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To New Mexico state parks. I totally understand that a fee increase is needed but let's do that without eliminating the annual pass. If you have to raise the price of the annual pass that's understandable. Free day use for New Mexico residents sounds great but if you live a distance from a lake, a day trip is not worth it hence why we spend the night and pay the NM State Park for camping. Please keep in mind Reserve America charges \$4 a night reservation fee only adding to the increase price for camping Doing away with the annual pass in my opinion and the many I have talked to will only hurt revenue for the NM State Parks forcing fewer trips to the lakes and hurting surrounding businesses that depend on the revenue. Primitive camping should be increased to \$12 but \$20 is not realistic Thanks for your time and listening to our comments. Philip Mackenzie-Low Mimbres NM Sent from AOL on Android