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Hello,

I am a recently retired NM resident. I chose to retire in New Mexico, the land I loved as a youth, after working for 42 years in Colorado.

I was dismayed to read that you are considering eliminating the Annual Pass for state parks.

As a retired person on a very fixed income, the Annual Pass allows me to more economically enjoy the state I love and grew up in -- I lived in Alamogordo from 5th grade through high school and attended college (Engineering) at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces before beginning my career in Colorado.

Please consider alternatives to promote keeping the Annual Pass:

Increase its cost somewhat.

Possibly offer it only to New Mexico residents.

Offer a punch type pass with a fixed number of days/visits that provides a discount over that number of individual visit rates.

Some of our surrounding states have an Annual Pass (Colorado does -- not sure about Texas, AZ, or Utah).

Sincerely,

Robert Saffer
Alto, New Mexico