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I agree that NM State Parks, which are very well run, have been priced too low. I do not agree that the Seniors Annual Camping Pass should be eliminated. NM is a poor state and the Seniors Annual Camping Pass is a benefit for New Mexico seniors that wish to enjoy the outdoors. New Mexico is a poor state and therefore many seniors do not have the same resources as seniors in our neighboring states. I could understand increasing the cost of the Senior Annual Camping Pass, perhaps incrementally over a number of years. But eliminating the Senior Annual Camping Pass, is just Anti Senior.

I heard about the proposed fee increases, meeting at the Nature Center from a friend. Did the Parks dept send email notifications to all people who have camped at NM State Parks? I looked on the State Parks website and did not see a list of public meetings, just the meeting in SF, are the meetings listed? On the analysis comparing fee changes, why wasn't the Senior Annual Pass specifically listed vs. just "Annual Passes."?

The NM Senior Annual camping pass should not be eliminated.