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“Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing” - Theodore Roosevelt



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Jared, I am writing on behalf of a large group of out of state frequenters to Ute Lake. The proposal to do away with Annual Use passes is a major concern for us. There is a very active crowd of out of state residents who own lake houses and are on the water 20+ weekends a year. This proposal to charge \$10/day for day use passes is going to cost \$400 or more annually. I am supportive of a cost increase on the annual passes as the cost of park operation has gone up undoubtedly. But the inconvenience and drastic increase in cost to purchase day use passes is grossly unfair to non-residents who enjoy the park. Also please take in to consideration the economic impact to the Village of Logan that will likely follow if non-residents quit coming to Ute because of this increased cost. Personally we spend roughly \$300 per weekend on fuel, groceries, and entertainment. It is not unreasonable to think that there will be a significant number of folks who will consider Tx and Ok lakes as an alternative to avoid this cost.

Thank you for taking this in to consideration.

Blane