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Hello,

While I understand the need to modernize the parks fee structure, I think the proposal needs refinement.

Suggestions:

Free or nearly free entrance to active duty military

Free or nearly free entrance to veterans.

Phase in cost increases over 5 years

Replace the window sticker with a card. For verification all anyone need do is show their driver's license. Currently, the pass is tied to a specific vehicle, meaning if someone wanted to drive a different vehicle to a NM park they have to purchase an additional pass for that vehicle... with fees increasing that creates an undue burden. (It already is). The National Forest service has issued a card for many years.

Require higher fees for those coming from out of state. Is this standard practice in many states around the country. NM Fish and game has been doing this for a very long time.

Regards,

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