



## Recreation Opportunity Spectrum

### General

5101. Management activities shall comply with the requirements of the adopted Recreation Opportunity Spectrum class (summarized below). **GUIDELINE**

#### Recreation Opportunity Spectrum by Management Area

MGMT AREAS	NAME	P	SPNM	SPM	RN	RNNM	R
1.1A	Black Elk Wilderness	X					
*2.2	Research Natural Areas	X	X				
3.1	Botanical Areas		X		X		
3.2A	Inyan Kara Mountain	X					
3.31	Back Country Motorized Recreation Emphasis			X			
3.32	Back Country Non-Motorized Recreation Emphasis		X				
3.7	Late Successional Forest Landscapes					X	
4.1	Limited Motorized Use and Forest Product Emphasis					X	
4.2A	Spearfish Canyon				X		
4.2B	Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway (Within Norbeck Wildlife Preserve)				X		
5.1	Resource Production Emphasis				X		
5.1A	Southern Hills Forest and Grassland Areas				X		



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MGMT AREAS	NAME	P	SPNM	SPM	RN	RNNM	R
5.2A	Fort Meade VA Hospital Watershed		X		X		
5.3A	Black Hills Experimental Forest				X		
5.3B	Sturgis Experimental Watershed		X				
5.4	Big Game Winter Range Emphasis				X		
5.4A	Norbeck Wildlife Preserve		X				
5.43	Big Game and Resource Production				X		
5.6	Forest Products, Recreation, Big Game Emphasis				X		
8.2	Developed Recreation Complexes				X		

P=Primitive; SPNM=Semi-primitive Non-motorized; SPM=Semi-primitive Motorized; RN=Roaded Natural; RNNM=Roaded Natural Non-motorized; R=Rural.



## Developed Recreation

### General

5201. Construct, reconstruct and maintain developed sites in accordance with the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) classification established for the immediate area. See Appendix F for a list of existing facilities and their ROS classification. **GUIDELINE**

5202. Integrated resource management schedules should be prepared prior to rehabilitation, expansion or construction of projects. **GUIDELINE**

5203. Consider the element of cost efficiency and public desires when planning development and operating sites within the complex. **GUIDELINE**

5204. Facilities may dominate, but must harmonize and blend with the adjacent natural landscape. **STANDARD**

5205. \*Design facilities and access to provide site protection, to restrict access or route recreational use away from R2 sensitive and species of local concern plants that are located within or immediately adjacent to developed recreation sites and to provide for efficient maintenance and user convenience. **STANDARD**

5206. Design and locate improvements on winter sport sites to provide safety to users and to harmonize with the natural environment. **STANDARD**



5207. In areas of high to moderate potential for valuable mineral deposits, perform site-specific mineral evaluations prior to making substantial capital investments, such as recreational developments. High and moderate mineral potentials are described in U.S. Geological Survey Bulletin 1580, Mineral Resource Potential and Geology of the Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota and Wyoming. **STANDARD**

5208. All new or reconstructed developed recreation sites will provide a range of universally accessible opportunities within the limits of the site characteristics. **STANDARD**

5209. Stands should be managed in campgrounds to provide a variety of species, size classes and age classes to perpetuate forest cover, add diversity in the forest setting, and complement recreation and visual values. **GUIDELINE**

5210. The adopted Scenic Integrity Objective (SIO) varies from High in primitive, relatively low-use sites, Development Levels 1 and 2; Moderate in moderately developed sites, Level 3; and Low in intensively developed sites, Levels 4 and 5. **GUIDELINE**

5211. Do not issue special-use permits that will preclude future recreational developments. **STANDARD**

5212. Emphasize signing for recreational purposes that comply with site-development scale and Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS). **GUIDELINE**

5213. \*Do not locate any new developed recreation sites in or immediately adjacent to known locations of R2 sensitive or species of local concern plants. **STANDARD**



## Dispersed Recreation

### General

5301. Discourage dispersed camping within a minimum of 100 feet from lakes and streams unless exceptions are justified by terrain. **GUIDELINE**

5302. Use the following criteria when evaluating campsites for closure, rehabilitation or mitigation of damage:

- a. Campsite condition reaches Frissell class “heavy” or “severe”;
- b. Site occupancy exceeds the adopted scenic integrity objective;
- c. There are social use conflicts; and
- d. Unacceptable environmental damage is occurring.

**STANDARD**



5303. If use exceeds the area capacity or limit of acceptable change for a given recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) class, the following management actions, in order of priority, should be employed to address the impacts or effects to the recreation setting:

- a. Inform the public and restore or rehabilitate the site;
- b. Reroute use or focus use elsewhere;
- c. Regulate use;
- d. Restrict the number of users; and
- e. Close the site.

**STANDARD**

5304. Different accessibility challenge levels will be planned, depending on the nature of the improvement and the principal form of recreation being provided.

**GUIDELINE**



## Recreation Special Uses

### General

5401. Outfitter guide use may be authorized up to the listed maximum service days for the following recreation activities:

RECREATION ACTIVITY	MAXIMUM SERVICE DAYS	(RECREATION VISITOR DAYS)
Hunting	9,000	(6,000)
Fishing	3,000	(1,100)
Trailrides:		
Mechanized (Mtn.Bikes, Wagons, ATVs)	58,000	(14,500)
Non-mechanized (Hiking, horse, llama)	80,000	(26,700)
Rock Climbing	5,000	(2,500)
Snowmobiling	8,000	(2,300)

Outfitter guide use for other kinds of recreation activities will be allocated on a case-by-case basis until capacity studies are completed. **STANDARD**

5402. When capacity has been met for a certain special use activity, no further permits will be issued. **STANDARD**



5403. Avoid issuance of outfitter and guide permits that result in exclusive use of National Forest System lands by a special segment of the public. **STANDARD**

5404. Encourage the dispersion of outfitter and guide camps away from popular sites receiving capacity use. **GUIDELINE**

5405. Keep a minimum distance of one-half mile between hunting-season outfitter and guide camps except at staging areas, unless there are adequate natural buffers to permit closer distances. **STANDARD**