



Appendix E

Campsite and Trail Restoration Plan

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This restoration plan is intended to be used as a guide for accomplishing campsite and trail restoration work to meet the desired future condition for the ECW. The specific campsites and trails in need of restoration will be identified on an individual basis using the criteria found in the standards and guidelines. This plan describes the existing condition, issues, objectives, and desired future condition of the restoration program and outlines a restoration strategy.

I. Existing Condition

During the 1980s an active campsite restoration program closed and rehabilitated many campsites at popular destination areas using rocks, logs, native transplants, and signs.

There is no restoration program in effect for the ECW.

Most of the information accumulated during the restoration program active during the 1980s is on hand.

The campsites that were closed and restored during the 1980s have not been maintained as closed and many are back in use.

II. Issues

The standards and guidelines contained in the ECW Stewardship Plan will require that some campsites and portions of relocated trails be closed and restored.

Restoration work is expensive and time consuming and can have a low percentage of success in the wilderness environment.

Conditions of campsites and trail corridors must resemble natural conditions as closely as possible after restoration efforts.

The backlog of restoration work needed is substantial.

III. Objective

Design and implement a restoration strategy that will return conditions of closed campsites and trails to as natural a condition as possible according to the following criteria:

1. Effective at returning native vegetation and appearance
2. Implements the standards and guidelines in the ECW Stewardship Plan.
3. Is cost and time effective and feasible.

IV. **Desired Future Condition**

A restoration strategy is in place which annually closes, rehabilitates, and monitors a percentage of the campsites identified as not meeting the Standards and Guidelines of the ECW Stewardship Plan.

The restoration strategy is used whenever a trail is relocated or closed.

The restoration strategy uses only native plants and seed and the end result meets a VQO of Preservation.

Restored sites and trails remain permanently closed through monitoring, information and education, and enforcement of a special order closure.

The restoration program is a priority goal for the administration of the ECW and is reflected in the program of work.

V. **Strategy**

- A. Identify campsites and trails to be closed and rehabilitated according to the ECW Stewardship Plan Standards and Guidelines.
- B. Close and restore only those sites which can be effectively monitored and managed to remain closed based on the amount of funds and personnel time available each year.
- C. Use only the following materials for campsite and/or trail closure:
 - a. Native logs
 - b. Rocks
 - c. Transplants from the surrounding area.
 - d. Seeds from native plants collected inside the ECW.
 - e. Plants grown from seeds of native plants collected inside the ECW.
 - f. Forest floor litter and duff.
- D. Identify each restoration site as "Closed for Restoration" using an unpainted, wood routed sign placed near the ground. Where absolutely necessary to insure protection, a brown colored twine may be used to delineate the closed area.
- E. Establish a Special Order to prohibit camping or traveling through a site closed for restoration and enforce this closure.
- F. Reflect the restoration program goal in the program of work for the ECW.