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In reference to the new proposed park fee changes:

1. No charge for residents sounds good, but how will you check people? Residents vs Non-residents. I think this will also cost the Parks as some people from out of state will not come due to cost.
2. No fee for non-residents will not help your situation at all. Day use can stay in their site until 9 p.m., thereby stopping Non-residents from even coming due to late check in time.
3. Ending Annual Passes seems to be nothing more than a money grab as campers will have to pay \$20/day. Is this fee per person or vehicle? You could have fifty people at your camp for \$20/per day? Would a family of 5 let's say, have to pay \$100.00 per day? That won't work. NOT AFFORDABLE FOR MOST.
4. I think the Parks Dept. should leave the fees alone as people are accustomed to them. If an increase is needed that's what should be done, tax payers are accustomed to increases. Leave the day use, the ramp, and the annual passes in place with increases consistent with inflation.
5. How will this move affect the City of Elephant Butte and small businesses?
6. I don't think the Parks Dept. is ready for its new proposal.

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