

## APPENDIX A

ROS Activity Characterization*					
Primitive	Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized	Semi-Primitive Motorized	Roaded Natural	Rural	Urban
<u>Land Based:</u> Viewing Scenery Hiking and Walking Horseback Riding Tent Camping Hunting Nature Study Mountain Climbing	<u>Land Based:</u> Viewing Scenery Automobile (off-road use) Motorcycle and Scooter Use Specialized Landcraft Use Aircraft Use Hiking and Walking Horseback Riding Camping Hunting Nature Study Mountain Climbing	<u>Land Based:</u> Viewing Scenery Viewing Activities Viewing Works of Human-Kind Automobile (includes off-road use) Motorcycle and Scooter Use Specialized Landcraft Use Train and Bus Touring Aircraft Use Aerial Trams and Lifts Use Hiking and Walking Bicycling Horseback Riding Camping Picnicking Resort and Commercial Services Use Resort Lodging Recreation Cabin Use Hunting Nature Studies Mountain Climbing Gathering Forest Products Interpretive Services		<u>Land Based:</u> Viewing Scenery Viewing Activities Viewing Works of Human-Kind Automobile (includes off-road use) Motorcycle and Scooter Use Train and Bus Touring Aircraft Use Aerial Trams and Lifts Use Hiking and Walking Bicycling Horseback Riding Camping Picnicking Resort and Commercial Services Use Resort Lodging Recreation Cabin Use Hunting Nature Studies Gathering Forest Products Interpretive Services Team Sports Participation Individual Sports Participation Games and Play Participation	
<u>Water Based:</u> Canoeing Other Watercraft (non-motorized use) Swimming Fishing	<u>Water Based:</u> Boating (powered) Canoeing Sailing Other Boating Swimming Diving (skin or scuba) Fishing	<u>Water Based:</u> Tour Boat and Ferry Use Boat (powered) Canoeing Sailing Other Watercraft Use Swimming and Waterplay Diving (skin and scuba) Waterskiing and Water Sports Fishing		<u>Water Based:</u> Tour Boat and Ferry Use Boat (powered) Canoeing Sailing Other Watercraft Use Swimming and Waterplay Diving (skin and scuba) Waterskiing and Water Sports Fishing	
<u>Snow and Ice Based:</u> Snowplay X-Country Skiing/Snowshoeing	<u>Snow and Ice Based:</u> Ice and Snowcraft Use Skiing, Downhill Snowplay X-Country Skiing/ Snowshoeing	<u>Snow and Ice Based:</u> Ice and Snowcraft Use Ice Skating Sledding and Tobogganing Downhill Skiing Snowplay X-Country Skiing/Snowshoeing		<u>Snow and Ice Based:</u> Ice and Snowcraft Use Ice Skating Sledding and Tobogganing Downhill Skiing Snowplay X-Country Skiing/Snowshoeing	

\*These activities (from RI M FSH 2309 11) are illustrative only. Specific additions or exception of activities within a ROS class may occur depending upon local forest situations.

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Social Setting Criteria*					
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Usually less than 6 parties per day encountered on trails and less than 3 parties visible at campsites.	Usually 6-15 parties per day encountered on trails and 6 or less visible at campsites.	Low to moderate contact frequency.**	Frequency of contact is: **Moderate to High on roads; Low to Moderate on trails and away from roads.	Frequency of contact is: **Moderate to High in developed sites, on roads and trails, and water surfaces. Moderate away from developed sites.	Large numbers of users on-site and in nearby areas.

\*These criteria apply during the typical recreation season. Peak days may exceed these limits.

\*\*Specific numbers must be developed to meet regional or local conditions.

Remoteness Criteria*					
Primitive	Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized	Semi-Primitive Motorized	Roaded Natural	Rural	Urban
An area designated at least 3 miles from all roads, railroads or trails with motorized use.	An area designated at least ½-mile but not further than 3 miles from all roads, railroads or trails with motorized use; can include the existence of primitive roads and trails if usually closed to motorized use.	An area designated within ½-mile of primitive roads or trails used by motor vehicles; but not closer than ½-mile from better than primitive roads.	An area designated within ½-mile from better than primitive roads and railroads.	No distance criteria.	No distance criteria.

