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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Camping fee at Elephant Butte - Alida T
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 12:13:00 PM

From: Alida T <>

Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 10:30 AM

To: emnrd-parkscomments, EMNRD <emnrd-parkscomments@emnrd.nm.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Camping fee at Elephant Butte

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I attended the Elephant Butte fee meeting last night.

The elimination of the annual camping pass is a huge hit for everyone.

I'd like you to consider leaving the dispersed campsite fee at Elephant Butte (only this state park) at \$8 and not more than \$10. (With reduced rates for seniors etc.)

At the meeting they mentioned that different parks may have different fees... for instance, in Albuquerque, there will be a parking fee.

The city of Truth or Consequences relies on tourism dollars, that will drop with the elimination of the annual camping pass. Currently, Elephant Butte brings in close to sustaining income. Keeping camping fees low at elephant butte will help to keep people camping at elephant butte. The proposed camping cost is prohibitive for the type of camping that is offered at Elephant Butte.

Thank you for considering this.

From: Alida T

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To: emnrd-parkscomments, EMNRD emnrd-parkscomments@emnrd.nm.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non motorized launch fee suggestions

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I attended the elephant butte meeting about fee changes.

I use a SUP or kayak 100-150 days a year. At \$5 a day that is \$500-\$750 a year, yet our 14 foot sailboat is free to launch due to being licensed!

To keep SUP rates comparable to licensed boats, here are some proposals.

1. Offer an option to license non motorized boats. Either with a sticker on the boat, something similar to a fishing license, or as a sticker on a day use pass. The rate could be similar to to the class A boats.
2. Make the \$5 launch fee good for 7 or 14 days. (Then it is \$10 or \$20 a month for daily paddlers)

3. Offer an annual rate (or 3 year rate similar to boats) for NM residents of approx \$25 a year, but keep the \$5 rate for out of state.

From: Alida T

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To: emnrd-parkscomments, EMNRD emnrd-parkscomments@emnrd.nm.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Day use fees for NM residents

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After attending the elephant butte state park meeting about fee changes, it did not seem that many people are in favor of free day use. (Most people there were ok with the day use annual pass)

Personally, I have no problem paying \$40 annual fee for day use pass but I would like to see families etc have free access.

Here are some ideas

1. Make the \$5 day pass good for 7 or 14 days. This is similar to some national parks.
2. Offer free admittance to anyone with children under 14 in the vehicle.
- 3 Allow seniors, veterans, foster families to apply for a free or reduced pass. Also allow anyone to apply for a hardship pass. (If they take the time to apply and state a reason, then they can get a free pass.)

If they do not have a pass, then they pay the \$5 rate

From: [Alida T](#)
To: [emnrd-parkscomments, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ridiculous sup launch fee
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I currently purchase the \$35 annual day use pass. I take my sup out 3-5 times a week for less than an hour in the early morning or near sunset.

\$5 launch fee would cost me about \$80 a month, but our 14foot sailboat will be just \$25 a year at the new \$75 license rate.

Please offer some sort of license option for sups... a sticker or a fishing license type of pass at a rate similar to licensed boats.

I can launch my sup at no cost at the damsite.

I want to support our NM state parks, but the \$5 daily fee is prohibitive.