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Hello, I would like to ask you to reconsider not issuing the annual state park pass to residents. Being a native born lifelong resident of New Mexico who just recently retired from State Government I was hoping to enjoy our State Parks more. We, as you know are one of the poorest states in the Country and to many of us this is all we have for vacation and R&R. The pass helps us to afford a get away. I would ask that you would still provide annual State Park passes to New Mexico residents. This is something we as residents have to look forward to as recreation and a way to enjoy what's ours. I would be willing to pay day use fees in exchange for a resident annual pass. You don't have to issue non resident annual passes and can still raise the non resident day use fees. I'm sure we as state tax paying residents would be on board. The revenue from raising the boating fees, utility fees, entrance fees, our state taxes, and non resident fees should be enough? How about something like Game and fish charging a fee for bicycles, and a habitat type fee? Again, I ask that you consider allowing New Mexico Residents the chance to enjoy our State Lands, our Heritage and let us still be able to purchase annual park passes. Thank you for your time.