\*The criteria can be modified to conform to natural barriers and screening, or other relevant features of local topographic relief and vegetative cover. This ties the criteria to the actual Forest landscape.

Size Criteria*					
Primitive	Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized	Semi-Primitive Motorized	Roaded Natural	Rural	Urban
5,000acres*	2,500 acres**	2,500 acres	No size criteria.	No size criteria.	No size criteria.

\*May be smaller if contiguous to Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized Class.

\*\*May be smaller if contiguous to Primitive Class.

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Area is characterized by essentially unmodified natural environment of fairly large size. Interaction between users is very low and evidence of other users is minimal. The area is managed to be essentially free from evidence of human-induced restrictions and controls. Motorized use within the area is not permitted.	Area is characterized by a predominantly natural or natural-appearing environment of moderate-to-large size. Interaction between users is low, but there is often evidence of other users. The area is managed in such a way that minimum on-site controls and restrictions may be present, but are subtle. Motorized use is not permitted.	Area is characterized by a predominantly natural or natural-appearing environment of moderate-to-large size. Concentration of users is low but there is often evidence of other users. The area is managed in such a way that minimum on-site controls and restrictions may be present, but are subtle. Motorized use is permitted.	Area is characterized by predominantly natural-appearing environments with moderate evidences of the sights and sounds of man. Such evidences usually harmonize with the natural environment. Interaction between users may be low to moderate but with evidence of other users prevalent. Resource modification and utilization practices are evident, but harmonize with the natural environment. Conventional motorized use is provided for in construction standards and design of facilities.	Area is characterized by substantially modified natural environment. Resource modification and utilization practices are to enhance specific recreation activities and to maintain vegetative cover and soil. Sights and sounds of humans are readily evident and the interaction between users is often moderate to high. A considerable number of facilities are designed for use by a large number of people. Facilities are often provided for special activities. Moderate densities are provided far away from developed sites. Facilities for intensified motorized use and parking are available.	Area is characterized by a substantially urbanized environment, although the background may have natural-appearing elements. Renewable resource modification and utilization practices are to enhance specific recreation activities. Vegetative cover is often exotic and manicured. Sights and sounds of humans on-site are predominant. Large numbers of users can be expected, both on-site and in nearby areas. Facilities for highly intensified motor use and parking are available with forms of mass transit often available to carry people throughout the site.

\*This table is for descriptive purposes only.

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ROS Experience Characterization*					
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Extremely high probability of experiencing isolation from the sights and sounds of humans. Independence, closeness to nature, tranquility and self-reliance through the application of woodsman and outdoor skills in an environment that offers a high degree of challenge and risk.	High, but not extremely high, probability of experiencing isolation from the sights and sounds of humans. Independence, closeness to nature, tranquility, and self-reliance through the application of woodsman and outdoor skills in an environment that offers challenge and risk.	Moderate probability of experiencing isolation from the sights and sounds of humans. Independence, closeness to nature, tranquility, and self-reliance through the application of woodsman and outdoor skills in an environment that offers challenge and risk. Opportunity to have a high degree of interaction with the natural environment. Opportunity to use motorized equipment while in the area.	About equal probability to experience affiliation with other user groups and for isolation from sights and sounds of humans. Opportunity to have a high degree of interaction with the natural environment. Challenge and risk opportunities associated with more primitive type of recreation are not very important. Practice and testing of outdoor skills might be important. Opportunities for both motorized and non-motorized forms of recreation are possible.	Probability for experiencing affiliation with individuals and groups is prevalent, as is the convenience of sites and opportunities. These factors are generally more important than the setting of the physical environment. Opportunities for wildland challenges, risk-taking, and testing of outdoor skills are generally unimportant except for specific activities like downhill skiing, for which challenge and risk-taking are important elements.	Probability for experiencing affiliation with individuals and groups is prevalent, as is the convenience of sites and opportunities. Experiencing natural environments, having challenges and risks afforded by the natural environment, and the use of outdoor skills are relatively unimportant. Opportunities for competitive and spectator sports and for passive uses of highly human-influenced parks and open spaces are common.

\*These experiences are highly probable outcomes of participating in recreation activities in specific recreation settings.