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I am retired and have bought a house here at Elephant Butte, NM.. I stay here for about 4 months a year during the winter. My residency is Wisconsin. I pay real estate tax, electric bills, gas, water and sewage bills and Internet service just the same as full time residents of Elephant Butte. Also of course, buy groceries, gas, eat out, and all things for living here in the Butte. I bought the place here to enjoy the duck hunting and fishing on Elephant Butte. From what I have heard, the day use fee for a non resident will go up to \$10/ day. I launch my boat an average of 60 times while I'm here. That would mean it would cost \$600/year to launch. I think this is outrageous. I could see doubling the annual park pass to \$80, but the total elimination of an annual pass makes no sense. The elimination of fees for residents means that the state seems to think non residents will pay for everything? If this is the case, I will sell my place and move to a more friendly state for my 4 months of winter.

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