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While I believe we can all agree that the state park fees need to be increased, to make such drastic changes overnight creates undue hardship for the citizens of New Mexico. For low income New Mexicans, camping in state parks will no longer be possible. Why not make smaller increases to camping fees, and continue to sell a higher priced annual pass for state residents only? Elderly and disabled citizens should certainly have access at least to half price camping, similar to what is provided by the America the Beautiful Access and Senior Passes at federal facilities. Please, reconsider and restructure the camping fee increases.

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