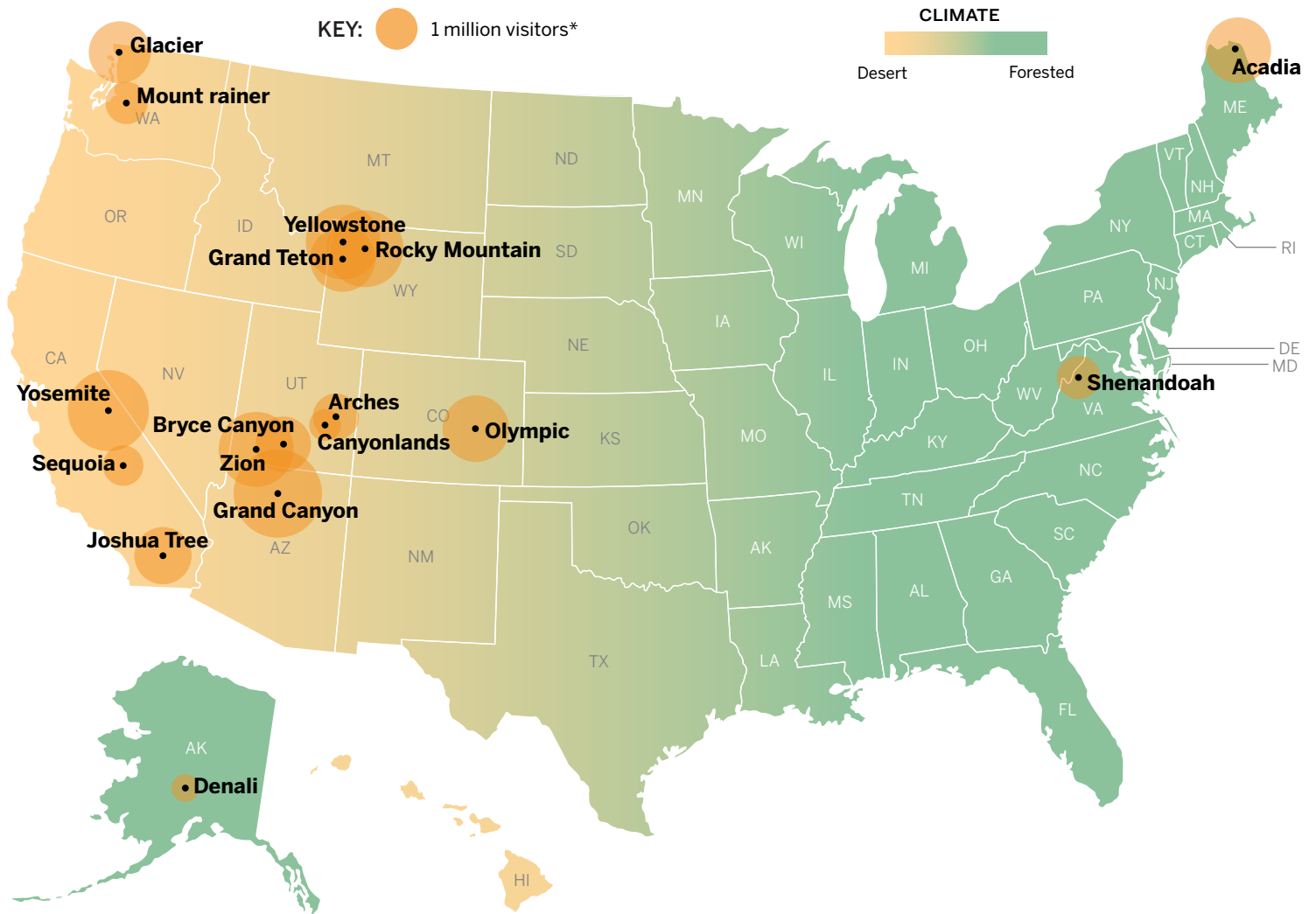


National parks price hiking soon

To maintain park upkeep, the National Park Service (NPS) is proposing an increase in its park entrance fees by 280% to the top revenue parks. In the latest proposal, the entrance fee for a private vehicle would jump from \$25-\$30, to \$70 during each of the parks' peak five-month season. The new price would increase the national park revenue by \$70 million a year for repairs and maintenance, but many people are worried about the affordability of visiting these areas that were originally protected for Americans to interact with and experience. In 2015, many national parks increased their prices to \$30 and saw zero decrease in visitors. An increase such as the one proposed however, is much larger and could deter over forty-eight million citizens from travelling to these national land marks.

NATIONAL PARKS THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY PROPOSED PRICE INCREASE



*Note: statistics from 2016

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