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Main question . . . why the need to raise camping prices/fees for NM residents? Economy has gone up what seems like a thousand percent. Food is up, gas prices up, clothing is up, electronics are up, airfare prices up, everything's up, etc. So all us little people have left is to go camping. We put what monies we have into our RV to go camping, it's what we can afford right now and now you want to raise prices on everything? And what's with the possibility of eliminating the Annual Camping Pass for NM residents? We're needing ways to save monies to enjoy our lives best we can and now you're thinking of taking that away from us too! And you're considering raising or charging fees for boat launching, dumping stations, and showers? You folks are taking away everything that we look forward to in the summer! It feels like if that happens all we now get to do is sit in our RV in our yard and enjoy the summer from there!

And PLEASE do not eliminate Annual Camping Passes! We understand your need for monies/resources to run and manage the NM State Parks, but there must be other ways to raise funds.

Maybe consider:

- 1) Raising prices only for non-NM residents. They're coming from out of state; let them pay the prices.
- 2) PLEASE don't eliminate Annual Camping Passes! That's what helps all our families to enjoy their RV and camping when on a budget. If you have to, maybe only by 10%. I think most of us still could afford it.
- 3) Consider investigating Day Use passes for resident and non-residents. We frequent Navajo Lake State Park (four to five times a year) and there are hardly ever any day use folks. We believe, unfortunately there's a small need for Day Use Only at these bigger lakes. But if you must, maybe raise prices by a couple dollars to cover dumping and showers.
- 4) Boat and Launching Fees, to include RV Dumping Fees: We already pay annual registration fees for all our vehicles, including boat and RV. Why the need to pay again at the lakes? We think you could possibly get needed funds other ways, like raising Day Use prices.

Please . . . take a closer look at your consideration of how you raise NM State Park prices/fees, especially for Residents. There's got to be other places you can find to acquire funds/monies other than taking it away from us longtime resident campers of NM State Parks.

Thank you for your attention.
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