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Elimination of residents day use is a mistake in my opinion. We have been camping in New Mexico over 30 years and it seems to decline every year. The residents of New Mexico trash camping areas. We have had to clean up a campsite before we can park. They constantly walk through our campsite at all hours and camp hosts does not do anything. The camp host at some of the sites are rude and not helpful at all. I don't mind paying for a site which I know helps with trash pickup and the roads to the camp sites. They will park their vehicles in areas to save camp sites during the week and don't arrive till weekend. Only thing I don't agree with paying for sites is having no access to water unless you have New Mexico license plates. We were in line with other campers to get couple gallons of water only to have them lock the faucets when we were next.

We love New Mexico state parks just don't care for the way we watch residents not care for the state parks. Last couple years it has felt unsafe. We travel other states and pay for the privilege to camp and we don't get the treatment we have seen these past years. Hopefully if prices are raised the other things fall in place to make the state parks beautiful.

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