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To: <u>emnrd-parkscomments</u>, <u>EMNRD</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] NM Proposes Changes to Fee Structure and Park Rules.

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This email is my comments to NM Proposes Changes to Fee Structure and Park Rules.

Info about me - I am a Senior/Handicap Texas residents. I enjoyed traveling, camping and fly fish for trout in the NM North East Mountain Terrain.

- For the past four years I've been noticing many NM areas are getting overcrowded. Higher fees could solve this. However, elimination of day-use fees for New Mexico residents will make it worst.
- Implementation of a non-resident day-use fee. The way I am seeing this is NM does not want to share their state with out of state residents. If you impose this, I will move on to other states like South Colorado, Oklahoma's Beaver Bend or Arkansas. Reason being I feel I am no longer welcome.
- I'm already paying a higher price for NM Fishing license and I don't qualify for the Senior/Handicap discount.
- I spend a lot of money in your state and you will lose this. If you implement a non-resident day-use fee I will inform the many businesses.

Here are a few places where I spend my money:

High Desert Angler, Santa Fe

Santa Claran Hotel Casino, Española

Bode's General Store, Abiquiu

El Cuerno Cantina, Cebolla

Henrys True Value Hardware, Tierra Amarilla

Family Dollar, Tierra Amarilla

Foster's Hotel & Bar, Chama

Lodging & Restaurants in Chama

Lowe's/ACE, Chama

Chili Line Depot, Tres Piedras

Oliver's General Store, Ojo Caliente

Taos Fly Shop, Taos

Lodging & Restaurants in Taos

Lodging & Restaurants in Red River

Lodging & Restaurants in Questa

Duran's Gas and Grocery, Costilla

Rockies Market, Cimarron

Lodging & Restaurants in Clayton

Lodging & Restaurants in Raton

Regards,

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