



Region 2 Rapid Assessment Cheat Sheet

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Part A Disturbance to Groundcover Rating

*Ground disturbance focuses on the center of the site. See the SPECIAL SITUATIONS alternate criteria if needed.

Rating:

- 0 - Trace Site – evidence of past use. Groundcover veg. mostly recovered.
- 1 - Groundcover vegetation flattened, not permanently damaged, minimal change except for rock fireplace.
- 2 - Ground vegetation worn away around fireplace or center of activity. Not enough to put a 2-person tent.
- 3 - Ground vegetation lost on most of site, most humus and litter still present. Enough vegetation is worn away for a 2-person tent.
- 4 - Bare mineral spoil widespread over most of site.

Part B Tree Damage Rating

*Count only trees that:

- (1) Have been felled and are at least 4 inches in diameter where felled;
- (2) Have scarring that exceeds 1 ft (approx. a 3 inch x 3 inch) or;
- (3) Have more than 1 meter of exposed roots.

>Areas with sensitive trees such as krumholtz may qualify as a severely damaged tree even if they are smaller than 4 inches in diameter

Rating:

- 0 - 0-3 severely damaged trees or no trees on site
- 1 - 4-10 severely damaged trees
- 2 - 11 or more severely damaged trees

Part C Disturbed Area Rating

*Examine vegetation in the area for what is “natural.” Disturbed area = the area that has been disturbed by the camping activities. Make sure to include satellite tent pads, stock holding area and areas where people have landed boats along the river or lake. Ignore social trails.

Rating:

- 0 - 0-25 m² (0-250 ft²)= (**approx. 16'x 16'**)
- 1 - 26-100 m² (251-1000 ft²)= (**approx. 31'x 31'**)
- 2 - More than 100 m² (**more than 31' x 31'**)

Part D Overall Impact Rating

_____ Sum of index ratings for Part A + Part B + Part C (**Remember, Trace Site = 0**)