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I wholly understand the need to raise fees and funds. However, I would HATE to see the annual pass go away. I will agree it is far too cheap. You could easily double the rate for the pass itself, and/or lower the discount amount when camping when using the pass, and it would still be a bargain. But I think doing away with it completely is a bad idea. I am sure it brings many RVing snowbirds to the state, all who spend money here and some who end up settling here. As a professional travel and RV writer I have been touting NM to snowbirds for years. Please reconsider eliminating this amazing resource for RVers, both local and out of state (and I have met about equal amounts of both while exploring your wonderful state parks). Thank you.

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