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Concern and thoughts about the parks:

Adding fees that can't be enforced without additional labor to enforce them, ie: boat launching, dump station.

By adding a dumping fee you would be creating problems like illegal dumping elsewhere, more waiting in line and upset campers who will go elsewhere.

Taking away the annual pass will create a burden on the seniors and those on a limited budget. Doubling the price of camping would make group/family camping more prohibitive.

Eliminating the Day Use fee would not only take away a profit center, it would possibly make for more work for current staff to maintain because of abuse and lack of respect for the use of the property.

Since you are looking at changing the reservation system, the fees will go along with a new/updated online system without increasing the workforce.....

- Making Annual Passes available online. More people would buy them because of the convenience. Especially if the pass could be printed from the site.
- Annual passes being applied to one site at a time can be instituted. (Preventing the abuse of the passes being used for multiple parks for multiple sites).
- Providing for a Peak/Off Peak seasonal rate - encouraging more winter camping and usage.

If Navajo Lake is going to be considered the engine for running the rest of the parks, it should have special considerations for fee structure. Making radical financial changes to something that IS currently working is the equivalent to playing with a gun - you could shoot yourself in the foot! I would think you would want to enhance and expand the park to help generate more revenue. Especially making it more appealing to camp in the winter with peak/off peak rates. Adding events like fishing tournaments, Easter egg hunts, educational classes/tours for school age children (encouraging schools to bring students out for classes), adding better horse/bike trails, more standard campsites that can accommodate 30'+ RVs, going back to having first come first serve RV/camper sites.

There should be a closer look at how to lower expenses and increase usage at the other parks (maybe adding horse trails, bike trails, archery, ball fields?). Charging only for equipment rental and day use.

Not having a Park Ranger (at least 1) it totally not acceptable and the park should be closed due to safety concerns - even Navajo!

Thank you for hearing me out. I enjoyed learning about the problems with the parks at the meeting

3/11.

Sincerely,

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