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In reference to fee increase proposal:

- 1. Eliminating day use fees when you need to increase revenues is counter productive.
- 2. Camping fees need to be increase over time, not all at once. This creates too much hardship on low income New Mexicans who seek to enjoy our states resources.
- 3. Disabled and Senior discounts need to be provided on fees for camping and utilities. Many states offer half price, as does the federal park pass. COE campgrounds are \$12.50, with utilities included, throughout the country for seniors and disabled.
- 4. Water and electric should be covered in one fee, as it is at most every campground, public or private, throughout the country.
- 5. While our state parks in New Mexico are in beautiful scenic areas, the facilities provided are not up to par with those in other states, and do not support the suggested fees.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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