

A6 DEVELOPED RECREATION

GOAL

PROVIDE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES THAT RE DEPENDENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRUCTURAL FACILITIES FOR USER CONVENIENCES WHERE INTERACTION BETWEEN USERS AND EVIDENCE OF OTHERS IS PREVALENT.

DESCRIPTION

Developed recreation opportunities occur on sites designated for development and concentrated use, e.g., campgrounds, picnic grounds, boating sites, ski areas, recreation residences, and organization camps. Only sites classified as development scale 3 or higher are considered in this strategy.

The following recreation sites are included in the management area:

Pomeroy Sites

Teal Spring
Wickiup
Tucannon
Big Springs
Godman
Alder Thicket
Rose Spring
Little Turkey
Slick Ear
Stentz Spring

Heppner Sites

Bull Prairie
Penland Lake
Fairview

Walla Walla Sites

Beaver Marsh
Buck Creek
Umatilla Forks
Jubilee Lake
Woodland
Woodward
Monet
Ski Bluewood
Spout Springs
Tollgate
Target Meadows

North Fork John Day Sites

Lane Creek
Bear Wallow Creek
Frazier
Pearson
Tollbridge
No. Fk. John Day

DESIRED FUTURE CONDITION

Readily accessible, appropriately designed recreation facilities shall provide for concentrated use by people seeking a variety and convenience of developed recreation opportunities and experiences. Recreationists will enjoy outdoor opportunities where social interactions are moderate to high. Controls and regulations will be noticeable to obvious.

Recreation facilities such as roads, buildings, ski lifts, loading/unloading ramps, boat docks, bulletin boards, picnic tables, campsites, and others shall be evident in moderate to heavily modified sites. However, facility design and construction will blend with the color, shapes, and lines of the surrounding natural environment. Created openings or tree removal shall exist to accommodate facilities, provide scenic views, or meet vegetative management goals within, and surrounding, the developed site. Partnerships with members of the hospitality industry will be strong.

MANAGEMENT AREAS STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

RECREATION

Sites

1. Provide and manage developed recreation primarily to Roaded Natural settings with some Rural settings (ROS Users Guide, USDA Forest Service, n.d.).
2. Provide the opportunity for mostly road oriented or related activities.
3. Facilities will be provided mostly at recreation development scale 3 (Roaded Natural) with some development scale 4 (Rural). Development scale 5 (Urban) sites on National Forest lands will be provided by private or public developers.
4. Developed sites will be administered and maintained to provide visitor safety and sanitation, protect facility and site resources, and provide for visitor recreation needs and convenience.
5. Cleaning, policing, and minor maintenance will be performed regularly and consistently at each fee site to give the overall appearance of being clean and sanitary, free of litter, neat in appearance, and well kept. Other sites will be maintained to assure basic health and safety, appropriate resource effects, and protection of investments.
6. Developed recreation sites are to be appropriate to the forest environment and will be planned, constructed, and maintained to provide facilities only for forest recreation such as fishing, camping, picnicking, skiing, swimming, hiking, and riding.
7. The Forest will consider expansion of its existing high use sites before considering the development of any new sites; long-term desirability of the site for continued use, site suitability, and potential alternative sites will be evaluated prior to expansion.
8. The Jubilee Lake, Bull Prairie, Olive Lake, North Fork John Day River, and Tucannon sites will be modified to make them usable by the disabled. Where the need exists, facilities in other existing recreation sites will be modified to make them usable by the handicapped. Future developments will be planned and designed to make other facilities accessible to the handicapped.
9. The developed site may encompass an area larger than just the area on which developed facilities are located. These areas will be managed as a Roaded Natural setting in which trails may be developed to provide dispersed recreation opportunities. These areas will also provide a transition between the developed site and resource development areas.
10. All recreation sites at development scale 3 and above will be evaluated, and fees will be charged for the use of facilities when it is administratively and economically feasible to administer the fee system.
11. Periodically reevaluate sites to determine the need to eliminate or reduce the development scale of sites that are not cost-effective, not providing the appropriate resource setting, or not needed to meet recreation management objectives.

