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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to give feedback on the proposed recommendations for new state park fees. I think there should still be a day use fee, cutting the day use fee cuts almost \$1 million dollars and most people are used to paying a day use fee already, as well the primitive camping fee should not be that much of an increase. For primitive camping an increase from \$8 to \$20 per vehicle is a 250% increase and that is per vehicle. So for a family that brings a camper with tow vehicle and a second vehicle, they would pay \$40 a night, \$120 for a three night camping trip using a site with no amenities and no utilities. A primitive camping spot should not cost the same as a developed site. A higher increase in developed sites and utilities would offset a smaller increase in primitive camping spots.

One of the reasons people go outdoors and use the state parks is because it is a cost effective event for the family. I think the structure below would allow for an increase to the fees to balance the budget while keeping fees affordable for families. The economy is hard enough for people as it is, especially with the high cost of fuel and food, and a weekend of camping is sometimes more affordable than other options for family outings. Also I think it's important to promote outdoor use and encourage families to get outdoors. The proposed fees might price some families out of outdoor adventures and camping.

This is a proposed fee recommendation that would keep increases minimal and still meet the needed impact of \$5,380,970:

Day Use (Resident): \$5.00 (\$862,500)
Day Use (Non-Resident): \$10.00 (\$575,000)
Primitive Camping: \$10.00 (\$288,000)
Developed Camping: \$20.00 (\$2,048,000)
Utilities: \$5.00 (\$166,667)
Dump Use: Free
Annual Day Use Pass: \$80 (\$590,800)
Annual Camping Pass: \$250 (\$771,423)
Vessel Launch Fee: \$5 (\$100,000)
Parking Fee (RGNC): \$5 (\$6441)
Total Potential Impact: \$5,408,831

Thank you,
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