

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 very small party sizes expected
Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized (SPNM)	> 1	> 1000 ha	generally very low or no motorized access or use 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 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 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 small party sizes expected
Roaded Natural (RN)	< 1	N/A	moderate amount of motorized use within the area 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 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 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 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 very large party sizes expected

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