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NM State Parks Division

Field Operations Bureau Chief

Mr. Langenegger:

I'm writing to you in response to the proposed park fee increase/changes. I'm a Texas resident who resides in El Paso and the increase will impact me and other El Paso residents as well that visit Caballo Lake and Elephant Butte.

- As for not charging NM residents the \$5/vehicle fee for day use I feel would be a mistake as you indicated you make a profit and I believe will keep individuals honest and it would encourage them to care and appreciate the park.
- Primitive Camping – increase from \$8 to \$20 is too high especially no access to water, sewage or electricity. To park in the SAND! My recommendation would be to increase to \$12/vehicle
- Developed Camping-increase too high from \$10/vehicle to \$20/vehicle. My recommendation would be to increase to \$15/vehicle.
- Utilities: my recommendation to increase from \$4 to \$6/day instead of \$10 per day.
- Dump Station- My recommendation to charge \$5 instead of \$10/use.
- Annual Camping Pass leave as is since you already make a profit instead of eliminating it.
- Finally, would you consider giving a military discount to both residents and nonresidents to active military, retirees, and veterans. Since they served in our country!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Cook", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.