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Message

Please do not illuminate the annual camping passes. Double the cost if you must! The annual pass are very convenient for frequent campers and retirees. I believe raising camping fees is acceptable, however the state needs to update the campgrounds. NM state park campgrounds have fallen behind neighboring states. I frequently camp in Arizona and pay \$35-70 per night. Almost every individual camp site in AZ has electricity/water. Most of their sites are worth the cost. None of NM sites are worth that much. NM needs to spend 1-3 million dollars on every campground in the state. And 5-10 million each on elephant butte, Navajo and Fenton state parks. I frequent South Monticello Campground. The showers and restrooms need updating as do all restrooms in most parks. AZ restroom/showers are all brick and mortar and most are cleaned two to three times a day. I recommend Parks "Bosses" visit Fool Hallow State Park near Show low, AZ This park could be an excellent example of how to improve our parks. Camping at this park requires reservation a year in advance because of its popularity and amenities Finally take a look at the AZ camping reservation website—NM's web site contractor stinks and when you call them they are not customer friendly. Please call me for more information. I love this State. I'm retired and spend all my recreational dollars camping/fishing/hiking in a motorhome. I'd like to stay in NM more, but we have work to do! Gary Atwood

