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Hi,

I am writing about the proposed changes to New Mexico State Park fees. As a resident who appreciates and uses the annual camping pass, I urge you to reconsider dropping the pass altogether. Why not raise the amount of the annual camping pass like the nightly use fees instead? An annual camping pass for residents encourages regular use of the parks, making it economically feasible to camp out more often. Also, by removing the annual pass and its benefits, I worry that people will be more inclined to camp in places for free where they should not, or leave behind human waste in trash in those BLM and other public lands places that do not charge.

Thank you for your attention,  
~Lisa Ponders

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