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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Changing of Elephant Butte entrance fees/annual passes
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As a senior citizen, I believe eliminating the annual passes is like a slap in the face to NM seniors. My husband and I are on fixed incomes and having the annual pass affords us to visit/primitive camp at least 5-6 times a year, usually stay 4-5 days. I propose you keep the annual passes, at the very least for NM RESIDENTS ONLY. As your proposal goes paying \$20 a night would be \$100 every time we visit, which in my opinion is a bit much. We would no longer be able to afford going to the Butte as much as we love camping and fishing. Please reconsider your proposal to eliminate the annual passes or at least lower the daily camping fees from \$20/night to maybe \$10/night or a senior discount.

I surely hope this does not fall on deaf ears! NM needs to take care of their seniors!!

Thank you from an old couple that loves going to Elephant Butte!

Mr. & Mrs Bassford

Ps: please EXPLAIN why you think ELIMINATING the annual camping passes is a good idea for NM residents and why there needs to be a 100+% INCREASE per day for primitive camping?!?!?