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Elimination of Resident Day Use and/or Annual Pass fees will increase potential abuse of the NM State Park resources as it will invite transience and crime resulting in the need for additional policing to maintain the relatively pristine environment now existing.

Our area businesses rely on revenue generated from non-resident visitors.

To compel non-resident visitors to pay \$10/day will reduce the number of non-resident visitors to NM State Parks; thereby reducing customers for local businesses, resulting in less revenue for businesses, less sales tax, less lodging taxes, probably more local business failures, and an overall negative impact on local employment and economy.

Therefore, I believe elimination of the Annual Day Use Pass for Non-Residents will have a very counterproductive and negative result.

EMNRD's State Parks Fees Study posted at www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/State-Parks-Fees-Study-2023.pdf provides "option 6" at page 22 of the study, and I request adoption of that option with the following changes:

- A. Annual Day Use Resident: Raise this annual fee from \$40 to \$80;
- B. Annual Day Use Non-Resident: Raise this annual fee from \$40 to \$125.

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