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Greetings,

I agree that your rate structure needs to be changed. Sadly, it should've been started years ago. At least you could've implemented raising rates a little each year or maybe every other year.

I disagree with not charging NM residents a day use fee. While I hear you that not having a day use fee would certainly be helpful to folks who are economically disadvantaged. However, the other side of that coin is, you could end up having people who are just there to cause trouble and ruin the park experience for others.

If anything, charge a reduced fee for residents, and then stiff the out of towners with the higher fee. Believe me the out-of-state visitors will pay it.

Also, I am a senior and my wife and I take advantage of the annual camping pass for seniors. It helps us save a few bucks on camping. Of course it's not as good as the feds offering lifetime reduce camping fees but you get what you get. So, please don't eliminate it.

We've been New Mexico residents for over 25 years and we love this great state and we are grateful for it. So we accept the rate hikes, we believe they are necessary, and we will gladly pay them.

Rob Raucci

PS: do not post this review on Facebook. I'm trying to keep a low profile. You know, like trying to stay off the grid?

Thank you for all you do.

Sent from my heart. Conveyed through my iPhone.