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Leave things alone!!! If the Commission thinks there has to be a rate increase, why didn't they bring it before the last Legislature?

I am a senior citizen who buys an Annual Pass. If the change is implemented, I will not be able to afford to go camping very often.

New Mexico has a very large cash surplus, has anyone tried to to get increased funding from it?

Thank you for your time, I'm sure I will be seeing at one of the public hearings. James Varney