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To whom this may concern. I am a state of NM resident who pays taxes to this state. It is a crying shame that as a resident of this state I can't enjoy some of the parks due to out of state residents over filling our parks, especially the people from the state of Texas, they come by the dozens section off areas, (that have 50 people in them with their campers) and that we as taxpayers cannot even enjoy the parks due to not having space to park our own trailers or tents.

These out of state residents should be charged more why do they pay the same as the state of NM residents? It was so nice when our Governor closed the parks to out of state residents during COVID you could actually enjoy your parks with comfort, along with being able to find camping spots with or without electric.

I am with agreement that the state parks should have better bathrooms, better showers, remain clean and updated. Increasing the fee for NM residents would be okay. if the money is kept in the state parks, along with only allowing some many out of state residents and charging them. triple the fees for day use, overnight use and not allow out state residents to own annual possess, and if you do charge them triple price! And that money could be applied to the funds of helping keep NM parks updated.

We as NM resident and taxpayers should be able to use our own parks but due to all the out of state residents the camping spots are always taking up. Which I find very frustrating as a taxpayer.

Why are the state parks paying some company to make our reservation's, we need to stop paying an outside company bring the online reservations back to the state parks with the revenue being placed back into the park along with creating jobs.

The state parks in NM really need to have some adjustments made for out of state residents. paying more which would help increase the revenue for funding. more money into fixing things, more staff, update facilities

AS a taxpayer please do something about people who come a week early get themselves settled then take yellow tape marking off huge areas for their families, friends. who does not get to the park until later, this is not right for us here live in the state and cannot park our trailers down by the water because the out of state residents has the blocked off one way or the other.

Sincerely, Ruby Snow State of NM resident and taxpayer