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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please keep the Annual Camping Pass as an option, especially for Seniors
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Please keep the ACP for Seniors. It is a beautiful benefit of being a resident of this state.

As a senior, venturing out onto Bureau of Land Management locations (aka free camping) is not something I am comfortable with. Enjoying a NM State Park is my get-away preference. I am able to spend so much time on the road because of the ACP.

With the ACP, I am able to travel in my very small rig, use minimal amounts of water and electricity at a site. I have no use for a sewer hookup or dump station. Just a bathhouse with showers. But, I've seen huge rigs, with massive amounts of lighting inside and outside, and even trailers with 1, up to 3 A/C units mounted on the top that run for hours. I can only guess that these sort of rigs use resources way beyond the daily charge per site.

Out-of-staters love our camping charges. Charging more for out of staters is what needs to be the discussion and decision. Other states give price cuts, and even special reservation windows, for residents of that state.

I hope research has been done to see what charges the other 49 states are charging for a night's stay at one of their parks.

I am a resident of New Mexico, moving here in June 2013. I retired from UNM-Main Campus two years ago. In February of this year I turned 70.

Since I moved to NM, I've enjoyed getting out and exploring this beautiful state. Now that I am retired, I can be out and about lots longer. This is due to my purchase of an Annual Camping Pass. However, if the ACP goes away, and I am no longer a "favored visitor" to the parks in my state, my getting outdoors and exploring this state will be drastically curtailed. My fixed income will curtail my travels.

Please, keep the ACP for New Mexico residents.

More importantly, please, keep the ACP at a huge discount for New Mexico Senior residents. Please, give New Mexico residents a nightly lower fee for staying at a New Mexico State Park.

Please, determine a nightly charge for those big, massive resource using rigs a price that will cover the costs of the amenities they use, including salaries for State Park employees.

Please get our Governor to budget and provide more dollars, lots more dollars to update, upgrade, renew and refresh our State Parks. Each is truly a treasure to our state.

Many thanks,

And with appreciation for all that keep the New Mexico State Parks running.

Marcia Kloepper