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I recieved an emails regarding proposed changes to the fee structure at NM state parks. Unfortunately, no details were given, except for elimination of day use fees for residents, which I would find helpful, and elimination of annual permits, which I do not think would be beneficial as a retiree, I enjoy camping. The reservation system with annual permit is useful, though when I camp there are usually more empty sites reserved but never occupied. There are also times when I haven't been able to make a reservation but use an area for day use and note available campsites. The lack of available sites leads me to question the need for fee restructuring; rather the need seems to be for allowing our citizens to utilize our public lands more effectively