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I would like to comment on the fee changes that the EMNRD is trying to do. First of all I could see raising the yearly fee for NM residents but I think doing away with the yearly fee for nonresidents or raise the fee would be the ideal solution but to pay 40.00 a night is to expensive for seniors on a fixed income that would end up costing 400.00 for a 10 night stay. You get all the nonresidents who buy a nightly pass for 240.00 a year right now and bounce from park to park all year round so they are actually paying that much for a year on rent which is way cheaper then actually paying rent on a home so that's where the fees should go up not on NM residents we pay all NM TAXES as residents. We go camping a lot and that would get really expensive for us as we are on fixed income so I guess that would mean that I would have to sell my camper because we could not afford that kind of fee for camping. We have been camping for over 40 years and that would be sad to penalize for being NM residents and I know many NM campers that would feel the same way I do so you guys should consider keeping the yearly passes for NM residents but not for nonresidents charge them a daily fee. And for kayaking to charge 5.00 a day is expensive to so I suggest you should keep the daily pass but also raise the price for that daily pass for NM residents but eliminate it for nonresidents. Thank you for your time David Ortiz.