

Example of Zoning:

All backcountry/wilderness areas are designated in one of four Management Zones. Each Management Zone is described in terms of the desired social, resource and managerial conditions for that area. While social and resource indicators generally remain the same across Management Zones, standards in each may be different. These descriptions provide guidance for management decisions related to backcountry/wilderness resources and use. All actions and activities, which may be different among Management Zones, will follow wilderness laws and policies.

Management Zones are designated based upon the following criteria:

1. Type and amount of use;
2. Accessibility and challenge;
3. Opportunity for solitude;
4. Acceptable resource conditions;
5. Management use.

Management Zone 1

Management Zone 1, approximately 170,236 acres, generally includes Research Natural Areas, tundra areas, and other areas not in Management Zones 2, 3 or 4. (See Figure 2-1).

Use:

- Day use only
- No overnight camping (except approved management activities and winter area camping with restrictions)
- Group size of seven (7) or less desirable
- Low day use
- No stock use

Access and challenge:

- Generally moderate to difficult
- Challenge/risk/freedom and self-reliance are primary goals of the visitor

Opportunity for solitude:

- Outstanding opportunity for solitude
- Chance of seeing other visitors/park staff is low
- Natural sounds prevail

Acceptable resource conditions:

- Natural environment with little evidence of recent impacts by humans
- Evidence of management is extremely rare
- Resource impacts are non-discernable

Management use:

- No designated or maintained trails
- Routes are generally non-discernable
- No signs, cairns
- No facilities
- No aircraft or motorized equipment (except during emergency operations or absolutely critical for the protection of natural or cultural resources as determined on a case-by-case basis through a Minimum Requirement Analysis)

Management Zone 2

Management Zone 2, approximately 36,832 acres, generally includes crosscountry routes, crosscountry camping areas, and bivouac areas. (See Figure 2-1).

Use:

- Area camping allowed, seven (7) or fewer people; no fires
- No designated camp areas
- Low to moderate use
- No stock use

Access and challenge:

- Moderate to difficult
- Challenge/risk/freedom and self-reliance are primary goals of visitors

Opportunity for solitude:

- Opportunity for solitude high most of the year, moderate during summer months
- Chance of seeing other visitors/park staff is low to moderate
- Some noise interferes with natural sounds

Acceptable resource conditions:

- Resource impacts are restricted to minor losses of vegetation where camping occurs and along use routes
- Predominately unmodified natural environment

Management use:

- No designated trails, but some designated routes
- No formal maintained treadway (erosion and drainage control techniques allowed)
- Minimum cairns as necessary to provide for resource protection and visitor safety
- No facilities (cabins, hitchrails, privies)
- No motorized equipment (except when approved via Minimum Requirement Analysis)
- Only those signs necessary to protect resources and public safety

Management Zone 3

Management Zone 3, approximately 27,474 acres, generally includes formal trail corridors (100 feet on either side of trail) and designated campsite areas (100 feet from edge of campsite). (See Figure 2-1).

Use:

- Moderate - high
- Day group size of no larger than 20 recommended
- Designated campsites - group size 1-7 or 8-12
- Campfires in specific campsites only
- Stock use allowed on stock designated trails and camp sites only

Access and challenge:

- Low to high
- Broad spectrum of expected challenge level

Opportunity for solitude:

- Broad spectrum, low to high, depending on time of year, day of week, time of day, weather etc.

Acceptable resource conditions:

- Resource impacts are limited to the immediate trail corridor (100 feet either side of center line of trail) and campsites (100-foot radius from metal arrowhead)

Management use:

- Facilities: privies, hitchrails, corrals, cabins, tent pads, food protection devices, signs, research equipment etc. as per the Minimum Requirement Concept
- Use of aircraft/motorized equipment/blasting, requires Minimum Requirement Analysis (programmatically in an approved management plan or on an individual basis)
- Use of stock for facility/trail maintenance
- Designated, formally constructed and maintained trails

Management Zone 4

Management Zone 4, approximately 23,313 acres, generally includes formal trail corridors (200 feet on either side of trail), specific day use areas (200 feet from edge of area) and backcountry areas not recommended as Wilderness. (See Figure 2-1).

