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I am against ALL of your plans. You are creating huge entry lines. NM cars have license plates in the rear... you can't quickly wave people on.

Charge \$10 per car to everyone.

Charging \$5 for non motorize watercraft is a horrible thing to do. Gas engines are dirty, but if registered, you are happy. Kayakers not only run clean, these people are the ones who pick up trash from both land and water. Don't punish these people. Also, kayaks are aboard many houseboats that are in the parks 24-7. Marinas rent kayaks and stand up paddleboards.... how can you enforce?

At Elephant Butte, perhaps 50% of the boaters are from Texas. These people buy 2nd houses in NM, store boats in storage units as well as slips, and are critical to the economy of municipalities near the lake. They buy things. They go to restaurants, buy gas, and more. Charge everyone \$10... don't insult these people. Your license plate plans are insulting. Not having annual passes anymore is just plain stupid. Charge \$50, \$60 or more... people are willing to pay. Friends of the Lake attracts volunteers because they give out annual passes. The idea of no passes and NM plates are free reduces the park's value in peoples' mind. It will result in people trashing the parks big time.

Someone in you group needs to begin thinking things through. It really is easy!