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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Status of Revised Recommendations for State Park Fees
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Good morning Charles,

Thank you for your comments. Our proposal for resident day use fees is to charge the fee during our peak season from May-September and have free day use for residents from October-April. I hope this answers your question. If you have further questions or comments, please let us know.

Thank you,

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“Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing” - Theodore Roosevelt

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From: Charles MacKown <charles.mackown@me.com>
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Mr Langenegger: Has a decision for Resident Day Use fee been decided? If a fee is not charged, then NM State Parks would forfeit a substantial source of revenue, as much as \$858,000/year. In addition, potential negative impacts (parking issues, overuse of natural resources and infrastructure, increased park maintenance, and personnel interactions) may result with the elimination of a day use fee for NM residents.

I am an out-of-state resident that relies on the Annual Day Use (ADU) Pass. The revised non-resident ADU pass fee increase (275%) is substantially greater than other increases (< 166%) from changes in other current fees. An increase of the NM resident ADU pass to \$80 and that of non-resident to \$120, would reduce the yearly estimated revenue impact by about \$4,300. Furthermore, ADU passes should be issued yearly not for 12 mo from date of purchase. This would reduce costs for issuing ADU (and other?) passes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments about NM State Park fees. I concur that adjustments for fees are necessary to attain a sustainable NM park enterprise that depends on fees for 70-75% of your annual expenses.

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