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Hello.

Following are my comments about the proposed fee changes for camping at NM state campgrounds;

- 1. Annual passes for NM residents should continue to be offered with an increase in annual cost. Increase of the Annual pass for seniors from \$100 to \$150 and for NM residents from \$180 to \$250. Annual pass holders are only able to reserve one site at one campground for any given time period.
- 2. NM annual pass holders would receive a 25% discount on the proposed Camping, electric service, water service, and sewer service for 30 nights per year. After 30 nights, pricing would revert to NM full fees.
- 3. Full fees for NM residents should be lower than for non residents using the camping sites regardless of any changes made. NM residents pay state tax, property tax (if applicable) and significantly more sales tax in the state and should receive some benefit over non resident campers.
- 4. Limit camping to 7 days at a single campground per month.

We are long term NM residents who enjoy the state campgrounds about 20- 25 days a year. The campgrounds we have utilized are beautiful and well maintained. We hope you are able to implement fair increases to provide the necessary revenue to keep the state parks operating efficiently for residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for your consideration,

James and Jane Larson