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Hi, I was recently laid off my day time job about a month ago. I have been fishing the San Juan river religiously for the last 3 years, during this time I have paid \$5 parking every visit. I've been learning the river in hopes that my new guiding company will take off and allow me to fish for a living and put endless amounts of smiles on people's faces. Now I'm telling you this because as of now I can barely afford to go fish the river since I was laid off my job, fuel from Bayfield Co, plus parking fee and shuttle I have a \$50 day and haven't eaten any food, \$50 day is very hard for someone not making any money at the moment. I have spent countless hours cleaning up the river and giving back my time and energy in hopes one day to be one of the best guides on the river.

All this would make sense if you ever had to struggle just a little bit. Now most people out here in NM are in the same bucket, the economy is terrible right now and nobody is doing well.

Imposing all these extra fees and new fees will only make the folks that are already struggling, struggle more. I can't afford to pay anymore than I am now (it's cost more than 1k\$ to get my business going and pay all the guiding permit fees and Insurance) and that's not right nor is it fair. Fishing is not for any government to control and that's what you are doing adding more control to something that should be free to anyone and everyone with a fishing pole. Some people can barely afford the gear and now your making it a buy in hobby like going to the mountains in the winter. I love to snowboard but the mountains have made it impossible for me to go snowboard so I quit snowboarding. I simply can't afford it.

That could be the same impact here, turning people away from an almost free activity that can bring people outside. Those people like me might not be able to afford all these new fees and you will be taking a hobby they enjoy away from them.

Sincerely
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SanJuan angler

Sent from my iPhone