

## Appendix 13: ROS Polygon Delineation Standards





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| ROS Class                           | Factors                 |           |   |   |   |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---|---|---|--|
|                                     | Remoteness              |           | Naturalness   |   | Social Experience   |  |
|                                     | Distance from road (km) | Size (ha) | Motorized Use   | Evidence of Humans  | Solitude/Self-reliance  | Social Encounters  |
| Primitive (P)                       | >8                      | >5000 ha  | occasional air access, otherwise no motorized access or use in the area   | very high degree of naturalness structures are extremely rare generally no site modification little on-the-ground evidence of other people evidence of primitive trails   | ☐very high opportunity to experience solitude, closeness to nature; self-reliance and challenge       | ☐very low interaction with other people<br><br>☐very small party sizes expected              |
| Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized (SPNM) | > 1                     | > 1000 ha | generally very low or no motorized access or use<br><br>may include primitive roads and trails if usually closed to motorized use | very high degree of naturalness structures are rare and isolated except where required for safety or sanitation minimal or no site modification little on-the-ground evidence of other people   | high opportunity to experience solitude, closeness to nature, self-reliance and challenge             | low interaction with other people<br><br>very small party sizes expected                     |
| Semi-Primitive Motorized (SPM)      | > 1                     | > 1000 ha | a low degree of motorized access or use   | high degree of naturalness in the surrounding area as viewed from access route structures are rare and isolated minimal site modification some on-the-ground evidence of other people evidence of motorized use   | high opportunity to experience solitude, closeness to nature, self-reliance and challenge             | low interaction with other people<br><br>small party sizes expected                          |
| Roaded Natural (RN)                 | < 1                     | N/A       | moderate amount of motorized use within the area<br><br>may have high volume of traffic through the main travel corridor          | moderate degree of naturalness in surrounding area structures may be present and more highly developed moderate site modification some on-the-ground evidence of other people some on-site controls typically represent main travel corridors and recreation areas that have natural-appearing surroundings | moderate to high opportunity to experience solitude, closeness to nature, self-reliance and challenge | moderate interaction with other people<br><br>small to large party sizes expected            |
| Roaded Modified (RM)                | < 1                     | N/A       | moderate to high degree of motorized use for both access and recreation   | low degree of naturalness moderate number of more highly developed structures highly modified in areas; generally dominated by resource extraction activities on-the-ground evidence of other people and on-site controls   | low to moderate opportunity to experience solitude, closeness to nature, self-reliance and challenge  | moderate to high interaction with other people<br><br>moderate to large party sizes expected |
| Rural (R)                           | < 1                     | N/A       | high degree of motorized use for both access and recreation   | very low degree of naturalness complex and numerous structures, high concentrations of human development and settlements associated with agricultural land obvious on-the-ground evidence of other people and on-site controls  | low opportunity to experience solitude, closeness to nature, self-reliance and challenge              | high interaction with other people<br><br>large party sizes expected                         |
| Urban (U)                           | < 1                     | N/A       | very high degree of motorized use for both access and recreation  | very low degree of naturalness highly developed and numerous structures associated with urban development very high site modification obvious on-the-ground evidence of other people and on-site control  | very low opportunity to experience solitude, closeness to nature, self-reliance and challenge         | very high interactions with other people<br><br>very large party sizes expected              |



