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Hello,

Thank you for sending the information about the proposed fee changes. We agree that the fees for the parks are low and that raising them would help the parks. But the jump in the fees that are proposed is so much it is likely to stop people from using the parks at all. When we go to a lake we have our camping vehicle and also pull our boat. That ends up costing us an additional \$10.00 a night for an extra vehicle. So in your 3 day example it would cost us \$84.00 currently or \$240.00 proposed. That's a lot for 3 days. We could stay in a motel and not the park for that rate. That wouldn't help the parks at all. If the fees were gradually increased over a few years that would help.

If the fees do go to the proposed rates we sure hope you start with park improvements that benefit the users and not do things like build fancy unnecessary park entrances. We have a 40 foot motorhome and had a reservation for a campsite at Navajo Lake that was supposed to accommodate that size but when we got there we could not even get in the campground because of the overgrown trees and tight turns. The online reservation service, Reserve America, was no help either.

Your loyal state park users,

David and Laura Eicher