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I am writing in response to the proposed fee-structure changes for the New Mexico State Parks.

I am a resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico and have visited and camped in many of the State Parks, as well as state parks in other states.

Overall, I agree with the proposed changes. The current fee structure allows individuals to unfairly book and not use campsites.

However, I do believe that there are some significant problems with the structure that is proposed. My thoughts are addressed below.

Primitive Camping: It is unfair to charge the same for a spot in a field or along the river without any facilities as opposed to Developed sites with a pad, picnic table, shelter, fire ring, etc. Primitive camping should be significantly less than Developed sites. There is no surrounding state that charges the same for undeveloped sites as for developed sites.

Utilities: There is a big difference between a site with full hookups and sites with only electric. It is unfair to not make a distinction. Also, there is no option to not use the utilities at a site that has them available. More than doubling the cost is unfair.

Dump Fee: This is a mistake and will promote unlawful dumping. It will also certainly be difficult to implement and will be difficult and inconvenient for the camper to pay. I propose that you raise money by other means.

Reserve America: Most other states allow Reserve America to charge a fee for the reservation but not on a per-night basis. Also, the fee to cancel a site should be eliminated as this promotes the lack of cancellation when someone will not be using the site.

In summary, I propose:

- * Retain the day use fee for residents. Retain the annual pass for residents.
- * Make the fee for primitive sites about half of the fee for developed sites.
- * Eliminate the dump fee.
- * Have a graduated scale for utilities with more cost of full hookup, less for water and electric, and less for electric only. Devise a way to allow someone to use a site and not use the utilities.
- * Allow Reserve America to charge for a reservation but not on a nightly basis. Almost all state charge by the reservation, not by the

number of nights for a reservation. Eliminate the calculation fee.

Thank you for considering my comments. If you would like to discuss these further, my contact information is below.

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