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In response to your email proposing raising fees for all New Mexico State Parks. My family and I are avid campers and spend many days and nights at Navajo Lake. I am not on board with all the proposals that you are proposing. First, eliminating the annual parks passes. This program should continue in my opinion because if you want to obtain an annual pass, you have to actually go to the Rio Grande Nature Center to get it. Not everyone does that. Plus, it saves us campers some money because we use it more often. You could raise the fees for the annual pass and I think that people will still buy it. I don't think that the raise should be more than 10 percent. As for the elimination of the resident day pass, I think that this is a mistake. If you are looking to make some money, keep the day pass fee for residents and non-residents. I see many people go to the lake just for the day. As for the boat launch fees. In my mind it makes sense, but maybe think about an annual launch pass for the people who launch their boats many times during the week while they are at the lake. The boat registration fee adjustment could be raised also. Again, people would pay it. A fee for dumping and showering is just another fee that is not needed as it should be included in the price of entering the park and/or staying the night.

People who go to the State Parks are people who enjoy the outdoors and want to introduce their families to the Park and beauty of New Mexico. If you want to raise prices for everything, it might discourage these people from going to the Parks because they cannot afford to go. The price of everything is going up, like gas and food. Then add the raised fees of camping and the people might not be able to go to the Parks like you are thinking. If you are going to raise fees, be sure to raise them in the right areas and not all at once.

My thoughts. Thank you.

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