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To whom it may concern:

Having worked for state park systems in TX and KS for 14 years, I understand the need for funding in a state park system. I know the struggles to want to hire someone but you can't due to a lack of funding or the need for new fire rings or materials for new tables. I've seen continual budget cuts. With that being said, some of the proposals that are being made don't make sense. I realize what works in one state may not work in another. But having recreated in many states, NM has many questionable practices. The state is not user friendly and certainly not kid friendly. With some of your changes you look to implement that makes it even more unattractive to come to NM for recreational purposes.

I think you're shooting yourselves in the foot by proposing to eliminate the day use fee for residents. I believe you will lose a lot of revenue. As a nonresident, that also doesn't seem fair. But again, choices that NM has made are not user friendly especially to nonresidents. The elimination of the annual permits are not the answer either. I've seen and talked to representatives from others states that have annual permits and they are very successful. I don't believe your study states other than TX give you a true representation of what's going on nationwide. Increases in your price structure, I agree need to be adjusted to keep up with inflation. But the methods that are being talked about seem a bit extreme. I believe there are other measures that can be taken. I hope that there is enough feedback that makes the decision makers think about their choices. I know how state agencies work, but in the case I hope that decisions can be made with common sense and in the best interests of its constituents.

Thank you for your time,

Matthew Trujillo  
Sent from my iPhone