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## Name

Darlene Batson

## **Email**

## **Subject**

Camping and State Fee Changes

## Message

We agree with your stated goals in these changes. I do want to say that camping fees for residents should be less than out of state users. Or perhaps only less for in state resident senior citizens. However, we would be willing to pay a higher fee if we could have more options for sites that would hold our 40 ft. RV. Here in NM there are few, and in many state parks they're nonexistent. We are seniors, so we end up driving usually to Tucson or private places like a KOA or locally even Cochiti.. But this isn't a good answer for two people who want to be in a park or wilderness. While we like hookups we certainly can do without full hookups, and we'd prefer to spend our money in this state park system. We're long time campers from tents or trailers to RVs and have used state and National park systems ALL over the US. We could use both expanded numbers of sites and more developed services like the educational programs we've enjoyed in other locations. Your goals are RIGHT ON!