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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fee Increase

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I am a resident of Texas and travel through NM with my RV while touring the west. I elect to spend extra time in NM utilizing the State Park system as your parks are well maintained and have great hosts. I do not have an annual out of state pass. I agree that in comparison to other states your fees are lower. A reasonable increase is probably warranted. My review of the proposals show that the increases are too extreme and will affect your patrons negatively. When I stay in NM State Parks I buy fuel, groceries, and spend in local businesses. This helps many of your communities where there are obvious fiscal issues. If the increases go through as proposed I will no longer stay in the state for extra days and will look for places to boondock and camp elsewhere. I will drive through unless there is a reason to tour a specific area.

Is the dump fee added to the campground cost? If I read the proposal correctly a utility site will cost \$30.00 plus day use and if one uses the dump another \$10. Other states include the day use and dump fee in the standard utility campsite fee. I hope I am wrong. On top of the fee users have to add the reservation fee to Reserve America.

Sincerely, Larry Worsham