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To: MARK FLEMING

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Park Rate increases for property owners

**Date:** Monday, February 26, 2024 8:09:11 AM

## Good morning Mark,

Thank you for your question. In our proposed rule revision for 19.5.2.11.A, we specify that, "visitors may provide a current New Mexico driver's license or current New Mexico identification card issued pursuant to 18.19.5 NMAC or a current New Mexico vehicle registration to demonstrate residency." So, if you have your suburban registered in the state of NM as identified in your e-mail, you will be able to access the park for free under the new proposal. I hope this answers your question. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Thank you,

Jared Langenegger, Field Operations Bureau Chief

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Park Rate increases for property owners

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When you say residents are free to the lake, what exactly does that mean? I own a house in Elephant Butte, pay all my taxes yet my main residence is in El Paso. So my question becomes do I have to pay everyday even though I pay the same taxes as my next door neighbor who enters free? I register my boat in New Mexico, my suburban in New Mexico, I should be given same privileges as my neighbors. I'm thinking this probably won't be considered at your meetings!

Thanks for your considerations, Mark Fleming