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Greetings,

My name is Kasey Berry, New Mexico resident and Cub Scout leader for a Pack in Las Cruces. I am absolutely delighted in seeing the recommendation to waive NM resident day use park fees. As the Scouts and outdoors are deeply intertwined, it helps facilitate adventures for the kids by not having to pay for certain parks. Prices are rising all across the nation, and the Scouts is not exempt from this. While the fees are not high, we like to enjoy as many local state parks as possible and having to pay for repeated visits essentially prices some kids out of participation.

This wasn't on the recommendations, but I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to advocate for preferential pricing for Scouting units. Group camping fee reduction for Scouting units would help smaller units with fewer families enjoy the outdoors without too much financial burden. Thank you for soliciting feedback!

Respectfully,

Mr. Kasey Berry