Special Uses

1. Where recreation services and facilities are determined to be needed, feasible, and appropriate in the forest environment, development, and operation using partnership agreements will be encouraged.
2. Developed sites may be operated on a charge basis by a concessionaire when it would result in better service to the public.
3. The Buck Creek Organization Camp will be kept for public use. Before or at the time of expiration or renewal of the authorization, a 'needs' assessment will be made in consultation with the operator to consider whether the activities, uses, and developments should be continued, expanded, or otherwise changed in order to best serve the public

interest. An operation and maintenance plan will be prepared to specify actions needed to meet health and safety standards, maintenance needs, upgrading and additional requirements, or other structural and operational modifications.

4. As termination dates for recreation residence authorization approach, an analysis of recreation residence continuance will be made for each tract. The uses will be allowed to continue unless a positive higher public use is determined.

Off-highway Vehicle (OHV)

OHV use will be restricted to the roads and trails within the developed sites and managed to minimize conflicts between users.

VISUAL

The Visual Quality Objective is Retention or Partial Retention, depending on the sensitivity level of the site.

Development and maintenance of sites will be accomplished within the standards established for each site. In the cases where this cannot be accomplished due to the size of a structure or facility, then blending into the natural setting by minimizing contrast with the natural form, line, color, and texture will suffice.

A vegetation management plan will be developed and implemented for each site at development scale 3 and above.

CULTURAL

Meet Forest-wide Standards and Guidelines.

WILDLIFE

Wildlife habitats and habitat improvements may be developed, maintained, or enhanced to increase wildlife viewing opportunities, provided habitat and improvements don't conflict with the safety of developed site users, and are consistent with the management of the site.

FISH

Fish habitat improvements are encouraged.

RANGE

Domestic livestock grazing will ordinarily be excluded from developed sites. It will be allowed on certain sites at specified periods (i.e., sheep grazing on ski area slopes in summer) on a controlled basis to reduce the fire hazard, and to maintain or improve the vegetation.

Developed sites that have facilities for recreation pack-and-saddle stock will not provide pastures.

TIMBER

Trees will be managed on a nonscheduled basis to meet recreation objectives and to reduce the risk of public injury from hazardous trees or vegetation.

Logging and slash disposal practices will be selected that least impact the site.

WATER AND SOIL

Meet Forest-wide Standards and Guidelines.

MINERALS AND ENERGY

Subject to analysis of public values, including mineral values, recreation sites may be recommended for withdrawal from mineral entry. Development of energy resource leases within recreation sites will be restricted.

LANDS

Developed sites will be retained in Federal ownership. Other Forest-wide Standards and Guidelines apply.

TRANSPORTATION

A wide spectrum of transportation facilities (ranging from high-standard, double-lane paved roads to low-standard, single-lane dirt roads and trails) to developed sites can be constructed, utilized, operated, and maintained.

Access roads should be managed to encourage passenger car traffic, normally at Traffic Service Level A.

Road maintenance activities will be conducted to minimize adverse visual impact by retaining the maximum amount of existing vegetation, encouraging the most rapid revegetation of disturbed areas outside of the surfaced roadway, and reducing earthwork to the minimum.

FIRE

For all wildfires, the appropriate suppression response is control.

Emphasis will be on protecting life and facilities.

Low impact wildfire suppression methods should be used except where high intensity fire situations may exist.

Fire prevention activities should be emphasized at developed sites. Public contract and a signing program are encouraged.

FUELS

Slash resulting from hazard tree removal will be made available for firewood to campground users.

PESTS

Utilize integrated pest management (IPM) principles and strategies to prevent or control unacceptable vegetative losses due to insects and diseases. Emphasize prevention and early detection measures. Prevent, control, or suppress pest outbreaks with a minimum of disturbance to protect users and/or developments. Favor biological and silvicultural treatments where possible.

Remove hazardous trees as identified in the Vegetative Management Plan. Bark beetles and root disease occurrences which impact safety will be aggressively treated. Control of defoliators is also emphasized to meet visual objectives.