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I may not be a New Mexico resident, but I've been vacationing in Red River since 1961. You really should keep at least a small annual fee for your residents if you want responsible use. Teenagers will go trash everything if they can enter free. A small fee would also be better than charging people for their kayaks. A family of four would be spending \$20 for kayaks for mom, dad, and two teens. How will that help your poorer citizens.?

You do need to increase the fees for camping with electricity. \$10 is more than fair with utility costs going up everywhere.

I've been priced out of overnight rentals in Red River and surrounding areas. I'm disabled. So I'm on a fixed income that is being attacked by shrinkflation from every direction. I was planning to just buy a cover for my jeep pickup bed and using your campgrounds my next trip. But without that annual camping permit, it's just not going to happen. I could definitely see increasing the price, but eliminating it will turn away many seniors on fixed incomes that travel to your state, and spend money in the towns close to your parks for gas, food, museum fees(I'm sure they can't afford to lose out of state seniors), retail store purchases, etc.. Shoot, your annual fishing license fees for non residents will be affected. Best to increase it, not eliminate it.

Thankyou for your time,
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