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Having just retired, we are exploring New Mexico State Parks that we did not have time to visit while working full time. However, we are on a strict limited budget and just purchased a Senior Annual Pass for \$100. This cost fits our budget, whereas the full cost \$180 pass would likely not have been worth purchasing for us based on the full cost for overnight stays at full hookup facilities and the number of nights we plan on camping at State Parks.

Eliminating the Senior Annual Pass would severely limit our ability to visit NM State Parks, and will appear punitive to many seniors who appreciate and camp at state parks regularly. We urge you not to eliminate Senior Annual state park passes.

Mark Watson, retired NMDGF