Overview of Visitor Impacts

Some impacts are clearly illegal and intentional

- Graffiti
- Vandalism
- Litter
- Looting of artifacts

Graffiti

Vandalism

Litter from campsites and tossed off cliffs

Looting of archaeological sites

Most impacts are not intentional

- Most visitors don’t want to cause impacts to the resources
- Impacts caused by lack of knowledge of Leave No Trace techniques
- Frequent concentrated use

Erosion from user-created trails

User-created trails go to…

camping areas

vistas

climbing areas

fishing holes

MILES AND MILES OF USER
CREATED TRAILS TO REMOTE
CLIFFLINE

Large campsites

Heavily used campsites

Sanitation Problems

Many rock shelters have camping use

Many Rock Shelters are close to roads

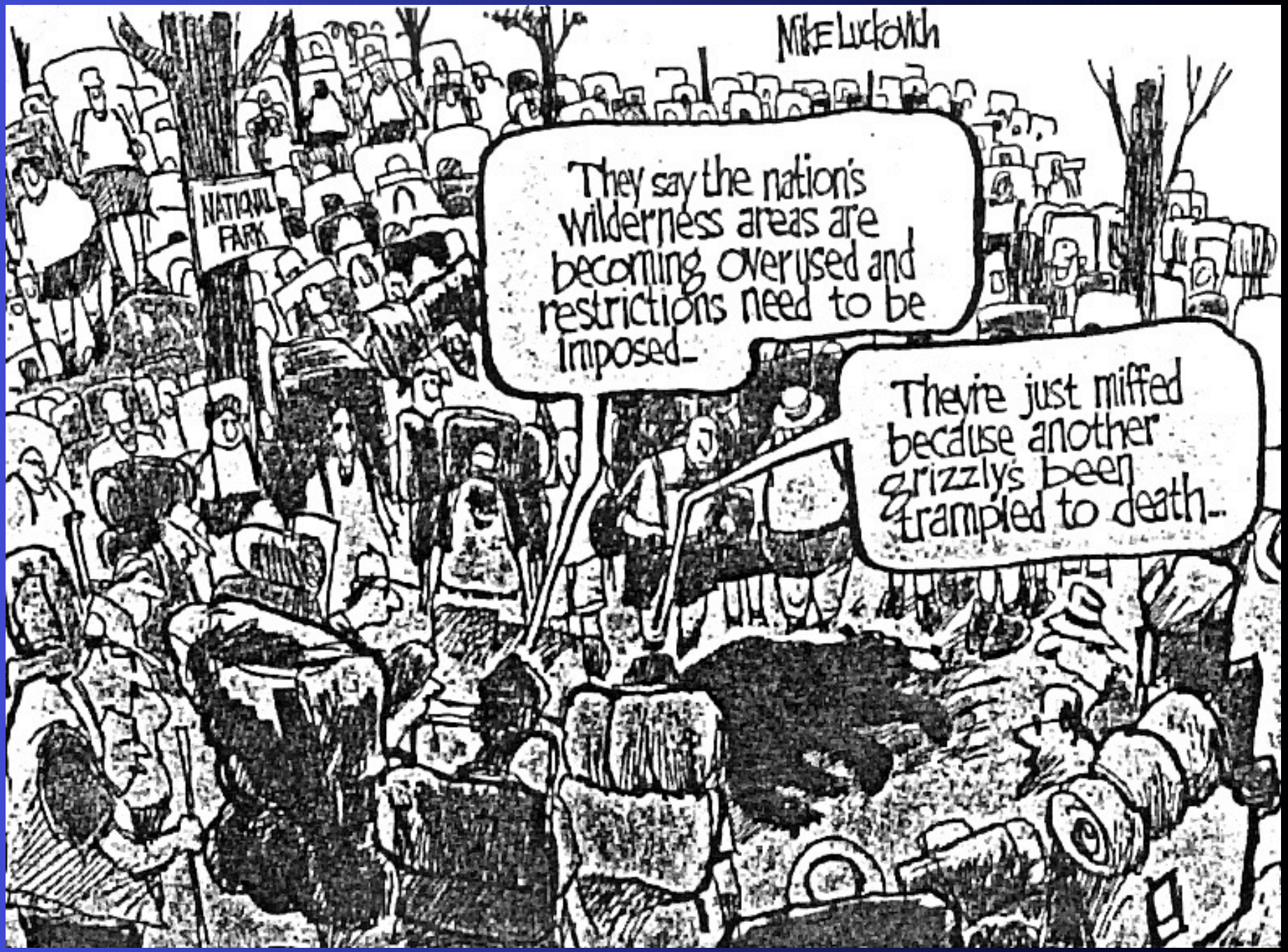
Chalk from climbers

Some climbing routes have bolts drilled into the cliff face

Bare ground at climbing areas

Bouldering Impacts – loss of vegetation

Are some areas getting too crowded?


Mike Luckovich
NATIONAL PARK
They say the nation's wilderness areas are becoming overused and restrictions need to be imposed.
They're just miffed because another grizzly's been trampled to death.

THEY RUN IN PACKS AND UPSET THE ECOSYSTEM... I SAY WE TRANSPORT THEM TO CANADA.
Gorge
Mike Keefe 1995