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The increase in parks fees is very excessive

An increase of 100% is unreal

As a out of state senior citizen on a fixed income this will be difficult to visit New Mexico State parks

Elephant Butte Lake is an oasis in the desert for the population of El Paso, TX

The majority of the watercraft on the lake is Texas registered

The monies spent by El Paso residents in T or C and at the lake, will be greatly missed if these cost pass

10 bucks a day to launch a boat is crazy (30 bucks for a weekend)

Visitors will drop and so will the revenue at the park

New Mexico residents will increase but with no revenue from them

Will the park become a homeless haven for the New Mexico homeless ???

I can see a dump station fee and a small camping fee increase but not 100% increase

The other cost to the state of New Mexico will be added rangers to police the shore lines for boat launching fees

All on a lake with very low water level

Please avoid these price increases

Is New Mexico doing a "COVID" reenactment and keeping out of state revenue away again

Local business in T or C will suffer as well

Just like the COVID mess

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