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hello,

Thank you for putting all this together.

Generally I support the increase in park fees, but had a few comments:

- I feel Primitive camping for \$20 is a little high for no services and being the same price as a developed site. I think primitive sites should be  $\sim$ \$13 and the developed sites should be \$25-30/night since they require significantly more maintenance and upkeep compared to primitive areas.
- I think especially since water is a conservative resource in NM, these fees should be increased to ~\$15 to help reduce the strain on our states resources.

I'm a primitive camper, who supports these fee increases, to better our parks. I also support the camping fees as numerous out of state residents have been taking advantage of our low costs in parks and booking up sites for weeks at a time.

Thank you,

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