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I spend a lot of time in the New Mexico State Parks. In the big picture, if I and a lot of other people no longer do that, New Mexico is going to lose a lot of business. I eat out at local restaurants, get my vehicles maintained by local businesses, buy groceries, frequent hardware and other local stores, patronize services, etc.

The out-of-state Annual Camping Pass has been the key to my being able to support the New Mexico economy.

I used to stay in state parks in other states, too, but now so many of them have raised prices prohibitively, so I no longer do that. I'd be really disappointed to see New Mexico adopt that short-sighted model.

Respectfully,

Jan Forseth