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Hello,

I am a former full-time RVer who spent most of my camping time in New Mexico state parks. I love New Mexico, and ultimately made it my permanent home, but the reason I stayed in New Mexico was the affordable cost of undeveloped campsites via the annual pass.

There may be a (mistaken) view that people who camp - long-term or short - in New Mexico will just pony up the extra fees. In fact, there will be nothing in particular to draw travelers to the state parks in preference to other fair-weather states; our state parks are simply not that special.

I didn't choose Sierra County state parks because they were close to Truth or Consequences or Elephant Butte. I patronized those towns because they were close to the parks. Without the allure of affordable camping, there's not much to recommend those towns, all due respect.

The free residential day use proposal was certainly a bone, but few residents were even interested in gnawing it.

Sincerely,  
Roxanne VanWormer