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I will not be available for upcoming meetings, but I wanted to submit my comments.

New Mexico state parks have always been a great value, not only to residents, but also out-of-state visitors. The proposed fee increases are very extreme.

We live in Dona Ana County and get our annual passes so we can enjoy camping. Eliminating the annual pass for campers sure does hurt the consumer. It hurts New Mexico residents, as many families are able to enjoy recreation with their families only because of the low costs. Changing this will hurt these taxpayers.

We travel extensively and always brag on NM state parks. We always encourage others to visit NM, to get the pass even. By increasing prices and doing away with passes, you are going to turn tourists away. This takes income out of our state. This takes income away from businesses.

I implore you to reconsider these changes. If it isn't broken, don't fix it.

Thank you.

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