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Hello,

I understand that there are proposed camping fee changes to the state parks. We have some concerns.

1. My husband and I enjoy going to Fenton Lake to camp and kayak. This park is very busy on the weekends. If you no longer charge day use fees, I'm concerned that the park will be way too busy to be enjoyable. It is already crowded and difficult to get a space. I would suggest charging day use fees at the most heavily used parks and maybe not charge at the ones that aren't so popular.
2. Charging the same price for boondocking sites as the regular sites is excessive and is a deterrent to patronizing state parks when there are less expensive options out there. Perhaps raise the fee for boondocking to \$10 or even \$15.
3. Raising the normal fee from \$10 to \$20 is excessive, especially when you want to charge \$10 for electricity and \$10 for water on top of that. I understand needing to raise the fees, but why not do \$15 instead of a huge sticker shock at \$20.
4. Charging \$10 each for electricity and \$10 for water is extremely excessive. That makes a site with water and electricity, \$40/night under the proposed fee structure. There are less expensive options out there and this would be a deterrent for us using the state parks. If you are going to charge those fees in addition, the regular fee should remain the same or be reduced. \$10/night for BOTH in addition to a \$10 or \$15/night fee would be more acceptable.
5. The \$10 dump station fee makes sense, but I think an initial charge to \$5 at this time makes more sense.
6. We like our annual camping pass. I read the reasons why you want to do away with it and it makes sense, but we would miss this feature. It's a key reason why we choose to camp in state parks. Why not maybe offer a discounted punch card for say 10 nights at a discounted rate as an alternative? Consumers could store the credits in their online account for later use. This would allow the state to generate up-front revenue and still offer something similar to the ACP without the same potential for abuse.
7. Instead of raising fees for everyone, why not provide NM residents a small increase and charge higher fees for non-residents. We encounter a lot of campers from Texas and Colorado who use our state facilities without paying other state taxes. If they can't use their own state facilities, they should pay more to use ours. Charge residents \$15/night for a regular site and non-residents pay the \$20/night. Raise the boondocking fees more on non-residents and charge them more for dump fees.

Thank you for listening.
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