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Chapter 5/7 Boating / Fishing Sorry, not in my department.

IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT, DON'T BUY IT. (Financial Commandment)

I learned this commandment seventy years ago. I asked my mom for a toy at a store in my small New England state. She said we couldn't afford it. *I can't have it.* I was soon five years old, now I'm 75 years old. I still follow this financial commandment.

(Now it is a Camping Financial Commandment, not a toy)

Chapter 1 Recreational Camping Project (RCP) 30/60/90 Day Discounts

RCP Example: Jan- 02 days, Feb- 3 days, Mar- 5 days, Apr-0 days May- 10 days, Jun -10 days. This 30 discount days finished at the end of June. Full price will be charged from 01 July to the last day of December. Most people will probably go for the max 90 days to spread their discount over the entire year. I believe we should change ACP to RCP. **Recreational Camping Project** gives you only 30, 60, or 90 total camping discount days for all camp sites during a **full year**. Start the RCP on the first business day 02 Jan of the year, or on the camper's birthday. The ACP resident people of NM or non-resident may live in parks most or all of the year. They have camped for the maximum RCP 90 days at a discount. Now they will pay the full price for remaining camping days of their year at all parks.

Why do this 30, 60, 90 day site discount thing? The NM State Park system will receive an increase income from those that camp beyond the recreational max 90 days. Some campers probably go to 360+ days per year. That's OK. They will pay full price on camping day 91 and all camping days until the end of the year.

Chapter 2 Additional Operations Cost – AOC

Let us look at possible **promotional cost** of NM camping 30, 60 or 90 day RCP for campsites pads discounts.

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| RCP 30 day discount | ??? | or, |
| RCP 60 day discount | ??? | or, |
| RCP 90 day discount | ??? | |
| Site Pad Cost (past your 30/60/or 90 chosen discount days) | \$20 / day | \$600.00 / month |
| Electric | \$10 / day | \$300.00 / month |
| Water | \$10 / day | \$300.00 / month |
| Sewer/Trash | \$10 / day | \$300.00 / month |
| While still on your RCP is \$30 a day | While off RCP Is \$50 a day | |
| ON RCP Discount | | |
| 1 day = 30 / 1 week= \$210 / 1 month= \$900 / 3 months | \$2700 | |
| OFF RCP Discount | | |
| 1 day = 50 / 1 week= \$350 / 1 month = \$1500 / 3 months | \$4500 | |
| Three months on and three months off of RCP is | \$7200 | |
| Add on the cost to the total for RCP discount package. | \$??? | Cost of 30, 60, 90 RCP |

I better check these numbers. Isn't the utilities 10/10/10 a bit high per night for my little teardrop type camper? My much larger house in Albuquerque cost much less.

Chapter 3 Reservations

Make 50% water/electric sites for reservations and 50% water/electric for **First Come / First Serve**. I am a **FCFS** person. I don't know where, when how long I will be going to. This coming week I was going to Ute Lake. Things changed here at home. No problem, I didn't make reservations. My next possibility is to go to another park in two weeks. I should be able to make that trip after all things in Albuquerque are properly completed, or can I?

Chapter 4 Questions and Answers

(Q1) Why is first-come / first served (FC/FS) sites nearly being eliminated at our state parks? I believe weekends are reserved weeks or months early. (Q2)What does this do to the five

weekdays that are not weekend? (A2) I went to a few parks and seen empty reserve areas for the five day? My guess is that a FCFS person can probably make a reservation on these vacant weekdays, but here comes the already reserved weekend, out you go. (Q3) Where to go now? (Q4) How do I see an improvement in park site rentals? (A4) Like I said in section 3, try running 50% reserved and 50% FCFS on electric / water sites. People will hear about the 50/50% sites, and now stay longer because those retired can extend their FCFS stay up to fourteen days. You need to operate the parks for all. I and many other FCFS people don't know where they are going to, and for how long until they are about to go. How long and where is the next stop? That is the best part of camping. Don't be restricted to what your plan was weeks or months ago.

Chapter 5 The beginning or the end

How to do the beginning for camping? (see chapters 1.2.and 3.) My end will start with me monitoring the plus and minus updated park rules. Positive will get me to continue camping. Negative will put me out of camping, and over to other activities. An example is a month trip to tour Vietnam. A trip to Australia could also be possible.

CONTROL INCREASE COST

Quick and heavy increase cost on the camping may decrease the number of camper customers, resident or non-resident. Less camper customers will increase cost again to those who are still customers. How often can this happen? We will see on or about 01 Jan 2025. The out of state neighbors come here, why? Does our state give a better deal to them, at least for now? Later, their states will seem to be less expensive. Camper trailers and RV equipment sales will be reduced, nobody is camping. Who will be buying those things? Small town stores and restaurants will see less camper people, less income. It sounds like a camping has a falling domino effect?

Hope you understand what I'm trying to say.

Can't you feel the fears I'm feeling today?

If camping is changed, there is no running away.

I believe NM camping is on the eve of reduction.

I did read your 36 page document a couple of times. I will update, correct and updated this letter up to 1 Jan 2025. If you or anyone from the State Park management has another meeting in Albuquerque, please give me a call, or send me a message.

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