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A few comments....

I find it a bit short sighted that rates are going up significantly due to the fact that you have not overtime changed the rate structure to support yourselves

making up for the past does not justify the steep increase in my opinion

specifically, increasing overnight camping in primitive areas to 20 bucks per car load is outrageous and frankly can be unaffordable to your average New Mexico family

from a value proposition camping remotely for 20 bucks I don't see the justification that kind of an increase.

Not a lot of resources are needed from your perspective in that instance

a lot of our resources are not close to our larger cities.

Day use for free feels a bit like throwing a bone to justify the steep increase

increasing State Park fees that produces 5 million in revenue and I one step increase seems outrageous and unnecessary.

Elimination of the annual pass save me short sighted as well. Lots of well meaning new Mexicans take advantage of this and I think it's a wonderful program. The fact that you have people abusing it puts the onus on you guys to police it correctly and to enforce it properly. Punishing your law abiding citizens through the elimination of this program makes no sense

Well I think a little increase is reasonable in some areas, the proposed steps you are taking don't seem to be based in reasonableness or in the best interests of your constituents

Thanks

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