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State parks in New Mexico (and elsewhere!) are a great bargain. We think the fees--especially campground fees-- should be quite a bit more than currently charged--still a bargain.

It would be nice if day-use fees could be paid by credit card or something other than the EXACT CHANGE at the unstaffed pay stations. Another idea would be to have a weekly pass available online, with a printable receipt for the dashboard. Also maybe an emailed receipt to show to a park ranger. (Maybe both?) We've used <u>recreation.gov</u> for campground reservations, works well. Why not for more limited passes?

Upgrading systems costs \$\$, so include the cost in the new fees. And maybe the legislature will put up the \$\$??

We love our state parks--we are day-users as well as campground fans. You do a great job. Best wishes,

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