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## **Mountain High Hikers Newsflash December 7, 2009**

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### **Long Hike Cancelled for Tuesday**

Weather forecast looks bleak, cold weather and RAIN! "Let's cancel" says the hike leader.

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### **The Government Giveth – The Government Taketh Away**

Many of us have enjoyed use of our Golden Age and Senior Pass discounts. The Golden Age discount is locked in at 50% but the Senior Pass discount can be established at any level. The FS wants to lower Senior Pass discounts from the current 50% which would mean we would pay more to camp at our national campgrounds. For a full read of the post, please click on the web site below.

<http://www.thefederalregister.com/d.p/2009-12-01-E9-28744>

Public comment suspense date is February 1, 2010.

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### **2863 Trail Hours for 2009 – All Time High**

MHH has had a banner year with an all time high of 2863 hours through December 1<sup>st</sup>. Participation has been excellent and a great team assembled. Many individuals have worked and earned badges for over 100 hours. For a full report, visit our website and check out the maintenance stats.

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## Blue Ridge Parkway Information

Sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway are already closed because of snow and ice. They will probably stay closed until early spring. The Parkway information line is 828-298-0398 for road and weather conditions. They update the information every morning, making it a much better source of information than the website.

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## Observe the Geminids

One of the best meteor showers of the year will be visible December 13/14. For information <http://meteorshoweronline.com/geminids.html>

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**On No, I'm Melting!**