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I attended the “hearing” at Tucumcari Mesalands, and was impressed with the presentation. Jared did a very good job explaining the fee increases and the reasons for and about the increases. I have no issues with most of the changes, but I do have issues with a couple.

If I am out totally accurate, forgive me. It has been several days since the meeting, and I might forgotten the exact explanation.

Removing the day use fees, for New Mexicans, is good. Let the residents enjoy our parks. I feel nonresidents need to pay a fee for using our parks. Removing the annual camping permit, for New Mexicans, is not good at all. We use our parks extensively, being semi-retired, and being on a semi-limited income, the ACP makes it work for us to enjoy the Parks longer each year. We are not against an increase in the cost of the ACP, maybe 200-250 a year. This will still make it possible for us to enjoy.

I really think these increases are needed. I do believe that the residents of NM need preferential treatment. We pay our taxes, all year long, on everything. We support NM, and my wife and I have lived all of our 68 years in NM. When nonresidents come to NM to enjoy our resources, they aren’t bringing their tax money with them. It stays in their home state.

An example that I feel that State Parks could follow is the method that NM Game & Fish employ. One example is a tag for Oryx. As a resident, I can draw an Oryx tag for \$160. A nonresident must pay \$1623 for the same tag. An elk tag for NM resident, is \$90, for nonresident is \$548.

Please remember, we want to continue to use our Parks. If we have to pay \$20-30 per night, we probably won’t be coming back. Hopefully, SP will allow us to continue to have an ACP, so we can enjoy our own Natural Resources.

Respectfully,  
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