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Hi New Mexico Parks Department,

I'm writing to you about your department considering to discontinue the Annual Camping Pass. My response to that is: NO.

I just bought a camper to camp throughout New Mexico and bought an Annual Camping Pass.

When I bought the pass, the lady at the Rio Grande Nature Parks Center, told me that the State is considering not selling them anymore. I was immediately disappointed to hear that information.

When I took my first "kick the tires" trip to Santa Rosa State Lake Park, the campground host told me too, that the state is planning to discontinue the pass.

My question to the State is "Why?"

- 1) It provides an affordable option to people who camp and want to explore the great state of New Mexico.
- 2) I would have never gone to Santa Rosa State Park, if I didn't have my Annual Camping Pass.
- 3) Now, I'm planning to go to Bluewater Lake, Elephant Butte and Mesilla Valley State Parks too.
- 4) I never knew about these parks (except Elephant Butte) and how many more exist, prior to buying the pass.

I see no reason to get rid of the Annual Camping Pass that allows New Mexican residents to explore the natural beauty of this state at an affordable price.

Please keep the Annual Camping Pass.

Thanks,
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