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This increase is not in the best interest in the tax payers of NM. The increase is so high that you will force people to not camp because they can no longer afford it. Camping is currently one of the cost-effective recreation opportunities for people within the state – the increase will take that option away.

The proposed cost increase is comparable to a KOA campground that has wi -fi, pool, laundry facilities and lots of shade. The state parks do not have these amenities.

If the state can afford to pay for funeral costs – they should be able to afford to continue having reasonable camping fees. The use of additional tax dollars from the dispensaries should be used to off set costs for residents.

The elimination of the annual pass is such a detriment to state citizens. Please allow for the annual pass at a reasonable rate. A new annual pass that includes electrical hook up option will eliminate the additional time to check sites for the additional fee – plus the cost of collection.

I'm not saying an increase isn't necessary – but the proposed costs are so high that I don't feel they are justified or reasonable. Your proposed rate increase severely punishes campers.

Please reconsider and allow residents to continue to enjoy the outdoor wonders of NM.

Thank you

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