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I am writing to comment on the proposed state park fee increase proposals.

Eliminating the day use fee for residents completely may have negative effects on the quality of the experience at some parks. Complete elimination of the fee may create even more crowded fishing conditions on the Cimarron River in Cimarron Canyon State Park and others. Elimination of the annual day use pass for nonresidents may adversely affect the out of state tourism in communities like Eagle Nest and Angel Fire where recreation opportunities in the state parks are a large draw for visitors. I know individuals that spend 90 days in these communities that fish every day. The proposed \$10.00 day use fee would cost them \$900.00. Implementation of a per use dump fee for primitive and standard electric campsites may increase the dumping of gray water on the ground and discourage tent campers from properly disposing of dish water.

I suggest, lowering the day use fee for residents. Creating a resident annual day use pass at \$20-40. Increase the non-resident day use pass to \$80.00 - 100.00. Add a per length of stay dump permit fee option to primitive and developed site camping fees and implement a per use dump fee for noncampers or those without a length of stay dump permit.