

# Recreation and Ecosystem Health

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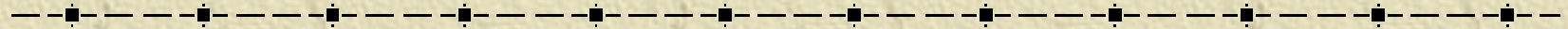


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# What do we know?



- ✦ Recreation is but one ecosystem service among many
- ✦ It's recreational carrying capacity AND (not OR) ecosystem sustainability
- ✦ Tools and concepts need to evolve

# Principles

- ✦ Connect People to Nature
- ✦ Conserve and Respect our Natural, Historic and Cultural Heritage
- ✦ Promote Enjoyable and Safe Recreation



# Guidelines

- ✦ Public Participation
- ✦ Net Economic Benefits
- ✦ Agency Budgets
- ✦ Monitoring
- ✦ Transportation Systems
- ✦ Recreation Infrastructure



# Recommendations for the Planning Rule



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- ✦ Make Recreation a “Substantive Principle”
  - ✦ Full Accounting for impacts ON and OF Recreation



# Recommendations

- ✦ Use recreational planning concepts and tools
- ✦ Focus on Niche
- ✦ Add Value



# What it might look like in practice.



- ✦ Roslyn, Washington
- ✦ Urban forest with a wildlife / stewardship mandate
- ✦ Hiking, biking, and horseback riding trails
- ✦ Wildlife corridors connect to Forest Service lands



# Parting Word (play)

✦ Recreation

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