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Good Morning.

I am disturbed to read that you propose to eliminate the Annual Camping Pass and increase fees for use of the State Parks. As Senior New Mexicans, we have enjoyed the affordable camping and recreation opportunities provided by the NM State Park system. After we retired, we were able to make more use of the State Parks and started purchasing the Senior Annual Camping Pass which allowed us to afford the camping fees.

Do not eliminate the Annual Camping Pass, especially for Seniors or others who are on fixed and/or low incomes. This will result in fewer Seniors and lower income people who can afford camping in New Mexico.

Do not charge Dump Station fees as this may cause some people to start dumping illegally on land around some State Parks, increasing environmental hazards for the surrounding communities. The environmental cleanup costs for areas around state parks will most likely exceed any additional money you may be receiving in Dump Station fees.

Do not increase the cost of camping and day use as this will result in fewer people being able to afford the recreational opportunities in the state parks. The people who can least afford it will be hurt the worst. This is discriminatory against people with low and/or fixed incomes.

Finally, the proposed increases will result in fewer campers and recreational users who spend money in the nearby communities for food, entertainment, and gas. Recently, we camped near the towns of Elephant Butte, Deming, and Carlsbad and we spent money on groceries, restaurants and gas while visiting the state parks located near those towns.

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