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I am a Colorado resident that owns a houseboat on Navajo lake on a Buoy at Pine marina Navajo Dam NM. We pay handsomely for the privilege of use of The Marina infrastructure Bringing in a lot of out of state money in fact the marina would not exist without people like us.

We currently purchase an annual day pass so we have access to our houseboat and a place to park. We dont use much of the park infrastructure at all just the marina.

The elimination o the annual pass and doubling of out of state fees is a problem for us, we would have to pay each day we are there sometimes just to access our Houseboat for maintenance seems unfair and divisive to charge us while New Mexicans are free

Given we own a residence floating on the lake we should be considered NM residents and allowed free access to our Houseboat. Or at least let us purchase an annual pass.

I am a retired USDA Forester and believe in user fees for recreational use, as such making state parks free for all New Mexicans and double charging Out of state folks makes no sense it will likely just reduce out of state use and the out of state money that comes with it. By the way I live 30 MI north of the border on the La Plata highway and watch a steady stream of NM rigs headed to the Colorado mountains to recreate Colorado charges everyone the same

I am also concerned that launch fees will encourage beach launching which is fairly common due to multiple road access to portions of the lake increasing the potential for invasive mussel contamination

Thanks