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Camping and Fee Concerns

**Message**

It is my understanding that you are considering making adjustments to park fees, more specifically annual passes. I don't really support it but I am not against it. It has been a while since fees have been raised but..... While I like to use several of our state parks my primary one is Elephant Butte.

Here is my issue, so many people abuse the self pay stations and there are no consequences for their actions, this is lost revenue. Lets see some enforcement action here. If your Park Rangers are too busy, get an MOU with State Police and have them assist you with enforcement.

2nd: I see so many people park their rigs on the beach (Primarily Lions). Most have an annual pass, some post a day pass and some nothing at all. They literally leave them for several weeks or most of the summer. No one drives out of the park and resets their camp sites. Again there needs to be some accountability. Citations or even tow a few rigs, once word gets out the abuse will stop.

My point is this, if you want or need additional revenue, lets start with some enforcement, if you do this than I fully support the increase.

Please see that this concern goes up the chain so they are aware and can deal with the matter.

Thanks