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We are not NM residents now (we formerly were), but frequently use NM state parks when we come to visit with family that are NM residents. We are writing to express a concern regarding the proposed fee schedule. We understand the need to raise rates to maintain facilities and understand that non-residents are asked to pay a higher rate than residents because we do not pay other NM state taxes.

Our concern is this: proposed fees are listed as per vehicle for entrance and camping fees. I compute a daily entrance fee plus a camping fee plus a utility fee would sum to \$40 per day per vehicle. There would be a dump station fee in addition to this.

Our setup is an RV motorhome pulling a tow vehicle. If there is no allowance for a tow vehicle, then our charges could be twice that of someone who has a vehicle pulling a camping trailer.

The two setups utilize the same resources, so should be charged the same. The motorhome or the camping trailer enter the park, are setup, then remain stationary for the duration of the stay. They consume the same amount of water and electricity, etc.

The other vehicle, whether it does the towing or is towed, may be used to drive about. Thus the two setups are equivalent.

Colorado issues a free tow vehicle pass and only charges fees for the motorhome. Arizona considers a motorhome towing a second vehicle to be one vehicle. Texas assigns the day use fee to a person, not vehicles. Fees for these three neighboring states are the same no matter the setup. The key is whether the tow vehicle is attached upon arrival.

Therefore, some sort of accommodation should be afforded to persons who have a setup like ours. Thank you for your consideration.

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