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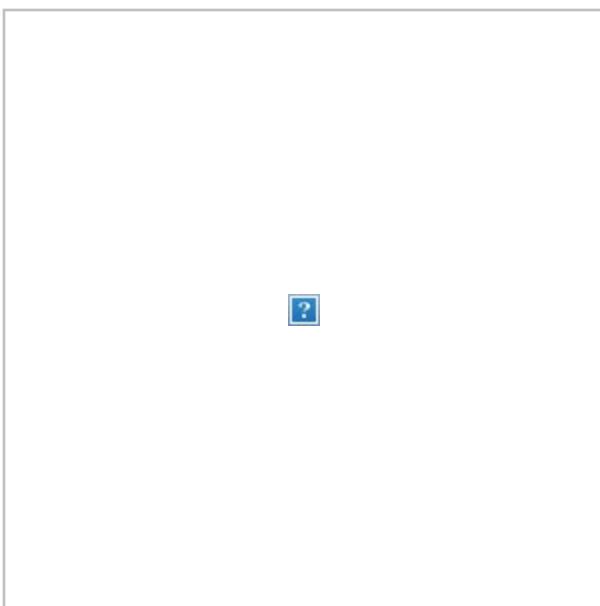
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Here is my well-thought-out opinion on this crazy idea. First of all, I going to address the fees at Elephant Butte Lake, which at times can become the most populated city in New Mexico, due to holidays. I have been going to Elephant Butte Lake to camp since 1986 to current. The state was charging camping fees at the time when there were no paved roads to get to camping spots going north of the dam. In addition to that, there were no trash receptacles and no porta potties. I wrote then Governor Carruthers, to complain about the fees with no paved roads etc. The next year Gov. Carruthers had the roads paved and added trash receptacles and porta potties by every camp spot. The fees rose a bit, but well worth it. Over the years fees have risen bit by bit. But this Governor took away the trash receptacles and the porta potties. So, to me raising the fees is wrong and I demand the trash receptacles be returned! People are now leaving their weekend trash on the beach. We have taken that trash along with us back to Albuquerque to dispose of the trash. I also demand the return of the porta potties with the maintenance of same, before any discussion of raised fees. I also agree that New Mexicans will be not able to enjoy our birthright of this state's treasures for relaxing, having fun, and of course nature. I do not agree with This whacked-out Administration's idea of raising fees. If I were standing in front of the Governor, I would say "Come on Gov this idea is just plain wacked and makes no sense.

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