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As a visitor to your parks and a former volunteer, I am glad to see the annual pass go away. While I hurt for the many indigent people, state parks were never designed to be a full time home. My husband and I were always surprised at the number of homeless people using the parks in that manner. We full time RV and travel quite a bit. We have learned to have nice parks they have to have funding. It is good prices will be raised to provide funding and yet affordable for families. We also noticed most of the homeless had the messiest sites and discouraged us from returning. It is time for change and we are excited for the future of the parks.

Thank you,

Tracy Hendrix