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Disabled veteran camping passes good through Memorial Day 2021

(Anchorage, AK) – The free state camping passes offered to disabled Alaska veterans by the grateful people of the state in 2019 and 2020 will not expire Dec. 31, but will be honored through Memorial Day 2021, the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation announced today.

The state is extending the validity of current Disabled Veteran (DAV) passes to allow veterans more time to observe social distancing while obtaining new 2021/2022 permits, good through the end of 2022.

The Anchorage PIC will be issuing 2021/2022 DAV passes on an in-person, appointment-only basis at its office at 550 W. Seventh Ave., while staff work to identify additional procedures. Disabled Alaska veterans should contact the PIC to schedule appointments or find out the most convenient and appropriate way to receive passes.

“Given the challenges to protect the health of our staff and the public they serve in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, we’ve decided to extend the use of the 2019/2020 DAV passes while gradually distributing the new ones,” said Ricky Gease, director of Alaska State Parks. “We ask the public to be patient as we maneuver through this process, and especially with the Public Information Center (PIC) staff as they work hard to accommodate all requests.”

While passes had been available at regional Alaska State Parks offices in the past, these offices are now closed to foot traffic except by appointment, and will not be distributing DAV passes until further notice.

For more information, including email and telephone contacts, veterans should visit the PIC website at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/>

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