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To Whom it May Concern,

As a snowbird visitor to New Mexico State Parks, I would ask you to re-consider or lower the proposed fee changes. With the new fee changes, it would cost my husband and I around \$50 per night to stay in one of your parks. We have a fifth-wheel, tow vehicle and one additional sedan and generally need an electric hookup. As active seniors we love staying in the NM state parks because we can hike daily and walk our dog. This is not so easy, when you are staying in an RV park. I am not opposed to fee increases to support the parks, however, I believe that the proposed increases are so extreme that they will greatly reduce the number of snowbirds that visit your parks during the off season. In particular, places like Pancho Villa state park will probably see a large reduction in winter visitation due to the lack of hiking, and other activities that are available at other parks. It will just not be worth the high cost to stay at Pancho Villa, unless you just need to stay for a night to cross the border to MEX for prescriptions or dental. I also believe that there will be a reduction in off-season sales tax revenues collected by the communities that are near the parks because the snow bird spending will dry up. Those visitors will end up in AZ or TX state parks where you can stay for well under \$50 per night.

Thank you for your consideration,

Christine and Sean McCarthy