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EMRD State Park Administration--Thank you for your leadership and vision. You have a valid concern with the current fees/pricing structure to use our state recreation areas not keeping up with inflation, increased revenue for operating costs, and funds needed for improvements.

One thing I would ask you to consider is NOT doing away with annual camping or day use passes for 100% disabled veteran residents here in the great state of New Mexico. The current fee of \$100 has a tremendous impact on the quality of life for disabled veterans and military retirees who are on a fixed income.

Based on the current proposal to "do away with annual passes," as a 100% disabled veteran and military retiree I would request that the strongest consideration be made to maintain the annual and day use programs for disabled veterans who are NM residents. An even more patriotic gesture would be that annual passes for 100% disabled veterans/NM residents be free.

Thank you in advance, Carlos J. Brown 520-465-3268