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As you email states:

Key recommendations from our Fees Study include:

- Elimination of day-use fees for New Mexico residents.
- Implementation of a non-resident day-use fee.
- Eliminating Annual Passes.
- Adjusting camping and utility fees.
- Adjusting boat registration and launching fees.
- Adjusting entrance fees at Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park and Smokey Bear Historical Park.

So to “adjust for inflation” and to basically increase the revenue to match neighboring states, you are proposing to eliminate a source of income (eliminating day-use fees for in-state residents), and you want to keep, or most likely increase, the \$5 rate for non-residents?

This is not an adequate “adjustment.” I see it as a way to give a break to residents while putting the shortcomings on the back of non-residents. If you truly wanted to adjust for inflation, as you propose, the entirety should have to foot the bill with the same probable increase in rate cost. Everyone utilizing the state parks should have to pay their way with day-use fees, it’s only proper.

-Devin Rice Sent from Gmail Mobile