

*From the Desk of*  
**Steve R. Harrington**  
4215 Purple Sage Ave NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87120  
**Cell Phone: 505-385-1300**

Dear sir,

I was on the Webex meeting on Friday, I promised comments and I know you are on a tight timeline so I have taken a first pass at what my interpretation of the situation is. I am a retired engineer, project manager, and Operations manager. You can find my Vitae on Linked In if you are interested.

I would be glad to provide additional feedback if you are interested and welcome the opportunity to serve on a panel. I'm not an activist, just a regular guy that sees his camping resources in his home state being put on the line. I have lived in NM since 1982 and we prefer exploring NM instead of the other states but if your fee schedule goes through like you expect, I can promise you NM won't be first on our list anymore. You will drive the locals to BLM land it will become a resource management disaster and because there are no facilities, garbage and human waste will become the norm in our beautiful state.

The table below is an inserted Excel sheet. I have attached a separate file for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Steve R Harrington

#### Comments in general

1. Reservation system: By eliminating the ACP you will eliminate the abuses of people not using their reserved spots. There was no reason to cancel. Heck, I have done it before, reserved more days than needed or left a reservation open and unused because it actually cost me \$\$ to cancel instead of getting a refund. Have you tried other states reservation systems? Why not use one of those that are better functioning. It might take a little time to get it up and running, but the payback will be happy campers and open spots. Try Pima County in AZ....
2. Day Use (Resident): This is your cash cow, If your urgency is funding, then eliminating this at the cost of \$862K does not seem like a good cost-benefit. If you are set on comparing fees to other states, **all other states you cited have day use fees**. If you keep the fee: Currently most people pay this fee. For \$5 they have legitimate site access. Your system is set up to handle this and it works. Day use areas need upkeep and are not free. Trash needs to be taken, areas cleaned, restrooms maintained, etc. Taking this fee away will most likely result in anarchy with people abusing the day use and staying overnight, it's human nature. And you need this \$862K in your budget. A small fee that has a big impact on budget. Cons if you take away the fee: You simply don't have the capacity to run people out of the day use areas everyday, We are really shooting ourselves in the foot by making Day use "Free" Nothing is free, stop the "free"
3. Day Use Non-Resident: They don't pay taxes in the state, so they should pay a little more.
4. Primitive Camping: I can live with them paying the same as the lowest fee , i.e., Resident Senior

5. Developed Camping: For 4 weeks of camping I am paying more than I do at an RV Resort. And NMSP are not resorts. You have no differentiation between out of state and in state. We pay taxes, it supports this program, out of state do not, they should pay a little more. **Making us pay the same fee is comparable to double taxation.**
6. Utilities (W, E, S), A 250% hike is way too much. Bring it down to \$6 and its just a 150% hike. And you meet your goals. Remember, less than half the sites even have sewer, so we are just paying for water and electric. Your sites are NOT comparable to those you quote, they are much less developed-but hey, us New Mexicans like it that way. But don't say we should pay comparable because it's like apples and grapefruit in comparison.
7. Dump Station Fee: I've said it before, I'll say it again. If you make them pay to dump you will find human waste in all the wrong places on our lands. If you make it easy, they will do it. Should be part of the daily camping fee since I'm paying for a sewer hookup I don't typically get.
8. Annual Day-Use Pass. I agree it is an antiquated model. You can't function on that type of funding.
9. ACP (Resident) I agree it is an antiquated model. You can't function on that type of funding. But don't make your rates so high you make grumpy campers or even worse, **drive away tourism dollars to these small local supporting communities.** I will miss this but it's not economically feasible and it gets abused. There will be a lot more sites open for others when they have to pay a little more but they should be able to cancel and get refunds also based on time before cancellation.
10. ACP (non-resident) Why the heck would we ever sell an ACP to a non resident. Get rid of it.
11. Living Desert Entrance Fee: I don't know enough to comment.
12. Vessel Registration Fees: These fees are way to high, how about a smaller increase.
13. Vessel Launch Fees (non-motorized). Never going to happen, or if it does your budget will be counting on funds that will never magically appear. Don't bet on a horse that won't finish. This is just not feasible at this time. If you want money from them, then make them register their paddleboard with a one-time fee and a sticker (state park reg sticker) -kind of like the boat registration. Should be able to be purchased at the kiosks.

Fee Type	Current Cost	Current Proposed Cost	Proposed ENMRD Revenue Impact	Assumed # of units	Revised Suggested cost	Revenue impact		
Day Use (Resident)	\$5.00	Free	(\$862,500)	172500	\$5.00	\$862,000		
Day Use Non-Resident	\$5.00/Vehicle	\$10	\$575,000	57500	\$10.00	\$575,000		
Primitive Camping	\$8.00/Vehicle	\$20	\$1,728,000	86400	\$15.00	\$1,296,000	3.00	number of days
Present Developed Camping	\$10.00/Vehicle	\$20	\$2,048,000	102400	N/A	N/A	New Dev Camp	ENMRD Proposed Dev camp
Proposed Developed Camping (Resident Senior & Handicap)	\$10.00/Vehicle	\$20	N/A	55296	\$9.00	\$497,664	\$45.00	\$78.00
Proposed Developed Camping (Resident)	\$10.00/Vehicle	\$20	N/A	17408	\$14.00	\$243,712	\$60.00	\$78.00
Proposed Developed Camping (NON-Resident)	\$10.00/Vehicle	\$20	N/A	29696	\$19.00	\$564,224	\$75.00	\$78.00
Utilities (W, E, S)	\$4.00/day	\$10	\$700,000	70000	\$6.00	\$1,296,000		
Dump Station Fee	Free	\$10	\$250,000	25000	\$0	\$0		
Annual Day-Use Pass	\$40	eliminate	(\$295,400)	n/a	n/a	(\$295,400)		
ACP (Resident)	\$100-225	\$150-\$250	(\$457,000)	n/a	n/a	(\$457,000)		
ACP (non-resident)	???	eliminate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Living Desert Entrance Fee	\$0.50-\$5.00	\$1.00-	\$107,253	n/a	n/a	\$107,253		
Vessel Registration Fees	\$28.50-\$66.00		\$1,525,601	propose 75% of new fee instead		\$1,144,201		
Vessel Launch Fees (non-motorized)	Free	\$5	\$100,000	20000	\$0	\$0		
			\$5,418,954			\$5,833,654		
Resident Senior	1474	48%						
Resident	292	17%						
Resident Disabled	189	6%						
Non-Resident	398	29%						