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As a Bloomfield, NM resident, I have and continue to use Navajo State Park a lot. I support you in adjusting park fees, as long as support for our parks increases. I believe our parks are in need of much better management.

My suggestions include:

- 1) Keep the annual resident park pass
- 2) Increase the annual pass by 50%, from \$40 to \$60
- 3) Increase the annual camping passes by as much.
- 3) Invest more back into the parks with more personnel and better infrastructure improvements.
- 4) Specifically, for Navajo State Park (Pine River): *Repair the main bathroom, * Have more spaces for handicapped boat trailer parking, * Have more parking for boat trailers/vehicles closer to the boat ramp and less down there for marina long-term parking! * Ticket users who park their boat trailers only in a double, boat/vehicle spot!, *ticket those who use and leave the big rocks used to block trailers in the parking spots, * Rangers give more guidance on not blocking the launch ramp while prepping their boats!, *Limit and restrict the number of "wake" boats on the lake and restrict them to the larger bodies of water where they won't interfere so much with fishing. **WAKE boats are a plague and an abomination** on bodies of water throughout the nation, destroying lakeside structures, introducing invasives and interfering with fishermen. and smaller craft (not mentioning the amount of fuel required!!) So much so, they have been banned along stretches of water such as the Willamette River, Portland, OR. for their destructiveness.
* Improve the primitive camping areas and have quiet-camping areas where generators are not allowed. *work more collaboratively with marina management rather than allowing the marina manager to control the decisions of the park management. * have more public boat dock spots, perhaps another public boat dock for temporary tie-up.

I hope to attend the public meeting at Navajo Visitors Center, but thought I should put my suggestions in writing. Thank you for the public meetings and thanks for allowing me to submit my comments and suggestions. Forty years ago, part of our decision to live in Bloomfield was proximity to Navajo Lake.

Sincerely,

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