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I was disturbed to read that you propose to eliminate the Annual Camping Pass. For many years now I've spent several months each year camping in NM state parks. Almost all the money I spend while camping in these parks goes to local businesses, in most cases in small towns such as Santa Rosa or Elephant Butte that have few sources of income.

Higher daily rates I can probably live with, as long as the increases are not too large. But eliminating the Annual Camping Pass would greatly increase my expenses, encouraging me to camp elsewhere (e.g., plentiful BLM land in Arizona), where I would no longer be contributing to the economies of New Mexico's small towns.

I love those towns, and I'm happy to support them. Please don't drive me and other RVers away.

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