Use:

- High
- No group size recommendation; however, large groups encouraged to split up
- Day use only, no camping (except Moore Park, Rabbit Ears, Peregrine, Cub Lake, Arch Rocks, Mill Creek Basin and Upper Mill Creek designated camp areas)
- Stock use allowed on stock designated trails only

Access and challenge:

- High access
- Low to moderate challenge

Opportunity for solitude:

- Broad spectrum, low to moderate, depending on time of year, day of week, time of day, weather, etc.
- Chance of seeing other visitors and staff high during summer months

Acceptable resource conditions:

- Resource impacts are limited to the immediate trail corridor (200 feet either side of center line of trail) and day use areas (200-foot radius from attraction)

Management use:

- Facilities: privies, hitchrails, signs, hardened areas at attractions etc. as per the Minimum Requirement Concept
- Use of aircraft/motorized equipment/blasting, requires Minimum Requirement Analysis (programmatically in an approved management plan or on an individual basis)
- Use of stock for facility/trail maintenance
- Designated, formally constructed and maintained trails

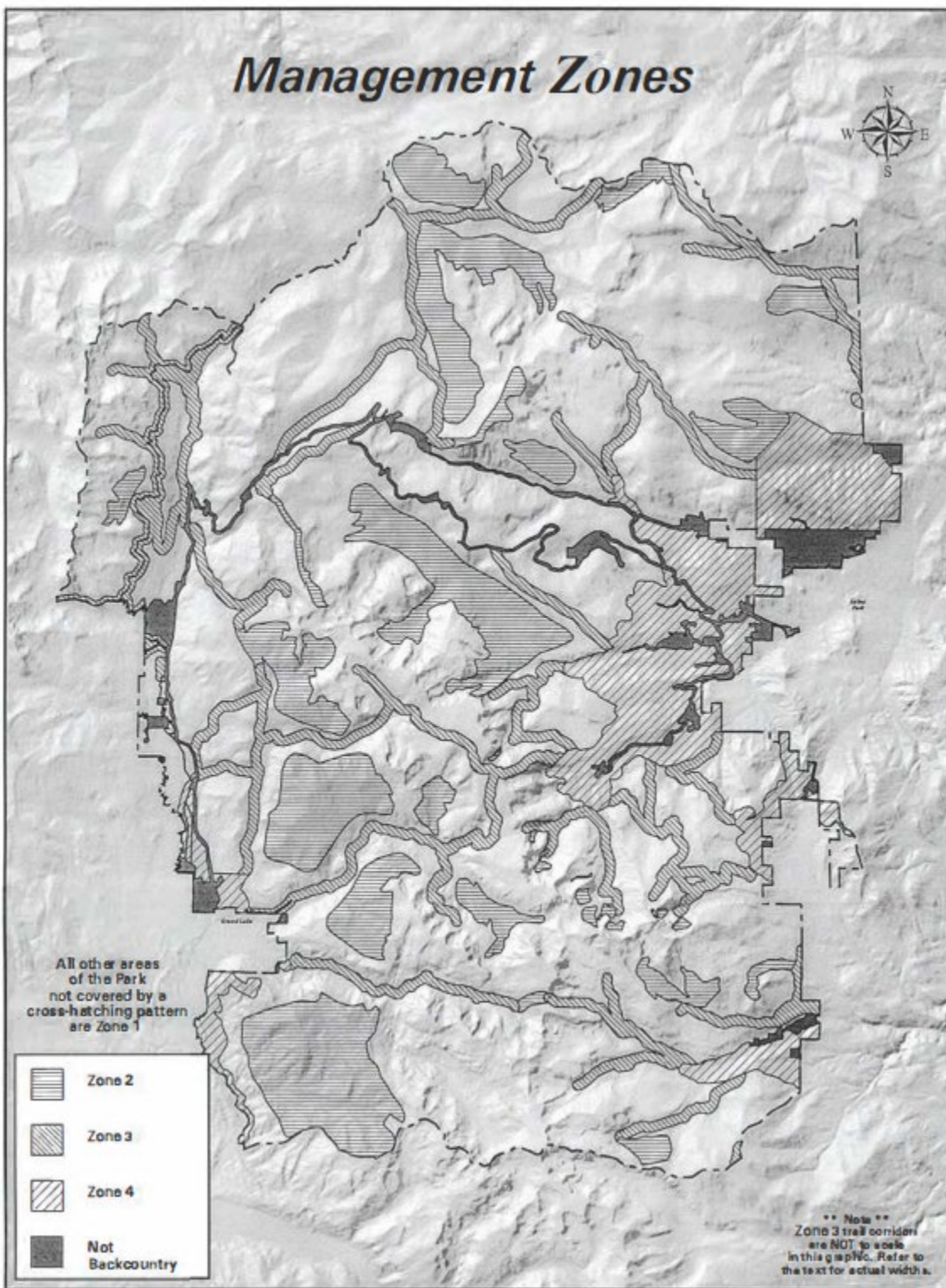


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