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I am a 71 year old resident of El Paso, Texas
I have regularly frequented Elephant Butte State Park for over fifty years.
I have owned a weekend residence in Elephant Butte, New Mexico for over thirty years.
I have paid New Mexico property taxes, utilities, sale taxes, hunting and fishing licenses during this time period. I have also paid for an annual Park Pass. I enjoy the park year round. The calm, relaxation and beauty of the lake during the winter months is a special experience.

I oppose the proposal to eliminate the annual park pass. The convenience of being able to enter the park as often as I do yearly would be a hardship.

I oppose the proposal to eliminate day use fees for New Mexico residents. As Elephant Butte State park is located half way between Albuquerque and El Paso, it's El Paso residents financial contributions to New Mexico are substantial. Texas visitation should not be discouraged by increased fees due to lowered fees elsewhere. Share the fees equally.

As a retiree on a fixed income I am dealing with inflation and increased cost on just about everything! Financial budgeting is difficult for both individuals and state entities.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.
Brad Peevey

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