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1. Good morning. I awas readingthe article regarding the schedule to increase NM Park Fees. I would like to make a couple comments. I noticed 2 things. Eliminating the residents daily use fee. And eliminating the annual camping pass. My opinion is that an annual day use fee for residents of \$30. And retain the current day use fee for those not wanting to purchase the annual day use. This brings in revenue from non residents. And retain the annual camping pass. As an non residents annual pass holder, and a senior on fixed income. The current annual camping pass has allowed us to enjoy your parks. And has brought revenue into NM for many other sources. Perhaps retaining the annual camping pass, and raising the fee. With non residents senior discount, will allow traveling seniors an avenue to continue to travel the winter months in NM. Thank you for reading this opinion. Howard Porter.