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Hello I am a disabled new mexico mom. I'm very concerned at the fee and other changes that could be coming to our state parks. During the summer my family and I can not afford to go on big vacations our summer happens at the lake. We do use the annual parking pass as this is the only way we can afford to stay and go more often. It helps having the annual pass so that even though I'm out of town it's not currently effects my bills or our groceries. I save up for the pass every year but with the increase in price I'm unsure we would be able to afford it and with the possibility of it being eliminated all together there is no way my family would be able to go anymore. I also saw a proposed increase to overnight fees being we would need electric and water there is completely no way we would be able to afford 33.00 a night. I mean you have to understand campers have to pay to haul their campers with them. State park camping should not be anywhere near the price of a hotel when I'm bringing my own camper. It already cost in gas to get there. Why stay at the state park when I could save money on the extra gas and stay at a hotel near by? Camping in a state park is appealing because people who are low income have ways to afford it to make it happen. It's one of the few things you don't have to be rich to do. I seriously hope it's taken into consideration the fixed low income people of new mexico. Our kids deserve to be outside as well, go fishing experience the outdoors. Even with the fees and annual pass it took great care in planning to make sure we would be ok to go, But it was possible. Inflation is already gouging our pockets, with this last hit on us with inflation it will end our years of memories and tradition. Please don't take the outdoors away from us. At the very least please keep the annual passes for overnight stays so we might be able to at least try to save for it. It helped not paying full price nightly. We get less than 1000 a month that proposed 33 adds up so ,so fast...

Thank for allowing input before the change takes place.