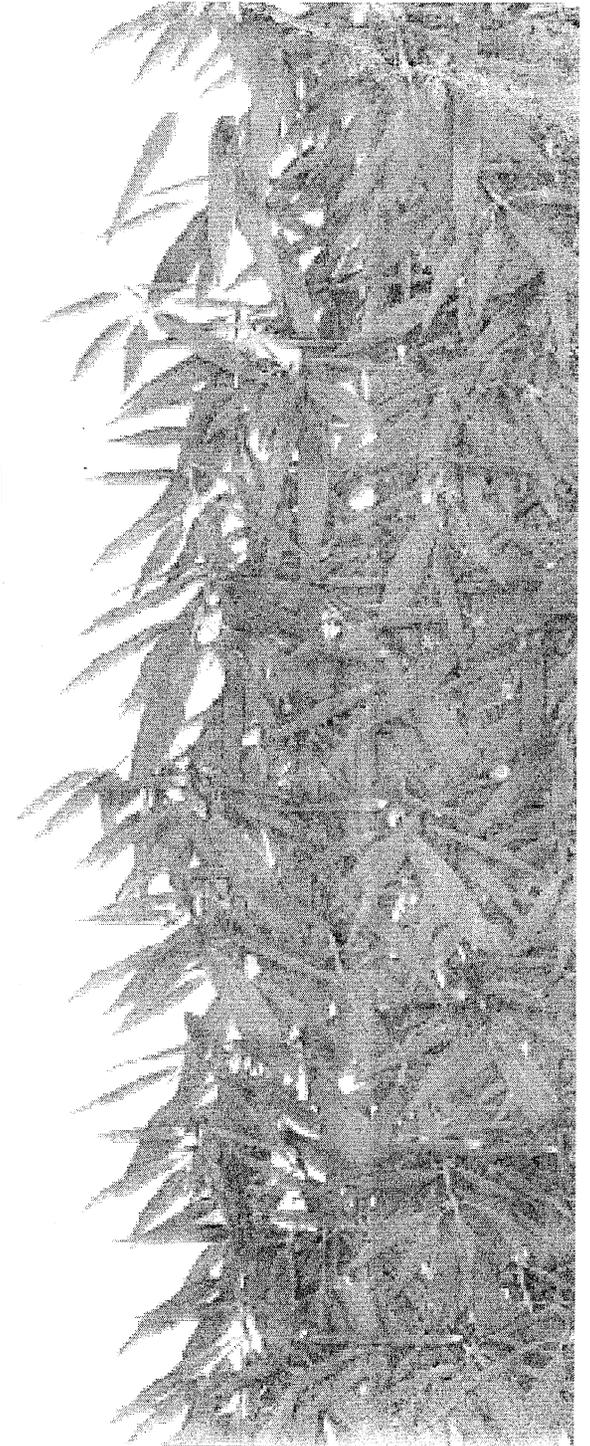


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State Park Closures

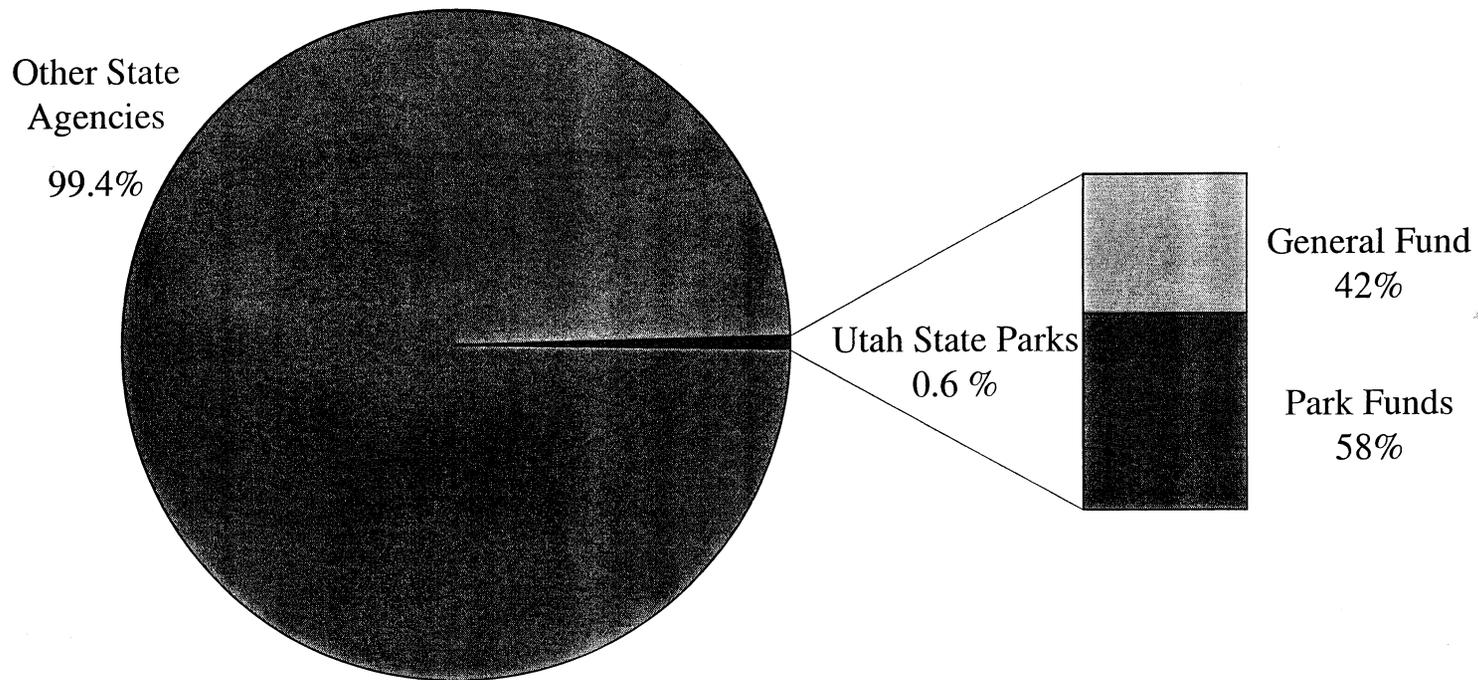


# Why Are We Here?

It is the *intent of the Legislature* that the *State Parks Board*, in coordination with the division director, analyze the costs and benefits of each state park, and by December 1, 2002 *recommend parks for closure* to meet the \$500,000 reduction in the state parks budget. It is further the intent of the Legislature that the reduction may be covered by both the operating and capital budgets of the state parks. (2002 Utah State Legislature)

