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New Mexico State Parks Returns Camping Stay Limit to 14 Days

SANTA FE, NM – New Mexico State Parks announces that it is returning to its original 14-day consecutive camping stay out of a 20 day period effective April 1, 2013. Previously, the maximum length of stay was 21 consecutive days out of any 28-day period.

"Returning to the 14-day limit levels the playing field for short term campers or weekenders to enjoy New Mexico State Parks," stated Tommy Mutz, New Mexico State Parks Division Director. "Everyone should have a reasonable opportunity to secure a campsite."

New Mexico State Parks rules state: Campers may reside in a park for a maximum of 14 calendar days during any 20-calendar day period unless the director otherwise decreases or waives this limit. Campers shall completely remove camping equipment and gear from the park for six calendar days during the 20-calendar day period. Campers can go to another park for six days, then return.

New Mexico State Parks are a great recreational value. It sells an annual camping for \$180 for New Mexico residents. An annual day use pass is \$40 for New Mexico residents. For a complete list of New Mexico State Parks fees and permits visit: http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/FeesPermits.html.

For more information throughout the year call 1-888-NMPARKS or visit the State Parks Division's website at www.nmparks.com.





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