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As a long-time resident of New Mexico and a regular State park user, the opportunity to offer comments on the proposed fee changes is appreciated. We live in Albuquerque and drive to Ute Lake on weekends when with can with our children. We have a boat in dry storage at the lake. First, please do not eliminate the primitive camping. It is unclear if the primitive camping option is going to be eliminated, or, if the new policy recommends that families camping in the primitive areas will be charged the same fees as the developed sites. The increase from \$8 per night to \$20 per night seems a bit excessive (**250% increase**), for those trying to manage their reduced service camping expenses.

Primitive camping is often the first choice for:

New Mexicans without the funds for the developed sites,

Individuals who want to camp a little further from the noise and general commotion in the campgrounds (sometimes those with physical/emotional issues who might choose to be alone in the beauty of the State Park).

New Mexicans that are in tents or vehicles that don't require the need for electric or water.

Second, please continue to charge for the residential day use. The \$5 (per vehicle) fee is VERY affordable for every New Mexican. It does not deter the families within the State from enjoying the State Parks. If you are going to have an Out-of-State fee, you are still needing to have employees manning the booths and collecting revenues. It seems that it would be advantageous to continue to generate this revenue. In addition, the annual day use pass is reasonably priced and offers the convenience of not having park staff not have to stop and collect money on a daily basis, and affords New Mexicans living near a State Park to take advantage of the Park on an affordable regular basis.

Third, I'm not clear why we would charge for the dump stations. We have never been to an area where we pay for camping and have to pay to dump your vehicle. I would think we would want to encourage individuals to use the dump stations versus dump in the mesa or other unauthorized areas, which would require extra effort on park staff to clean up random dumpings. The State of New Mexico has closed most of the dump stations in the rest areas and it seems that this would be a service to New Mexicans that we would want to continue and encourage.

Thank you,

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