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I read the new proposals for increasing the camping fees for NM State Parks and agree that the fees need to be modified. I am a senior on a fixed income, enjoy camping and love the State Parks. It is increasingly hard to find a camping spot mainly because of all the out of state campers filling spots for extended periods of time. Many I've talked to comment on how cheap our rates are.

Following are some proposals/amendment I would like to suggest:

1. Keep the first two days of the month open to only NM residents for reservations. NM residents fund the parks with our taxes and should be given priority to their use. After the 3rd of the month out of state residents would be allowed to make reservations.
2. Give seniors a break in camping fees for non weekend use (Monday - Friday).
3. Don't charge for dump station use. Charging will lead to illegal dumping. I've seen RV's pulled over on the side of the road dumping in areas where dump sites were hard to find. There are a few gas stations in the state who have free RV dump sites and they are appreciated, needed and well used.
4. State parks are a wonderful resource for residents and visitors to our state. Consider expanding them. It would be an extremely worthwhile and beneficial investment.

Thank you for considering the above proposals,  
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