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Good afternoon

In response to your request for info regarding your proposed key recommendations

- Elimination of day-use fees for New Mexico residents. This is an option, however I believe all should pay for use of our parks
- Implementation of a non-resident day-use fee. Day use fees need to be enforced.
- Eliminating Annual Passes. This will cut down on the use of the parks by full time
 RVers as well as those who dwell in their vehicles, this will only force these users
 to park in places that are not safe, taking up spaces at truck stops, or parking in
 residential neighborhoods or commercial areas. I have meet may users of this
 annual pass and most are the ones that respect the parks and park rules the most.
- Adjusting camping and utility fees. My husband and I have been Rving since 2012 and we have always said that the campsite fees are much too low and need to be raised.
- Adjusting boat registration and launching fees. I am not a boater so I have no comment on this item
- Adjusting entrance fees at Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park and Smokey Bear Historical Park. I have not gone to these two parks in a very long time so I don't know the current entrance fees, but overall I believe the State Parks fees are too low and should be raised.

I hope my responses have been of assistance to our study.

Thank you Maribeth Robison.