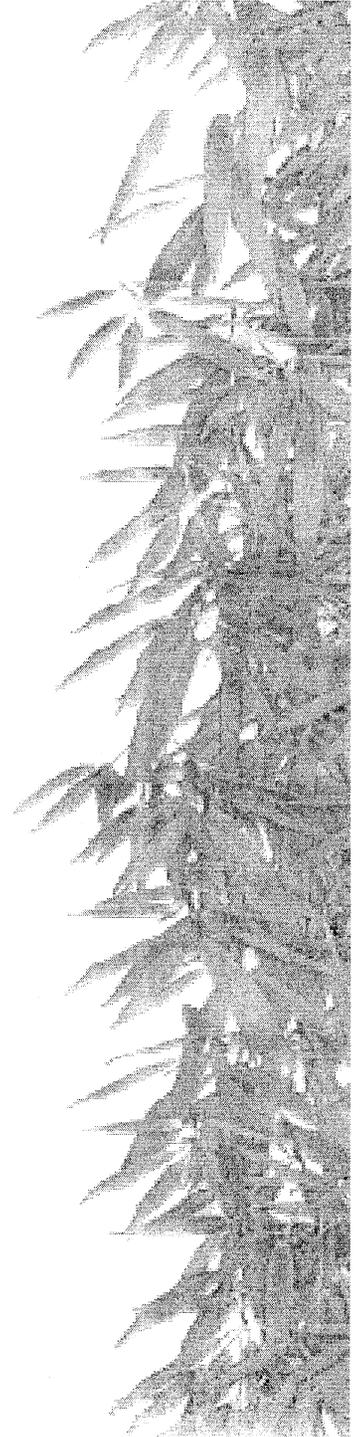


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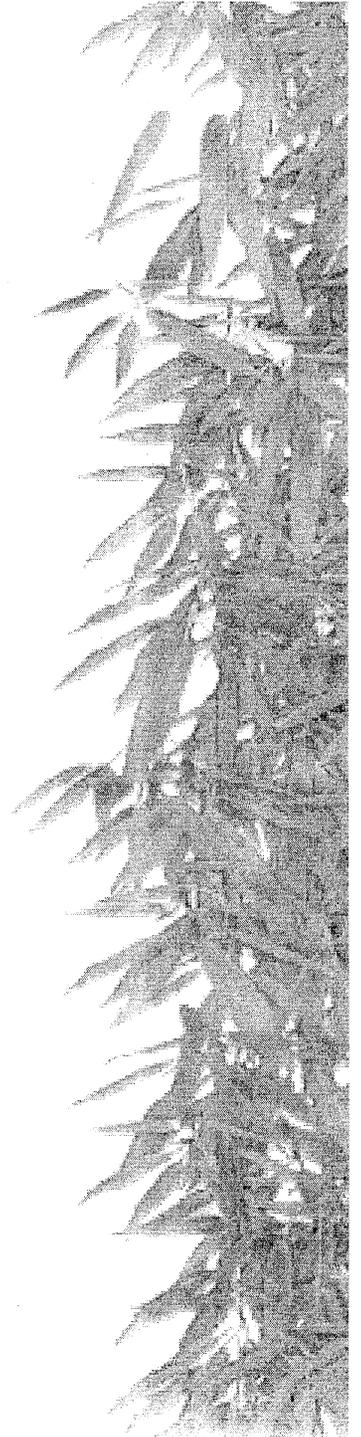
# What's Been Cut?

- \* *\$6.4 million* in reductions
- \* Cuts already in place
  - Capital \$5,030,000
  - Grants \$800,000
  - Personnel \$400,000
  - Other \$170,000



# What Parks Has Done?

- \* Eliminated ten employees
- \* Decreased the use of state general funds
  - Fee increases
  - Maximized alternative funding sources
- \* Increased employee productivity
- \* Reduced services
- \* Reduced seasonal wages
- \* Froze salary increases
- \* Left vacancies unfilled



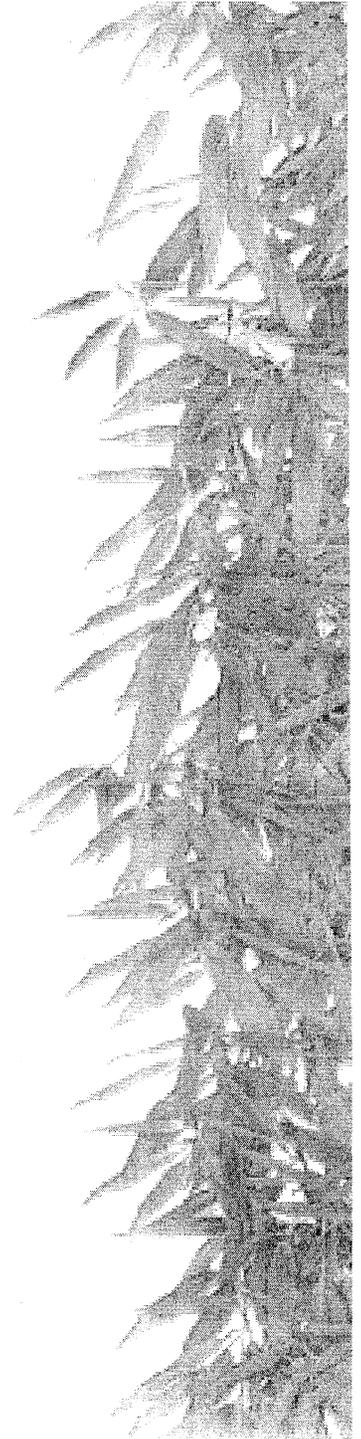
# Why This Park?

