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Mr Langenegger,

I would like to voice my opinions on the proposed changes. Proposed fees for primitive camping are ridiculous. To charge \$20.00 a night to pitch a tent with no services is unreasonable. Eliminating the annual camping passes is also unreasonable for those of us who like the convenience of taking a trip to the lake on the spur of the moment even though the cost of the current pass often is more than I would have spent by the day. I also take exception to the unmotorized boat launch fee, why do I need to pay an extra fee to hand launch a kayak? All of these boil down to my biggest complaint about the overall proposal, citing neighboring states rate structures does not take into consideration the fact that New Mexico is third from the top in poverty ratings of the states and third from the bottom in median income so to make a blanket cost comparison is unreasonable unless you also have the power to lower poverty and raise income in this state to be comparable to our neighbors. In closing, I have to say I am opposed to every aspect of the proposed changes.

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My wife and I are vehemently opposed to the majority of the proposed changes to NM park fees. Doing away with annual passes makes us less inclined to use the parks at all. Raising primitive camping fees by 150% is absolutely ridiculous considering the parks provide virtually no service for those fees. Charging \$5 per day to launch non motorized units is ridiculous as well. Might as well charge to use floaties and air mattresses. We can see increasing motorized boat registration fees and developed campground fees where personnel and services are required to support them. If this rate structure is emplaced we will cease all use of the parks and encourage any of our acquaintances to do the same. To say these rate changes are necessary to become equitable to adjacent states rates ignores the facts that New Mexico median income is 3 from the bottom of all states and poverty level is 3 from the top of all states. This proposal will relegate the use of NM recreational areas to upper income people from within the state as well as out of state users while limiting middle and lower income state residents to little to no use.

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