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I read the article in Las Cruces Sun News about restructuring the NM State Park Fees and have these comments. This is also in response to your email i received a week ago.

1. Without knowing your source of revenue, budge, capital improvement requirements, and challenges it is hard to give you a yes or no on your proposals
2. As a resident of New Mexico I don't mine paying for my yearly fee for park access. Just like my hunting and fishing license that I pay for, it represents paying my part for conservation and to maintain our parks. I say: If you use it pay for it.
3. I can't follow your rational to change the fee structure. Your proposal says you need more funding but you're giving the New Mexico residents a free ride. Always evaluate the "cause and effects" of making change. As a Senior (72) I know that nothing is free and someone or some corporation will pay for it. Don't change something for the sake of change.

In my previous professional position I was required to propose, manage and allocate federal funding to meet my agencies mission. So I take a skeptical approach to all proposals.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comments

Dave Baker