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Hello,

Thanks for taking comments!

I'd really appreciate some kind of day use annual pass for out of state residents. Even if it was \$100 or something. I hate paying little day use fees, trying to keep cash for it is annoying.

This is the main thing I've noticed with park systems and fees:

I love the idea of encouraging fixed income seniors to camp with big discounts but there absolutely needs to be some kind of (strict!) financial requirement for these discounts.

A huge percentage of the seniors I camp near in the mountain west are obviously multi millionaires just from looking at their gear. They get all the best campsites because they're retired and can book two weeks at a time, PLUS they pay half price, and it results in an environment full of giant tour buses with huge floodlights. It's HORRIBLE in Colorado - the campgrounds are truly full of loud rich people with the same model of tour bus as Taylor Swift, having family reunions with tons of people per campsite, using the park resources far far more than my full-price-paying tent camping self does. As Colorado raised the prices, they kept their senior discount as a percentage, pricing out the full price people and ensuring their only customers are the ones who are paying half price. I would beg you to raise prices equally for everyone. Please don't give all seniors a 50% discount, which means as you raise prices, you raise them half as much for the rich seniors as you do for low income families.

Anyway, thanks for soliciting feedback. Love New Mexico, love the state parks.

Thanks,
Scotty