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Comments: 2.2.2 Sustainable Recreation and Scenery

GENERAL: Provide freedom of choice for the broadest spectrum of outdoor recreation opportunities compatible with the setting.

Desired Conditions (FW-REC-DC)

12. Glad to see recognition of "minimal impacts." Please recognize the humans are part of our ecosystem and give tolerance compatible with other resource values.

13. Remember that replacing or eliminating dispersed recreation merely moves, not eliminates, the dispersed impacts to another place and results in dissatisfied users.

Objectives (FW-REC-OBJ)

01 Favor rehabilitation or site hardening over removal or relocation.

03 Include loops for motorized use. Motorized loops are essential to minimize ORV impacts. Examples are available where loops almost negated ORV localized impacts in meadows, hill climbs etc.

Guidelines (FW-REC-GDL)

03 Utilize fuel breaks, temporary roads, skid trails to accommodate foot traffic (walking, hunting, etc.) whenever cost-effective and compatible with adjacent area.

07 Loops are necessary to minimize ORV impacts. Inevitably dead end routes experience resource damage along or at the end of the route.

Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Settings (ROS)

Desired Conditions (FW-ROS-DC)

06 Include provision for snowshoes

Recreation Special Uses (RSUP)

Desired Conditions (FW-RSUP-DC)

02 Foster a partnership relationship with permit holders

2.2.5 Eligible Wild & Scenic Rivers (WSR)

Evidently the mainstem of Clearwater River never received an evaluation for eligibility. Otherwise it would have many more outstanding remarkable conditions than its tributaries.

A bit puzzling why Monture and Lodgepole have a Clearwater label.

Infrastructure (INF)

Trails should be regarded and managed as a recreation facility rather than an engineering transportation route.

05 What is unauthorized use on public land? Motorized? Bushwhacking?

Objectives (FW-INF-OBJ)

01 Decommissioned or stored roads should be in a condition to allow foot traffic for walking, hunting and other non-commodity uses.