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I would like to comment on the proposed Fee increase for State Parks.

I don't mind a fee increase and understand that it is needed from time to time and the fees have not gone up in many years. I don't understand doing away with the daily fee for New Mexicans and I am a New Mexican. I am sorry but many of these daily use people are the ones, in my opinion, that cause the damage to the State Parks and trash the areas that then need to be cleaned by park staff or volunteers.

As I said, I don't mind an increase in the fees but getting rid of the Annual Camping Pass makes no sense to me. Those of us that RV camp in the NM State Parks and really take care of the areas deserve a little break. If you raise the rates to \$20 or even \$25 a day for full hook ups and then sell the Annual Camping Pass and give us a \$10-\$15 discount on our camping so the Daily cost with a pass would be \$8-\$10 per day. We get a break and you are still making more money and maybe can use that extra money to make some improvements in the areas. That is about a 70% increase with the daily camping pass for full hook-ups. It will also be more than double the daily costs with an Annual Pass. I think the Annual Camping Pass is a great thing and my wife and I have used it for the past several years.

If you raise the daily fee to \$20 or \$25 dollars a day with no Annual Pass we would be better off going to the Kirtland AFB FamCamp, which I know not everyone has access to. Route 66 Casino camping, with the Military or Sams Club discount is only \$25 dollars a night and they have full hook ups along with trash pick up, mini golf, pool and many other offers. You are going to drive everyone to other venues.

I have already heard other campers talk about the only reason they use the State Parks is that it is cheap. They complain about the lack of dumping stations, lack of full hook-ups and the electrical hook-ups. Many state park sites don't have 50A hook-ups and not being able to use two or more A/C in the dead of the NM summer can cause issues and make the camping experience awful.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

You can email me back at this address or call me at 505-385-6422.

Thanks,

Tim Uding