



## Riparian Areas, Water Influence Zones And Wetlands

Some standards as indicated also appear in the Rocky Mountain Region Watershed Conservation Practices (WCP) Handbook, FSH 2509.22. This handbook contains design criteria associated with each standard, which provides additional guidance and clarification.

### General

1301. In the water influence zone next to perennial and intermittent streams, lakes, and wetlands, allow only those actions that maintain or improve long-term stream health and riparian ecosystem condition. **STANDARD** (Regional WCP Handbook Standard 3)

1302. Maintain long-term ground cover, soil structure, water budgets, and flow patterns in wetlands to sustain their ecological function, per 404 regulations. **STANDARD** (Regional WCP Handbook Standard 6)

1303. Vegetative type conversion should only be done in riparian areas to reestablish riparian vegetation for the protection and/or enhancement of those ecosystems. **GUIDELINE**

1304. As opportunities arise, and need dictates, relocate or implement mitigation measures for roads, trails, watering tanks, ponds, water catchments, and similar facilities currently located within the Water Influence Zone. **STANDARD**

1305. Locate camping sites for contractual purposes (e.g., mining, logging, etc.) such that channel and riparian areas are not impacted. **STANDARD**

1306. Prohibit log landing, decking areas and mechanical slash piling within riparian areas unless the integrity of the riparian area can be protected (e.g., frozen, snow-covered ground conditions). **STANDARD**