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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Changes for Park & Campground fees

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I've read the proposed fee changes to camping in NM state parks.

I've been snowboarding in NM most of the past 10 years generally staying Oct - April each year.

My understanding is that the proposed changes will raise my costs from \$4 daily to camp (with a non-resident SR pass) to at least \$30 daily. While I agree that some change is necessary, I believe more than tripling the costs is outrageous.

I currently travel out of my way to stay here. I can camp with power & water a lot closer to home for \$8 a day. At or below that price should be your target.

If these changes are implemented without significant reductions, I will NOT be returning to NM. I don't believe I will be the only one making that change. And that will also result in a much larger decrease in spending locally impacting the local shopping & tourist businesses.

Lastly, I see quite a few people in these parks who appear to be local "homeless" people taking advantage of the parks. Have you considered how these changes will affect them?