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I think it is a mistake to compare New Mexico park use fees to those of neighboring states. In other states such as Texas, park fees may be higher, but there are no fishing licenses required to fish in the park lakes and streams. Thier parks also include more amenities such as a gift shops or sewer drains at each campsite. I believe the current fees are appropriate as they are. Raising camping fees will make NM parks not a cost effective alternative to private RV campgrounds which have laundry facilities and nicer rest rooms for not much more that per night than what state park camping fees are now. Plus, state run parks should get thier funding from the legislature rather so more people can afford to use them.

Sincerely, Jayson Kringel