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As a Texas resident that uses both Ute and Conchas State Park, I will limit my trips to these state parks and I will not camp. My myself and my money will go to Oklahoma for out of state trips where they are more welcoming. The economic impact to that New Mexico will lose for local business is far more than the state will "raise" in these Fees. Promotion of family activities outside should be paramount no matter what state you reside in. With current inflation this is just another straw on the back of families wanting to get outside. This is shameful.

Thanks,

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