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Dear New Mexico Advisory Board,

I am writing to you in response to the proposed changes in the fees for New Mexico State Parks.

I am a senior New Mexico resident.

I currently have an annual senior resident N.M. State Parks Pass.

I am aware that the N.M. State Parks have a definite need to increase their funding in order to maintain the quality of service which the public has become accustomed to enjoy and appreciate.

I would respectfully ask that you please consider my suggestions and proposed changes to the fee schedule.

I am asking you to please continue the Annual State Parks Pass. I will be willing to pay an increased amount.

Instead of the \$100 annual senior resident fee, I think an annual amount of \$200 to \$225 would be feasible for me. Limit the occupants to 2 (per permit). Additional people to pay extra.

I think that an annual Non Resident camping permit should also be allowed at an increased rate which would be feasible.

I'm suggesting a fee of maybe \$325-\$375.

For those Residents and Non Resident campers who do not possess an annual pass, I would suggest a nominal fee of maybe \$5 per person per day (applicable to any age individuals) who use the State Parks facilities on a daily basis. A fee for All individuals.

I would be willing to pay an annual fee of maybe \$20 for non motorized watercraft and possibly \$75 for motorized watercraft.

I am proposing these increases as reasonable solutions and viable alternatives to the Fee Schedule which was proposed .

I want to clarify that I am not suggesting that these increases be implemented in addition to the proposed changes in fees, but rather that they be adopted as reasonable replacements for the proposed changes in fees .

Thank you for your consideration.

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