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I think it is a huge disservice to eliminate the annual pass for the state parks. My family and I bought an annual pass one year and we had a great time camping. It encouraged us to explore multiple parks around the state that we wouldn't have otherwise. The economy is really hard right now for many New Mexican families and seniors. When I camped I saw many seniors who relied on the annual pass for affordable living. This would be a huge blow not just to families but also to New Mexican seniors who are on fixed income and won't be able to afford \$30 a night. I understand there is a need to increase the price but please keep the pass!

Thank you Marsha Ward State tax payer from Mesilla NM