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I understand that you want more funding however first you should be focusing on available grant funding that has been available that the state is missing deadlines. Could some rates be increased, yes however only when you have a shortfall but not when you are not going after the federal funding. Removing fees for day use is a joke when you are implementing non motorized fee. So a family with a raft to float in will be paying the same \$5. We pay taxes already to support our parks increasing rates are not the answer. Doing your job of ticketing for litter maybe put a day range of no more than 2 weeks in a row camping to get rid of people living at the park and enforcing the rules. I just don't see how you have the nerve to raise rates when this is happening.

https://sourcenm.com/2024/01/01/state-loses-millions-in-federal-dollars-meant-for-outdoor-recreation-projects/?fbclid=IwAR3jcZh0whdTIoHFWj-sn-AgyMqvuFCAYXf7-iEnFBv57fpIky7JeBfv4rM