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Greetings,

Coming from a State that desperately needs an annual pass for its State Parks, and as someone who has visited New Mexico for several weeks, and planning to again in the Fall, I would very much like to see New Mexico Parks not get rid of the annual pass.

I'm not one to abuse such a pass, by staying longer in locations than the rules say. Most visitors are like that.

NM State Parks ought to remember that throughout the State there are plenty of BLM dispersed camping areas. Does the State of NM want my camping fee dollar? Do you think that will happen if I have to pay expensive nightly fees?

(Also, for us desert fans, Arizona is right there, next door.)

Reasonably raise the annual fee, yes, and modify some rules, but don't get rid of the annual pass. That's a vital tool for encouraging tourists like me, who go on to spend money while visiting, adding to the NM economy.

Regards,

Peter