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I am in agreement that park fees are due for an update. However, I think your proposals regarding camping fees have jumped the shark. Your proposals put NM camping fees higher than adjoining states, and our park facilities often do not measure up.

To be competitive with other states, camping base price can be as high as \$20, but water and electricity fees at \$10 are exorbitant...\$5 would be competitive with TX, and the basic fee should include access to the dump station. (consider a monthly utility bill for your home of \$300! \$150 is closer to what it might truly cost. Or consider a different rate for 30 amp vs 50 amp hookups.) On site sewer could be an additional \$5.

The fee paid to Reserve America should be per reservation, not per day. Bump it to \$5. Paying a reservation fee per day for the first 3 days is gouging.

Removing the day use fee is a good move, providing park access to our many residents who cannot otherwise afford it.

I don't mind getting rid of the annual pass- I often did not camp in NM parks enough to get value from them (so you made a profit from my passes.)

Sincerely,
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