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To Whom It May Concern:

I completely understand why you feel that you need to raise fees in New Mexico Parks; however, I do not agree with you making the day use fee free with no gathering of information about who is there and what they are doing. If you have concerns about "non-recreational" use of the parks, making it accessible to just anyone without any type of registration is opening the parks up for crime.

Also, I hope that you will reconsider the discontinuation of the yearly pass. By providing this as a continued option, you encourage the regular use of our parks by New Mexico citizens on a regular basis. If you need to discontinue one of the yearly passes, discontinue the yearly camper passes for out-of-state users. But, please keep the passes available to New Mexicans.

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