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Been waiting for these changes for 8 years, I've tried everything I could to get the parks to

re-evaluate mainly out of staters getting annual camping passes. Because of the staggered purchase dates on out of staters, its imperative that this gets addressed right now, as they will want 'refunds' for

the remainder of their yearly pass.

These out of state 'snowbirds' make reservations for camping 2 weeks here, 2 weeks there, 2 weeks at another,

followed by 2 weeks back at the first park. Spending the entire winter in our state parks at a ridiculous price

of \$8. a day for a 4 month period.

Non residents in surrounding states are charged DAILY entrance fees in addition to daily camping fees.

In order for myself to get the 2-3 days I want, I need to make reservations 5 months out.

And that brings up NM Dis-abled Veterans passes, as I am one. What new items are being considered for us?

Thanks. Rick (575-373-1356)

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