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Raising fees has a good chance of eliminating or at least reducing park use for a large segment of the population here in New Mexico. I strongly urge you to re-consider further actions that will make state park use available to only an elite group of campers much the same way the increase in the cost of downhill skiing has eliminated participation in this activity by many New Mexicans. Out of state campers can be asked to pay surcharges as a way to raise revenue, but please leave us who claim New Mexico as our home alone. You might want to look at tapping into the surplus of money that exists at this time to supplement the State Park's budget. As a 70-year-old camper who has not that many nights left to enjoy the state parks please allow me to enjoy the beauty this state has to offer by not increasing camping fees nor eliminating the year pass which has always been appreciated. Thanks,

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