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Hello,

I think removing resident park fees and annual passes for residents is a bad idea and an easy way to lose revenue. I think both those fees and amounts should not change at all. I am more than happy to pay \$5 to get into a state park and support the facilities. If somebody "can't afford" a meager \$5 to enter a state park for the day, they have bigger problems with their life... Chances are, they are spending far more than that in gasoline to get there than they are to enter the park. Having a small entry fee tends to filter out a lot of the riff-raff. From the standpoint of seeing how free-to-access public land is treated as compared to a state park, that simple \$5 prevents a lot of the riff-raff, making parks a nicer place to recreate for families.

I agree that non-residents should have to pay higher fee to enter, much like how non-resident hunting licenses cost more. In my opinion, \$10 would be sufficient for them, but they should not be eligible for any annual passes. We should not price gouge them, but a slight upcharge isn't going to prevent them from recreating in our parks.

I think the boat launch fee is a great idea, and is long overdue change. Numerous other states have been doing this for years, and in typical New Mexican fashion, we are 2 steps behind. If there was ever a way to increase revenues to state parks, this is 110% it. If parks could figure out a way to charge launch fees differently depending on the type of watercraft, that would be ideal. A small fishing jon boat or a jet ski should be charged less than say a monstrous pontoon with 3 motors or a gargantuan wake board boat that tear up the lake. Perhaps charge by the number of axles on their boat trailers? The people with boats on triple axle trailers that cost more than the average house in the state can afford to pay a little more to launch as far as I'm concerned since they clearly can afford an extremely expensive hobby.

I think there should be an annual launch pass available for NM residents as well. After living in a lake community, it would be great for locals and retirees to have the option for an annual pass instead of paying to launch every single time.