- \* Park evaluation process
  - Mandated by the legislature
  - Nine major criteria considered
- \* Cost of operation vs. Revenue
- \* Management alternatives
- \* Legal responsibilities
- \* Meet legislature's requirement



# Park Rating Criteria

- ★ Positive Environmental Qualities
  - Topographic Qualities
  - Geographic Characteristics
  - Aesthetic Qualities



# Park Rating Criteria

- ★ Positive Social Qualities
  - Socio-Economic Qualities
  - Political Congruency
  - Health, Safety, and Welfare Qualities

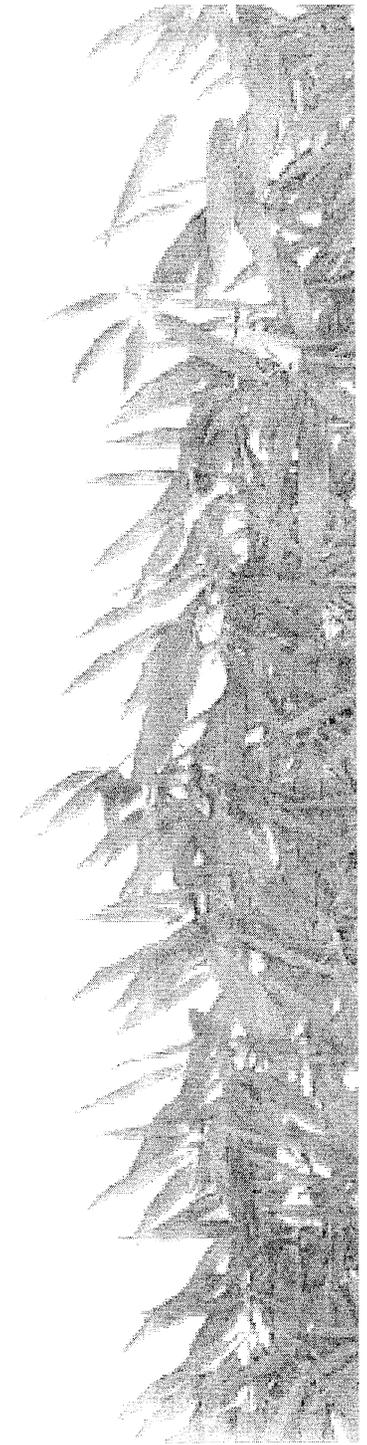
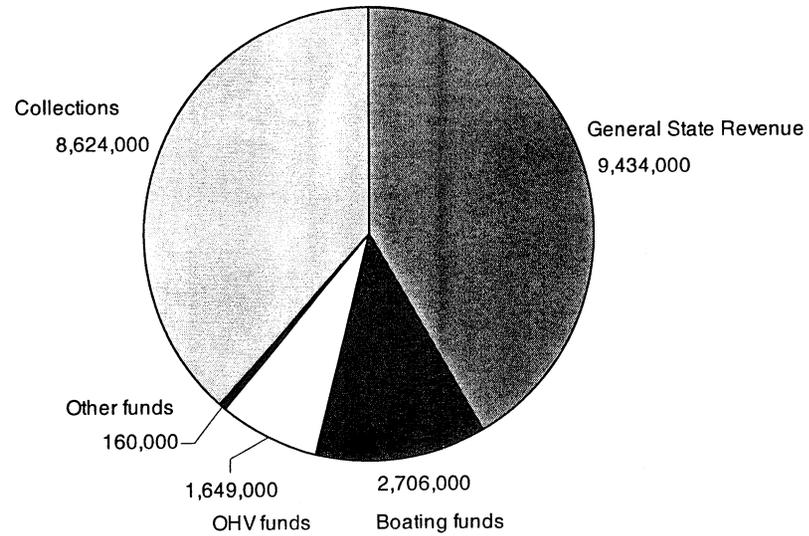


# Park Rating Criteria

- \* Positive Administrative & Management Qualities
  - Resource Protection and/or Conservation
  - Site Design
  - Achievement of Board/Administration Policy



# Funding Sources



# Expenditure Categories

