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To whom it may concern,

I'm not completely opposed to increased fees, however I think you should take these thoughts into consideration.

- Several parks we have been to do not have anyone manning the entrance to collect the fees. Specifically Thru - Sunday, this is lost revenue for the state and no one is checking stickers on vehicles.
- Surrounding states still offer passes as well as discounted rates for seniors and veterans, New Mexico should as well
- Although we buy the annual camping pass, we can barely stay enough nights in the summer to break even. The current camping pass only covers the base rate for the site and electric sites were always an added cost. Would be disappointed if you did not continue this. This could be offered to NM residents only.

So while you review your rates and the rate of increase, we the users are going to continue to ask what are we going to get for these increased rates. Most of the sites we have stayed in are not maintained and/or upgraded and have not been for many years. Broken fences, filthy or damaged picnic tables, unmaintained roads, sites full of weeds and/or stickers and goat heads.

It is still our state and we enjoy our parks! However if the rates dramatically increase, senior passes eliminated, gate fees added on top of camping fees and improvements are not made, we like others will look to neighboring states to visit