Capacity Determination for Visitor Use in Wilderness

Wilderness Stewardship Framework

Numeric Capacity Determination Template using a Standards-based Method

1. Explain Purpose and Need for Capacity Determination
   A. Basis in law
   B. Basis in policy
   C. Need for change

2. Describe Methodology
   A. Managing for conditions using a standards-based process

3. Define the desired condition
   A. Regional context
   B. Forest-wide
   C. Wilderness

4. Identify issues and concerns
   A. Public Issues
   B. Management/Resource concerns
   C. Areas of use and impacts within wilderness

5. Identify Potential Indicators of Conditions (social, biophysical, managerial)

6. Inventory Conditions (and/or utilize existing data)
   A. Use estimation
   B. Biophysical conditions
   C. User survey (optional)

7. Describe existing conditions (social, biophysical, managerial)
   A. Select Monitoring Indicators

8. Specify standards (social, biophysical, managerial)
   A. Establish a numerical visitor use capacity (if needed)

9. Define and Describe Alternatives with range of Adaptive Management Actions
   A. Describe Alternative Mgmt. Zones or Opportunity Classes (optional)
   B. Calculate a capacity for zone alternatives (if needed)

10. Describe effects of alternatives

11. Select an Alternative

12. Implement management actions
   A. Monitor selected indicators
   B. Adjust management actions as needed