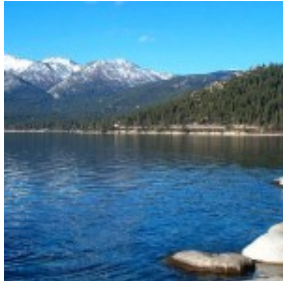


Nevada may close state parks, including Tahoe

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The Nevada Legislature is thinking of closing state parks as it considers how to patch an estimated \$900 million budget gap, a move that would save a few million dollars while killing the economies of rural towns and stunting tourism efforts across the state, opponents of the idea say.

Gov. Jim Gibbons has suggested a 10 percent budget reduction for a number of agencies, including the State Parks Division. But the Interim Finance Committee could take that a step further. At its meeting in Las Vegas on Thursday, the committee is expected to consider following the lead of



Lake Tahoe
State Park in
Nevada

cash-strapped states such as California and Arizona, that have closed some or all of their state parks.

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