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Hello, I'm currently an out of state Annual Pass holder, I've heard news that the state is trying to do away with this offer.

I had a lot more to say but I feel if I simply put this my point will be made a lot better:

Do away with the day pass, if you buy a camping pass your day is already covered.

Keep the annual camping pass, New Mexico has a lot of camping to offer, if you do away with the Annual Pass and up the camping rates, why shouldn't I just go to your Federal lands where I can also get electric, water, showers? I can go to the BLM for free. There are more places to spend money than at your state parks, why did I choose your state parks then? It was a great deal, and this is a unique deal, like your own flyer says "we are the only state park who offers this" then boast it! What an amazing reason to visit the state and get outdoors, a unique opportunity for outdoor enthusiasts.

Before making any changes please provide clear financial reports that explain how much it costs to run the state parks, where these funds are going to (electricity, water, porta potty, trash, etc) and let the people help decide how much things should cost. You shouldn't be looking to other more expensive states as an example, New Mexico is one of the states with a large poverty margin, why would it even make sense to look to states like Arizona and Colorado, high cost states, for their high cost camping?

Sincerely, someone who will not give any more money to your state and go to Texas for free coastal camping if you do away with the annual pass.