



# A Framework for Sustainable Recreation

*Renewing body & spirit*

*-Inspiring passion for the land*



Forest Service  
Mission:

*To sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.*

Recreation  
Vision:

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## **Sustainable Recreation Principles**

Connecting people  
with natural and cultural  
heritage



Promote healthy lifestyles



Recognize the  
interconnections  
of sustainability



Community engagement  
is essential



National Forests and  
Grasslands are part of  
a larger landscape  
( all hands, all lands)

# Guiding Principles

**Connecting people with their natural and cultural heritage is a vital thread in the fabric of society.**

**Recreational activity in the great outdoors promotes healthy lifestyles.**

**Sustainability underlies all programs.**



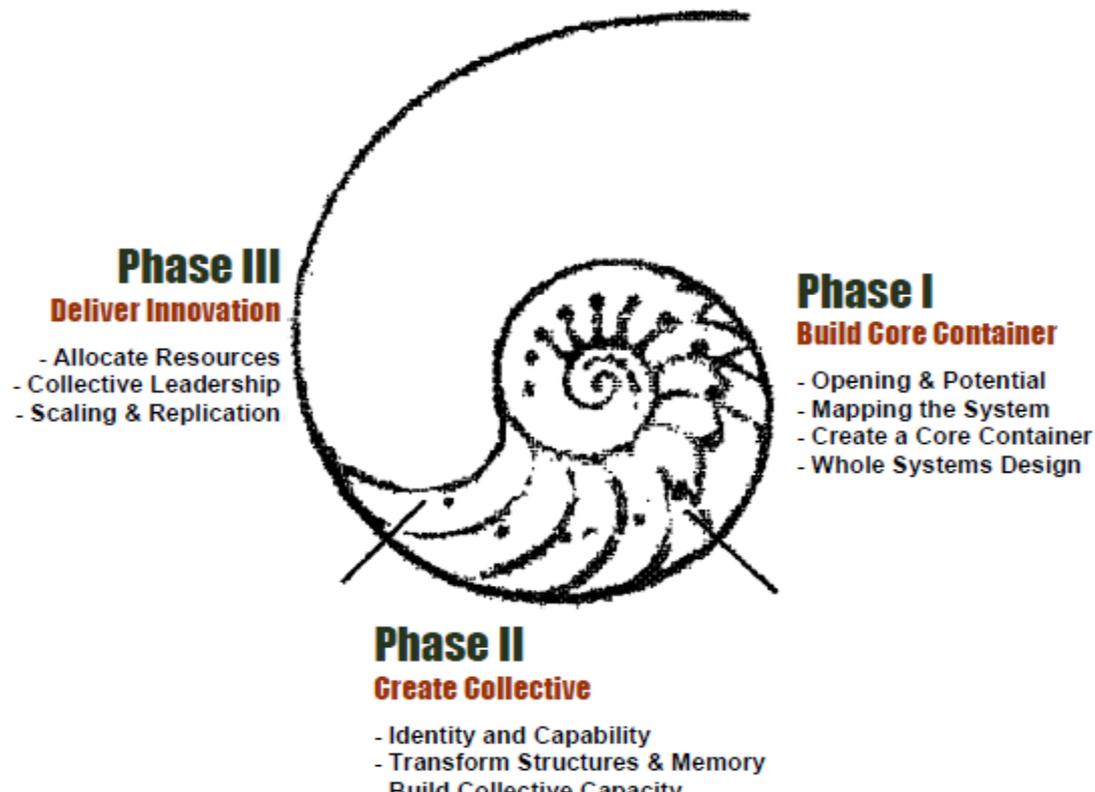
# Guiding Principles continued

**Community Engagement is Essential.**

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# Generative Spiral<sup>V5.0</sup>



