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Good Afternoon,

I am writing you to oppose the drastic increase in park fees. As you well know NM is one of the lowest income states in the US and by eliminating the yearly passes and increasing the cost of a the day pass, you are disenfranchising the citizens of the state of NM. Many who utilize these areas are not wealth and this is an activity that those of all income levels can afford regardless of their wealth. You are simply trying to take more away from the low income individuals.

EMNRD is simply proposing to harm our kids and grandkids. Many a Childs memory is from the utilization of these precious parks, it is one of the few recreational opportunities that a single parent or a low income parent can afford to do without spending thousands of dollars. This isn't Disney Land!!!!!!!!!! You owe it to our kids and grandkids to have these opportunities and memories.

While you claim it promotes non-recreational use you are punishing the many because of the few.

I totally agree that an increase is appropriate as long as it is within reason. But you also need to keep in mind that the people of the state of NM own those lands not EMNRD and we should be able to enjoy our lands.

I implore you to consider the impact on the low to mid income citizens of NM.

Respectfully
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