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I am writing to comment on the proposed fee changes. I understand the need to update the fees for state parks as they have not changed in several years. As a non-resident that visits New Mexico every summer. I find the doubling of the day use fee and elimination of the annual pass while eliminating day use fees for residents a discriminatory measure and excessive price increase. I visit the Eagle Nest/Angel Fire area. I fish the Cimarron River within Cimarron Canyon State Park. Many of the RVers that stay in the numerous RV parks fish in Eagle Nest Lake. The \$10/day day use fee may adversely affect visitation and fishing license sales as well as expenditures at local businesses. I also suggest that you research whether charging different rates for nonresidents will adversely affect eligibility for any federal grants under the many cost sharing programs of the Department of Interior and Fish and Wildlife Service. Should the proposed rate increase go into effect, I will have to seriously reevaluate my annual visits to New Mexico.

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