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Hello,

My Name is M.Eide. I currently work for the State of California. My career field can be harsh on the mental aspect of it. I'm also a veteran. I've recently discovered the annual state park pass in New Mexico. I've decided that when i retire, i would like to come visit for periods of time, more of a mental reset if you will. Nothing is better than the outdoors in that regard. I also believe that for those that have children, in this modern society full of technology, it is a great option for them to experience as well. I believe the Park system was created nationally for the people to experience and enjoy. And as soon as i discovered this wonderful opportunity, i'm now seeing a proposal to eliminate it. That disappoints me greatly. New Mexico is one of the states that nobody really talks about. I doubt that tourism is strong compared to other more well known states. In fact, i've never considered going to New Mexico, prior to learning about the annual state park pass. I would have to imagine that if i were to visit there, i'd probably enjoy it enough to stay a while, tell others about it. Without your annual state parks pass, i doubt i will ever see New Mexico. I can't think of a good enough reason to. I'd imagine some of the locals wouldnt mind that, but there also is a lot that would for the economy. I'm pretty sure i'm not the only one thinking what i'm thinking. Its enough to motivate me into sending this email. I think getting rid of the annual state park pass would be a great mistake. I dont think anybody would mind a fee increase if it allows them to continue to enjoy the outdoors. Please reconsider this proposal. It's so important to so many people.

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