

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