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To: <u>emnrd-parkscomments, EMNRD</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed changes to fee schedule for NM parks.

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Dear New Mexico State Parks,

I wanted to respond to the proposed changes to the fee schedule for NM parks.

- * I fully support elimination of day-use fees for NM residents and implementation of day-use fees for non-residents.
- * I fully support raising camping, entrance, and utility fees. Keeping up with inflation while keeping our parks accessible to all is a delicate balancing act. That said, it is a necessary exercise to ensure our beautiful parks remain open and cared for.
- * I do not own a boat, so I will leave adjusting registration and launching fees for others to comment on.
- * I would NOT like to see the Annual Camping Pass eliminated. The Pass is something I personally purchase and use every year. I would fully support raising the price for the Annual Camping Pass to more accurately cover costs.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and giving the public a chance to give their input.

Sincerely,

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