From: Rita Delia

To: <u>emnrd-parkscomments, EMNRD</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Park Fee changes

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 7:59:03 PM

CAUTION: This email originated outside of our organization. Exercise caution prior to clicking on links or opening attachments.

As a long term host for New Mexico State Parks, I feel I must comment on these changes. I am in agreement with the camping fee changes, however, the change to no charge for Day Use will potentially cause an increase in problems by inviting more people to use the park. We already have many problems with people disobeying the state park rules. Not having the locals pay, I feel, will cause more problems for the parks that are popular in the Summer. I believe the fee should be for all Day Use people of every state. The increase in entrance fee for both in and out of state residents would decrease the crime in these areas. Please consider applying the change to Day Use entrance fees to all users, not only the out of state people.

As far as the camping and day use passes, I feel that keeping the camping passes would be best. The day use passes could be removed, but the camping passes bring in many customers to the parks. Also, how would the changes in passes affect the volunteers who have lifetime passes? Will they still be honored?

Cordially, Rita D'Elia "Never give up! Never Surrender!" Galaxy Quest