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Hello,

I attended the Albuquerque presentation on 3/12/2024. Please consider the following comments:

1. The estimates for future attendance with the proposed increase in fees does not seem realistic and will likely limit camping and water use by NM residents more than out of state users. Perhaps NM colleges can provide research and help with the estimates when such a high fee increase is proposed.
2. Retain the annual state parks pass, especially for NM residents. NM is a poor state and seniors are on fixed incomes.
3. It was noted that when using an annual pass the current reservation system allows for multiple reservations and does not restriction limitations to only 14 consecutive days. Require future reservation contractors to restrict access to allowable requirements for annual parks pass users.
4. Keep the \$5.00 day use fees for NM residents. It will help distribute the cost among all users. Not increasing the current \$5.00 fee would help toward the goal of providing access to NM state parks but at a nominal cost. Also, if no day use fee is implemented, what is the impact of the desired additional attendance in the parks especially if camping and boating use is reduced?
5. Currently the reservation fee is \$4.00 per day for the first 3 days. Implement a graduated reservation fee schedule, something like \$4.00 for the first 4 days, \$8.00 for over 4 days, and \$12.00 for over 8 days.
6. Install more recycling bins.
7. It was wrong that fees were not allowed to be reviewed for so many years, but trying to make up the cost in one increase is not reasonable. Reduce the proposed camping fees. I support the 5 year review requirement.
8. The fees for Vessel Launch (non-motorized) is excessive and seems difficult to enforce. Perhaps requiring an annual fee with a sticker that gets attached to the water craft where a ranger can just inspect the water craft sticker could be considered.

I appreciate the efforts of the NM State Parks staff to provide quality service with limit resources.

Thanks for your consideration.  
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