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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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Hi Jared,

I hope you are ending your week on a good note. I saw a post on Facebook about the "[New Mexico State Parks Fees Study](#)" and wanted to ask some questions. The part that concerns me the most is the elimination of the annual day use pass. I don't need to camp as I have a house there and I pay property taxes there. But I don't have a NM license so you are going to charge me \$10 every time I access the lake like a non-resident even though I have a home there?

RECOMMENDATIONS			
FEE TYPE	CURRENT COST	PROPOSED COST	ESTIMATED REVENUE IMPACT
Day Use (Resident)	\$5.00 per vehicle	Free for Residents	(\$862,500.00)
Day Use (Non-resident)	\$5.00 per vehicle	\$10.00 per vehicle	\$575,000.00
Primitive Camping	\$8.00 per vehicle	\$20.00 per vehicle	\$1,728,000.00
Developed Camping	\$10.00 per vehicle	\$20.00 per vehicle	\$2,048,000.00
Utilities (water, electric, sewer)	\$4.00 per day	\$10.00 per day	\$700,000
Dump Station Fee	Free	\$10.00 per use	\$250,000.00
Annual Day-Use Pass	\$40.00	Eliminate	(\$295,400)
Annual Camping Pass	\$100-\$225	Eliminate	(\$501,425.00)
Living Desert Entrance Fees	\$0.50 - \$5.00	\$1.00 - \$10.00	\$107,253.00
Vessel Registration Fees	\$28.50 - \$66.00	\$75.00 - \$180.00	\$1,525,601.00
Vessel Launch Fee (non-motorized)	Free	\$5.00	\$100,000.00
Parking Fee (RGNC)	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$6,441.00
		Total potential impact:	\$5,380,970.00

The next thing I want to share is how much revenue I bring to the state of NM every time I come over there and I am just one family. We come at least once a month in the winter and multiple times in the summer. This is where I spend my money while I am there.

Groceries - Logan Food Mart or Dollar Store

Gas - Annex, Allsup's or the Marina

Dining - Annex, Rockin Taco (whatever it is called now, the grill going to the lake, C Store, Allsup's

Utilities - Farmers Electric, Pinnacle Propane, Plateau

And you are going to tell me I need to pay \$10 every time I launch my boat?

Sincerely,

Charlotte Howard