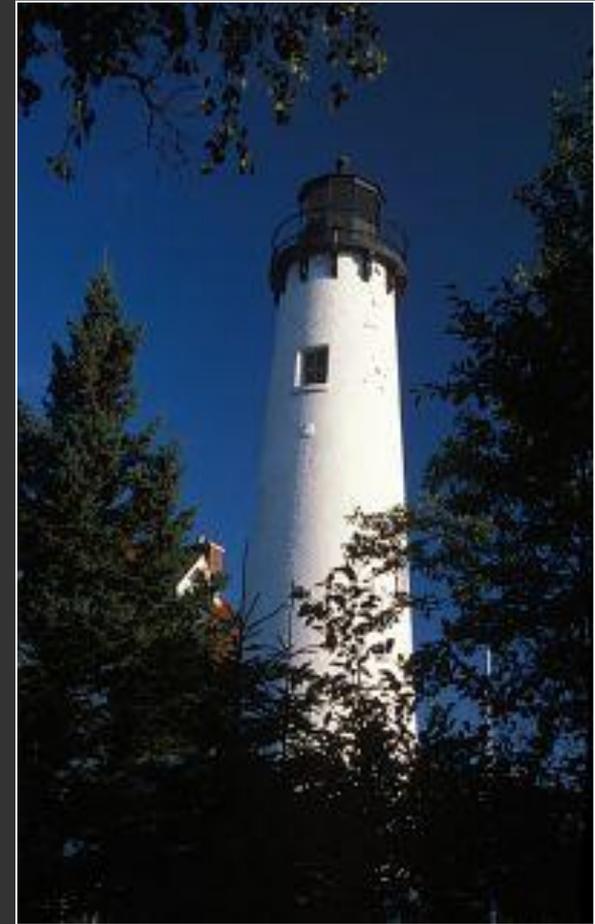
# Lessons Learned

Get to **WE** sooner than later, even if you're scared.

Look for **possibility**, create hope.

**Engage** where you're at.

**Anchor** to sustainability.



# Moving Toward Sustainability

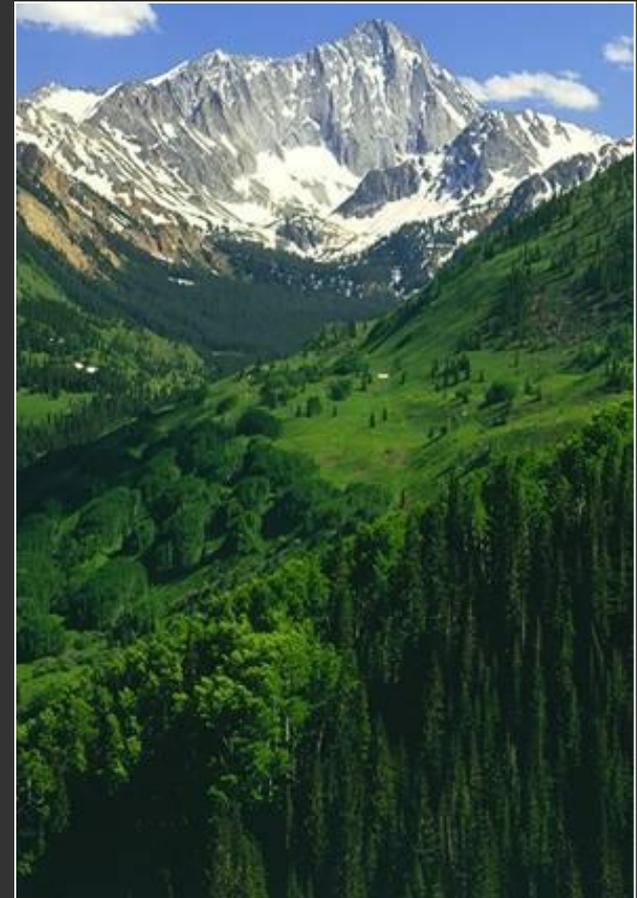
Adopt the Principles

Join a Community of Practice.

Recognize / identify the We.

Do a Situation Assessment.

Use the Tools.



# Outcomes



***“The whole is greater than the sum of the parts!”***



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**Nonprofit**

**Local Governments**

# Focus on **Action**



## Sustainable **Recreation** *Focus Areas*



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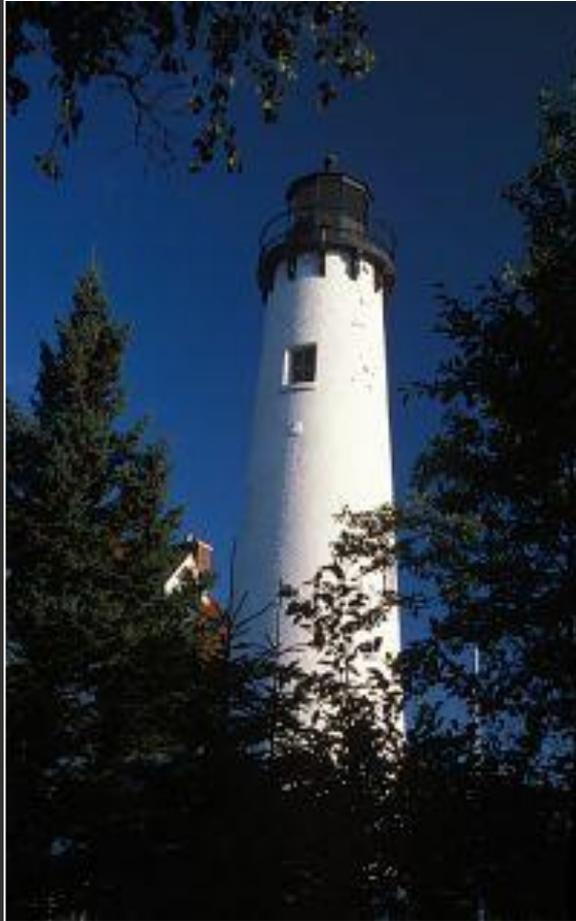
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## **Focus Areas**

