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Your public webinar asked for suggestions, please see mine below.

I made a comment during the session about tying the increases to COL/CPI.
Taking the annual inflation rate, as reported by https://www.investopedia.com/inflation-rate-by-year-7253832, beginning in 1985, compounded annually the 2024 Annual Day Pass rate would be 118.50. Higher than even Texas (see below)

• Your report states that a Texas State Park Pass is \$70.00 a person; their wording can be misleading: Cost: A Texas State Parks Pass costs \$70 and is issued to one person (the card holder) further reading states:

Texas State Parks Pass (TSPP)

A Texas State Park Pass waives entrance fees to 80+ state parks for <u>you and your same-vehicle guests</u> (card holder must be present) for a full year.

Price: **\$70.00**

Pass Details - Texas State Parks (reserveamerica.com)

- Work with the state permiting department to have new service stations/electric charging stations install a dump tank. Or offer incentives for their addition. LOVES and Mavarick gas stations often have fresh water and dump stations for their customers or a per use charge. As someone who RV'd for a couple of years continuous this was very helpful as many of the BML properties by their very nature do not have water or dump facilities.
 - If folks start dumping roadside or in creeks it will be a much larger problem and cost a fortune to contain.
- State Park connectivity. At the meeting you said you were working with Starlink to get wifi service into the more remote areas; maybe your marketing team can get with them and offer "NMSP partnership with" or "Provider of choice.." and get reduced pricing or additional services just for the promo swap.

Much luck! Vicki Davison