



FSM 2300 - RECREATION, WILDERNESS, AND RELATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

2323.04b - Chief

The Chief is responsible for approving:

1. Vegetative cover manipulation.
2. Fish and wildlife habitat manipulation.
3. Watershed condition improvement.
4. Final environmental statements or proposals for new water-resource developments.
5. Reconstruction of any structure for water control or use, except as provided in FSM 2323.04a.
6. Weather modification proposals or activities or installations resulting in weather modification that affects wilderness.
7. Any reforestation activities.

2323.34b - Stocking Methods

Stocking shall normally be done by primitive means, however, Regional Foresters may permit dropping of fish from aircraft for those waters where this practice was established before the area was designated a wilderness. Conduct aerial stocking pre-or post-visitor seasons. Landings are prohibited. Specify mitigation for stocking methods in wilderness implementation schedules.

2324.33d - Airfields

Unless otherwise approved by the Chief, do not locate new airfields, including emergency airstrips, in wilderness. Unless otherwise approved by the Chief, do not extend, widen, or resurface existing airfields. Document decisions about whether or not to permit the continued use of existing airfields for each wilderness in the forest plan. Legislation may mandate that certain airfields remain open. Maintain airfields by nonmotorized methods only. For further direction see FSM 7720 and FSM 7730.

2324.33e - Heliports and Helispots

1. Heliports. Construct and maintain heliports at existing administrative and airfield sites where essential for wilderness purposes. Require justification for continued use of existing heliports or for constructing new ones. Unless otherwise approved by the Chief, do not locate other heliports within any wilderness. Evaluate and document the need for each heliport in the forest plan. Operate only those heliports considered vital to wilderness resource management.
2. Helispots. The Regional Forester may approve the construction of nonemergency individual helispots or systems of helispots. FSM 7720 contains guidelines for location, construction, and use of helispots. Except in emergency situations, evaluate and document the need for helispots in the forest plan.