- I.**  
**Restore and Adapt  
Recreation Settings**
- II.**  
**Implement "Green" Operations**
- III.**  
**Enhance Communities**
- IV.**  
**Invest in Special Places**
- V.**  
**Forge Strategic Partnerships**
- VI.**  
**Promote Citizen Stewardship**
- VII.**  
**Know Our Visitors,  
Community Stakeholders,  
and Other Recreation Providers**
- VIII.**  
**Provide the Right Information**
- IX.**  
**Deliver a Sustainable Program**
- X.**  
**Develop our Workforce**

# Invest in **Special Places**



# Forge Strategic Partnerships



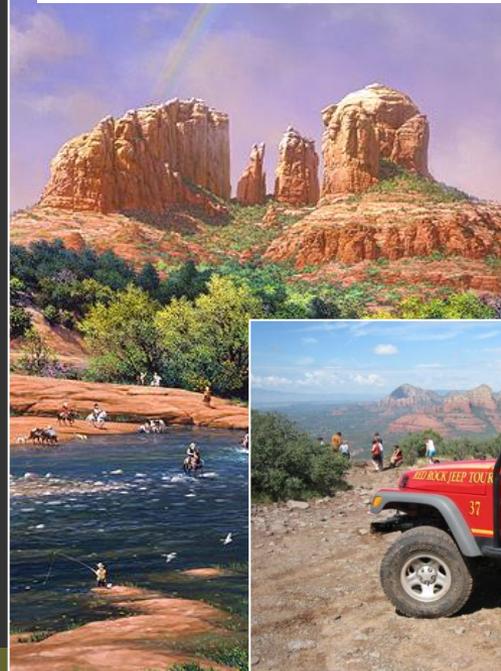
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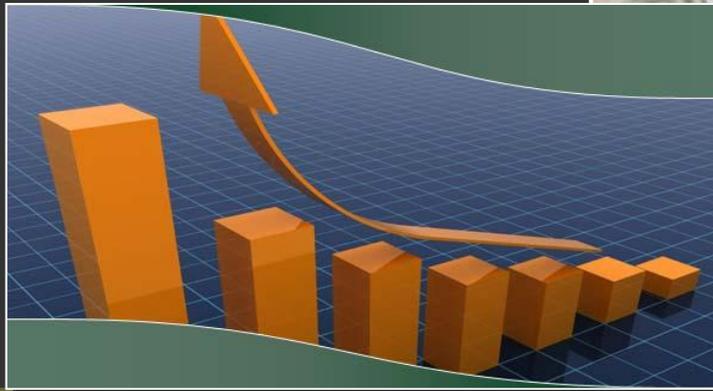
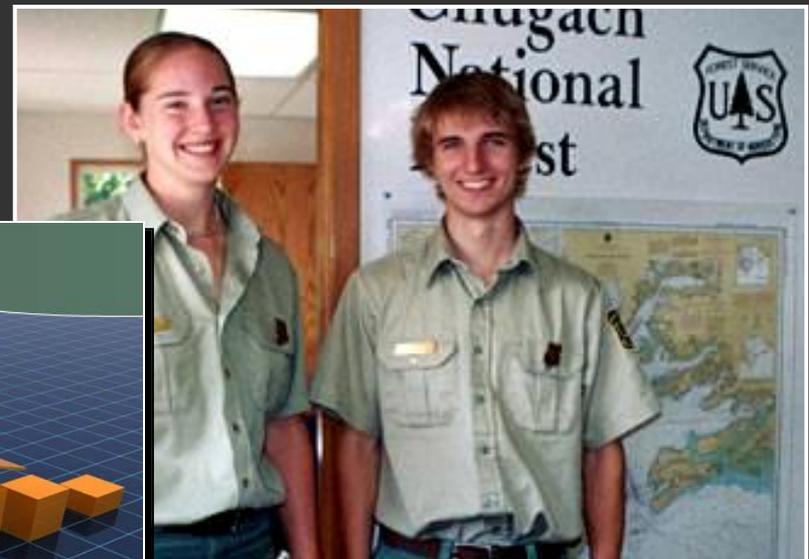
# Promote Citizen Stewardship





# Invest in our **Ability to Lead**

- Know our Visitors, Stakeholders and Partners
- Provide the Right Information
- Deliver a Sustainable Program
- Develop our Workforce



# Sustainable recreation

Occurs where **benefits align**:

Health & Wellness  
Challenge, Risk & Identity  
Family & Community Bonding

**Social  
Benefits**

Local, Region,  
& National  
Effects

Community  
Identity &  
Quality of Life

**Economic  
Vitality**

**Environmental  
Integrity**

Intact Landscapes  
Open-space  
Character  
Managed Recreation  
Protected Cultural  
Sites

# The Forest Service **Mission**

**is about sustainability:**

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**We can only achieve our Forest Service mission if our recreation program is sustainable.**



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