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I'm very impressed with the attitude of all administrators demonstrated at the virtual meeting. I'll attempt to offer suggestions in the same vein.

## Fee structure camping

RESIDENT (MVD license or equivalent required ,not utility bills,etc,ie taxpayers) \$25/night is fine if water is included. This eliminates confusing situations like at Cimarron Canyon where we have only a few hook-ups spread around the campground and for those using spigots at park filling stations. \$10 for electric seems fair. \$10 for sewer seems fair as long as that reservation is not charged an automatic dump fee(more later)

NON-Resident \$35/night...more or less means a \$10 entry fee for non-residents. All else the same.

ACP If I attempt to use my senior National Park pass to receive discount on camping reservations, it is not valid, meaning that the technology is available to prevent double booking at reduced rates. Seems from a luddite that it would be quite easy to allow purchases only on-line, print a temporary pass again requiring MVD credentials. Since we must make reservations anyone this looks like an easy extension. Perhaps naively, I believe that the ACP'ers take better care of sites and obey regulations to a greater degree than casual campers. Price: make it pay for itself in 10 visits or so.

Senior resident \$ 15 + normal utility fees

Dump fee...honor system does not work and enforcement is complicated no matter. Do you charge tent campers a dump fee? They deposit the same amount in sanitary facilities as those with self contained units do in the station. Perhaps consider a flat \$10 for any reservation of 2 days-8 days and \$20 for more than 8 days. Allows overnighters a gift but many never dump anyway.

Thanks again for asking for our input.

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