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Hello:

Thank you for allowing the community to voice their concerns. I have a few comments to add to the hundreds I'm suspecting you have already received.

While I'm not opposed to the fee increase, I don't agree with the free day use for NM residents. The current fee is minimal and people pay it.

Secondly, I think out-of-state guests should pay a higher fee. Trust me, other states charge more for non-residents than they do for residents.

Camping in primitive sites is currently free to annual pass holders, not everyone is willing to stay in primitive sites if they are charged full price and not having immenities available for use.

The article was thorough when describing the anticipated revenue. No mention was made as to how the state plans on spending that revenue. I hope it's invested in the parks. Many of the parks are showing wear and tear with age. Toilet facility's need attention.

Again, thanks for asking.

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