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Las Cruces, N M

Friends at State Parks management;

I first want to express how much I enjoy the New Mexico state parks!

Regarding fee changes, I know this is necessary for upkeep, maintenance, and possible expansion. I use the parks often, and sometimes for a few weeks at a time. I am a NM resident and have an annual pass. I know it is a super deal, and I would happily pay \$200 or even \$300 for one. I think there are many others who would be all right with this. I think a pass could be offered to out-of-state users as well. I notice many out-of-state users, and from most every state I see average income is higher than our state, and expenses higher as well. I would recommend putting a little more burden on these users to avoid raising fees for resident users so much.

I would not mind paying a dumping fee; \$10 per use sounds fair.

Perhaps raise registration fee to \$15.

I recommend continuing to charge for day use, and setting a higher fee for out of state users. Many of them come from El Paso and further away, and if they can afford gasoline or diesel they can afford a fee.

I would hope you could keep primitive or undeveloped camping free for annual pass holders.

Thank you for considering my suggestions!

Respectfully,



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