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Hello, my husband and I would first like to say thank you to you and your staff for their time and efforts in going through the thankless process of reviewing and proposing much needed rate changes and position upgrades within the state parks system.

We are not opposed to paying higher fees, as we understand the necessity in order for the parks division to remain functional. We spend a majority of our time at Navajo Lake and would rather pay more in fees so that the park can be adequately staffed, hopefully see much needed improvements in the roads, campsites, and parking and launching areas. Over the past few seasons, most of the restrooms have remained closed due to a lack of staff.

We would ask that you reconsider doing away with the day use fees as proposed, as it's a form of revenue and the revenue is much needed. It's a reasonable amount, cheaper than the bordering states. We would also ask that the fees that will be applicable to slip and houseboat owners, be fairly adjusted so as to be fair to the general public that camp and boat there.

We would like to entertain the idea of an annual resident senior camping pass, that would be park specific. For example a Navajo Lake Pass only good at Navajo Lake, and etc.

Lastly, at the public meeting held at the Ranger Station at Navajo Lake on March 11th, there were several complaints about the uptick in traffic, entry wait times, and lack of parking at Navajo Lake, most specifically on Holidays. For the record, the modifications and various rentals which are now made available by the concessionaire at the Marina, are the primary reason for these increases and are realized by all visitors as whole. There is only one road in and one road out.

Thank You for your consideration. Good luck with your endeavors.

Gary and Connie Chandler

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