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Good afternoon,

As a member of the State Parks Advisory Board and an avid user of New Mexico State Parks, I support the recommendations for changing the fee structures as outlined in the informational meeting offered online on Friday, March 1, 2024. I appreciate the thoughtfulness that went into exploring the changes and believe there is an important balance with raising some fees and eliminating others to provide even more access to State Parks for New Mexico residents. In particular, I support the elimination of day use fees for residents to allow New Mexicans more equitable and regular access to outdoor recreation at New Mexico State Parks. I love using our State Parks during the day and enjoy camping at the many other New Mexico lands that already provide free camping opportunities. Although there is no way to meet the needs of all users of New Mexico State Parks, it seems like the changes reflect a balance needed to update these fees, some of which haven't been raised in 25 and some almost 40 years.

Thank you,
Eileen Everett