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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you to congratulate you on the toughness of your "Iron Ranger" fee tube design and construction. We acquired one of these a number of years ago for a high-use fee site which we manage. It has performed excellently, not only weathering the extreme climate conditions of Montana but also withstanding a series of recently escalating attacks of thieves attempting to steal the receipts.

And when I say "escalating" and "attempts" I do mean exactly those words, since although the thieves have repeatedly tried everything from smashing the top off with sledge hammers, prying open the face with crow bars, cutting off the lock box, drilling the lock, and even dragging it away behind a vehicle, they have struck out completely and are 0/3 in the last month alone. There are some very determined but also very frustrated thieves out there somewhere and it's been almost an entertainment factor for us as well, heading out to the field in the morning, anticipating what might have happened. (Finding this Iron Ranger, with a couple of tons of cement on it, after its been dragged down a dirt road and left pretty much buried in a field is a great conversation topic and then finding the receipts still in it can really make your day).

Affectionately, this Iron Ranger has acquired the nickname of "Rocky". Sadly, "Rocky" has suffered enough damage the last time that repairing it requires more effort than replacing it. Right now our staff is out in the warehouse figuring out how to cut the fee tube out to retrieve the receipts. Perhaps we're more resourceful than the thieves because we intend to spend the receipts these losers have failed to get from "Rocky" to purchase "Rocky II" from you. And then we'll recycle as much of "Rocky" as we can; including using some of the steel as part of the increased protection features we're going to be building around "Rocky II". We'll win in the end.

Thank you

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