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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles Park Rangers are law enforcement, I know some people say park rangers should not be law enforcement but look in this world anything can happen. Rangers need that tool to survive and yes it can lead to death but rangers had been dealing with life or death situations. You may think that if a ranger is armed people will not come up to them, no not true a lot of kids walk of to police officers cause they look well cool, and for ranger aspect, California State Park Peace Officers, U.S. Park Rangers (Protection) and more have firearms, and kids walk up to them, they are will not get scared, they will be happy they met a cop but I'm not saying all kids. It will free LAPD resources as they are understaffed and will focus more outside of parks. Yeah LA park rangers didn't get injured well of course it's because LAPD patrols those areas like MacArthur, parts of Griffith and other parks, danger is proven, give park rangers the tool that they need to protect and serve the community, because Los Angeles park Rangers graduate from the LAPD academy but are denied basic protection tools, many trained rangers leave our city parks to work for an armed agency. Arming them will keep the experienced rangers right here protecting our communities.