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My name is Daniel Dallison. I am a Colorado resident living in Bayfield CO, with a houseboat moored at the NM Navajo state park at the marina. We pay a considerable premium to keep our property (houseboat) in NM at the state park. The proposed fee increase for out of state residents to enter the park gives no consideration to the people who have houseboats in slips or on the buoy line within the park. I have many concerns beyond the simple fact that no consideration has been given for overnight parking for slip and buoy holders.

With these changes I fear many out of state residents will duck paying any fees by illegally camping and beach launching which is already a problem and will only get worse with these changes. I fear this is likely to result in the introduction of invasive mussels that will wreak havoc on boats and infrastructure at the lake. We all know the park doesn't have the resources to police this issue. Reasonable costs keep honest people honest. But with this big of an increase a \$20 weekend camp trip just became a \$60+ trip in park fees alone. People will go out of their way to avoid these fees...

I fear that free entry will result in unintended consequences of over use by people who will not respect the park. I fear this will lead to parking issues (which are already bad), over crowding of the park, littering and other general poor treatment of park facilities. I am a proponent of "pay to play" and support an equal fee increase but I cannot see how charging out of state residents exorbitant fees and charging NM residents nothing at all for day use will fix any revenue issues. For Navajo Lake that will result in major revenue loss as it shares the park with Colorado that only charges \$30 for an annual pass (no matter in state or out of state). Why will Colorado day use patrons use the NM side of the lake? Don't forget that Colorado residents were not allowed to use our boats in NM during COVID. The message that NM is sending to out of state patrons is becoming increasingly clear! NM does not want out of state patrons using the state parks.

As an avid outdoorsman, NM moored boat owner and patron I DO support fee increases to ensure proper staffing, facilities upkeep, maintenance and oversight of the parks. I however DO NOT support a one sided increase that has not been properly thought through! I DO NOT support the elimination of an annual day use pass that would put an extreme financial burden on using my own property which is stored within the park. I urge NM park service to please reconsider this fee structure in a more fair and evenly structured manner.

Thank you,
Daniel Dallison

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