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I understand the need to bump fees but the proposed fees are ridiculous. \$20 a night for camping with no annual pass is absurd. We have friends from Texas who spend a ton of time (and money) at elephant butte. At the ridiculous fee of \$20 a night with no annual pass, they will keep their money in Texas instead of spending it in NM.

I have a house at EB and spend a lot of time (and money) there. My grandchildren love to use their kayaks. I am not going to pay \$25 a day for the 5 kids to enjoy a lake that my tax dollars already pay for!

Please use good judgment and don't hurt the merchants at EB by driving everyone away. I find it interesting that at a time when the state of NM is flush with oil and gas money, the parks are trying to bleed more money out of people who are using a lake that they already pay for.

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