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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Changes to Fee Structure and Park Rules

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To Whom It May Concern:

In reviewing the proposed changes, I agree with all except the elimination of the 'Annual Pass' for New Mexico residents.

I understand the need to revise and probably raise the fees. It is the cost of business. Nothing can remain static. However, for those New Mexico residents that use the NM State Parks frequently, I do not agree with them having to pay each and every time they use a facility. For many of those residents, the only vacation that they can afford are in State vacations that they can drive to and utilize. New Mexico just approved a 10+ BILLION dollar budget. If NMSPD needs additional funding, then the citizens can pitch in some to make up for the difference it would loose if residents purchased annual passes. Since most individuals purchase an annual pass as a convivence, not to save money, the amount of money that getting rid of the annual pass and charging on a daily basis cannot be that much.

Therefore, I request that the New Mexico State Parks Division KEEP the Annual Pass.

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