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As recent retirees, my wife and I continue to enjoy the NM state park system utilizing the senior annual pass (which according to the statistics presented generates positive revenue). While working, there was little time to explore NM's wonderful state parks. We enjoy the opportunity to fish, hike, explore, camp and paddle throughout NM. The senior annual pass seems to be the most affordable and most popular annual pass according to the findings presented in the study.

We agree that changes are needed, however after reading the study, a very small percentage of the total annual park pass users are abusing/misusing the system. It seems that the problem is with those that stay in parks for longer than three months. With some of the creative thoughts presented in the comments, it would seem there are ways around eliminating the popular senior annual pass.

Many states offer annual fee categories for watercraft which are utilized by frequent users. This seems a more viable option than only offering a daily fee that will take time to acquire and time to enforce. An option to purchase an annual paddle pass OR a daily docking fee would still generate monies that were not available in prior years.

Thank you for your consideration,
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