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Dear NM State Parks Division,

I think it would be a mistake to eliminate daily use fees and annual passes for State Parks. It would deprive the State Parks of much-needed sources of revenue, and it would encourage the idea that parks do not need public financial support -- a false but widespread belief. In addition, the proposal for charging only out-of-state people to use our parks sends a very hostile message to visitors. Is it really true that New Mexicans demand free access to our irreplaceable natural resources, and expect others to pay for them? I hope that is not who we are.

Sincerely,

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