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I was distressed and saddened to read the recommendations for price structure changes for NM State Parks. My husband and I are from Wisconsin and have enjoyed staying at your wonderful parks in our RV for 15 years. We often buy the annual camping pass. While I have always commented on the fact that fees have been constant all these years and I have wondered how you have managed that, the changes proposed will make stays at your parks out of reach for us and many others. In my view it is another consideration denying access to those of limited means and catering to the wealthy. The joy of public parks is the opportunity to experience the beauty of nature granted to all.

I also have concerns for resident seniors on fixed incomes who have found the parks safe and affordable living spaces, even though this is "non-recreational use." I know this is not the responsibility of park administrators, but where will these people go?

While I can appreciate the need to make changes to the fee structure, I hope you will put emphasis on affordability. Getting rid of the annual passes, but maintaining the current camping fees or increasing them by just a few dollars would seem reasonable to me.

Keeping the annual passes at a slight fee increase, while increasing the camping fees so that the pass would continue to keep camping fees affordable, would be another option.

Thank you.

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