

145. **(GL)** If use exceeds the area's capacity for a given recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) class, employ the following management actions, in order of priority, to address the impacts or effects on the recreational setting:
- a. inform the public and restore or rehabilitate the site
 - b. regulate use
 - c. restrict the number of users
 - d. close the site
146. **(GL)** Where forage is limited, require overnight campers with recreational livestock to carry cubed, pelleted, or rolled feed. Feeds shall be free of viable noxious-weed seeds.

Developed Recreation

Development

147. **(ST)** Develop and implement vegetative management plans for all developed sites to enhance the natural setting and maintain or develop the desired vegetation.
148. **(ST)** Camping stay limits may be set to meet management objectives.
149. **(ST)** Make facilities provided at trailheads consistent with the recreational setting and provide for parking, trailhead panels for trail information, and appropriate sanitation facilities.
150. **(ST)** At all new or reconstructed developed recreational sites, provide a range of universally-accessible opportunities within the limits of the site characteristics.
151. **(GL)** Provide readily available off-site and on-site information on recreational opportunities for developed sites.
152. **(GL)** When campground occupancy in peak season is less than 20 percent, conduct analysis to decide whether to close the campground.
153. **(GL)** Each Ranger District should document backlogged maintenance and rehabilitation needs and associated costs, and update at intervals not exceeding two years.

Scenery Management

154. **(ST)** Prohibit management activities that are inconsistent with the scenic integrity objective unless a decision is made to change from the scenic integrity objective. A decision to change from the scenic integrity objective will be documented in a project level NEPA decision document.
155. **(ST)** The scenic classes, which are a measure of the relative importance or value of landscape to people, are usually accepted as the base for scenic integrity objectives unless special documented circumstances warrant a change.
156. **(ST)** A High scenic integrity objective will be met within the foreground for all National Scenic and Recreation Trails.
157. **(GL)** Design and implement management activities to meet the adopted scenic integrity objective for the area as shown on the SIO map enclosed with this document.
158. **(GL)** Rehabilitate all existing facilities and areas that do not meet the scenic-condition objectives specified for each management area. Set priorities for rehabilitation considering the following:
 - a. relative importance of the area and the amount of deviation from the scenic-condition objectives; "foreground" of high public-use areas has highest priority
 - b. length of time it will take natural processes to reduce the visual impacts so that they meet the scenic condition objective
 - c. length of time it will take rehabilitation measures to meet the scenic condition objectives
 - d. benefits to other resource-management objectives to accomplish rehabilitation

PART 5: ADMINISTRATION

Real Estate

Facilities

159. **(ST)** Do not retain newly acquired facilities unless sufficient maintenance funding is available or cooperative maintenance can be secured, and a substantial Government benefit can be demonstrated.

160. **(ST)** Destroy facilities acquired during land donation, exchange, or purchase unless they serve a definite purpose and funding is available for their maintenance.

Rights-Of-Way

161. **(ST)** Retain existing access rights where needed to meet *Forest Plan* goals and objectives.
162. **(GL)** Acquire rights-of-way to provide general unrestricted access for full public use and management activities where needed.
163. **(GL)** Require reciprocal grants where needed when granting rights-of-way easements across National Forest System lands.

Land adjustments

164. **(GO)** Seek opportunities to acquire or dispose of lands to reduce Forest Service administrative costs and improve management efficiency.
165. **(ST)** Give priority in land-adjustment activities to acquiring lands that contain habitat identified by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of Interior as necessary for recovery of federally-listed threatened and endangered species.
166. **(ST)** Consider the following in land-adjustment activities (including land exchange, purchase, disposal, donation):
- a. Evaluate and balance the overall combination of all resource values and factors including wildlife habitat, fisheries habitat, riparian areas, wetlands, cultural resources, recreational opportunities, scenic value, watershed protection, timber resources, rangelands, public access, better federal land management, and other factors. Impacts to issues and resources identified as important during site-specific scoping will be considered in all land-adjustment activities.
 - b. Consider the effect of land adjustments on sensitive species habitat. Avoid land adjustments which could result in a trend toward federal listing or loss of population viability for any sensitive species. Sensitive species habitat can be conveyed if conveyance would not result in a trend toward federal listing or adversely impact the population viability of the species, or if effects could be mitigated.
 - c. Acquire lands that contain resource values identified during scoping as important in contributing toward National Forest System resource-management goals and objectives as stated in the *Forest Plan*. Examples

include: wetlands, riparian areas, essential wildlife habitat, threatened or endangered species habitat, sensitive species habitat, significant cultural resources, timber lands, rangelands, or other areas.

Special Uses

167. **(GO)** Ensure utility corridors are consistent between adjoining Forest, regions, and other Federal and State land management agencies.
168. **(ST)** Require burial of electrical utility lines of 33 kilovolts or less and telephone lines unless on or more of the following applies:
 - a. Scenic integrity objective of the area can be met using an overhead line.
 - b. Burial is not feasible due to geological hazard or unfavorable geologic conditions.
 - c. Greater long-term site disturbance would result.
 - d. It is not technically feasible.
169. **(ST)** Do not approve new uses or reissue for current uses where the primary use is storage or disposal of hazardous materials, including landfills, when the use permits expire.
170. **(ST)** Conserve existing and designated inventoried rights-of-way that are needed for implementation of the *Forest Plan* to protect them for future construction and occupancy.
171. **(ST)** Authorize proposals to utilize designated utility corridors without alternative route analysis, subject to site-specific environmental analysis.
172. **(GL)** Utilize current utility corridors fully and provide utility corridors in the future in areas that meet the needs of society while protecting the integrity of the environment.
173. **(GL)** Do not authorize conflicting uses or activities within transportation and utility corridors.
174. **(GL)** Consolidate occupancy of transportation and/or utility corridors and sites wherever possible and compatible.