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As you may be considering fee increases in light of inflation, please consider the following:

1. There are residents who may be willing to volunteer time. Have you solicited volunteer help?
2. it may be prudent to cut staffing requirements or hours of operation.

For NM residents, the parks are great resources for pleasure activities. Why burden residents with fee increases when we already pay enough taxes in State via income, sales, or real property taxes. Also, there are many retirees in this area who are living on social security or other fixed income.

Something to consider.

Thanks for your consideration, Merritt Keppel
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