Presentation Goals

Present the proposed revisions to the Recreation Chapter of the Management Plan

Commission endorsement of revisions prior to public comment period
The Process So Far

• Four meetings with technical recreation experts in spring 2019
• Public meeting in fall 2019
• Three meetings with recreation stakeholders in fall 2019 and winter 2020
• Continued staff work after cancelation of March 2020 presentation
Recreation Topics

Policy Revision
• Incorporating “other factors” into Recreation Intensity Classes (RICs)

More “Technical” Revisions
• Protecting SNCRs from temporary risk
• Variances / Revision to RICs
• Update Recreation Goals & Policies
• Equitable and Accessible Recreation

Purely Technical Updates
Ongoing Use and Experience in RICs

Revisions add more information to help recreation development meet user expectations and protect resources

**Social** – the anticipated quantity and type of encounters between groups of visitors

**Physical** – the size and remoteness of recreation developments

**Managerial** – the controls and facilities at recreation sites to manage recreation use

**Trail** – descriptions of expected trail conditions
Ongoing Use and Experience in RICs

2. Recreation Intensity Class 2 (Low Intensity)

Social Setting. RIC 2 is characterized by opportunities to experience relaxation, physical fitness, and outdoor learning and where there is a moderate probability to experience solitude. Typically, encounters with other visitors throughout the designation is Low to Moderate. Visitor encounters are low to moderate on trails and away from developed recreation sites and roads, and moderate to high near (within 1 mile) recreation sites and roads.

Physical and Managerial Setting. Predominately natural/natural appearing landscapes, with rustic improvements characterize this designation. Nodes of highly developed recreation facilities are allowed. Developed recreation site regulations and controls (signing, regulations or other regimentation) are noticeable but harmonize with the natural environment. Away from developed recreation sites there is minimal or subtle control of users.

Trails are moderately developed (native surface or gravel trail bridges and other facilities are provided for user convenience). Trail use is typically low to moderate. Trails are suitable for a wide range of users and are challenging and involve intermediate to advance skills.

The following uses may be permitted.

A. All uses permitted in Recreation Intensity Class 1.

B. Parking areas for a maximum, not to exceed a site-wide capacity of 25 vehicles, when associated with any allowed uses in Recreation Intensity Class 2. -Parking spaces for campground units are not to be included in this number. Accommodations for mass transportation facilities should be considered where compatible with the social and physical settings.

C. Simple interpretive signs and displays, not to exceed a total of 400 square feet.

D. Entry name signs, not to exceed 20 square feet per sign.

C. Boat ramps, not to exceed two lanes.

D. Campgrounds for 20 units or less, tent sites only.
Management Plan guides physical development of rec sites – maintenance and administration left to the rec managers.

Complex, multi-jurisdictional recreation system within the NSA, different agencies manage their sites using their own standards.

A policy statement about protecting SNCRs supports flexible management approaches for all rec managers.
Restricting Use for Resource Protections

2. The goals, objectives, policies, guidelines and all other provisions of this plan shall not affect legally-existing uses; recreation maintenance and operations activities at recreation sites that existed as of the date the Gorge Commission adopted the original plan (October 15, 1991).

3. All proposed recreation uses shall comply with guidelines for protection of scenic, natural, cultural, and recreation resources.

4. Private concessions and other commercial uses at public recreation sites shall be allowed pursuant to adopted policies of the public agency owning or managing the site. If a different agency manages the site, that agency’s policies shall apply, unless superseded by provisions of the owning agency’s policies.

5. For commercial recreation sites and public recreation sites not owned or managed by a public park agency with adopted concession policies, the following policies shall apply:
   A. Retail sales at campgrounds shall be limited to camping supplies for overnight guests in dedicated space within the registration or central office building.
   B. Private concessions in permanent structures shall be limited to one structure per park site. Sales shall be limited to those items necessary for enjoyment and use of recreation opportunities at the site, including food and beverages and recreation equipment rental.
   C. Mobile vendors may be permitted, subject to local government approvals. Local government review shall address solid waste disposal, visual impacts of signage, traffic circulation, and safety. Such uses shall be limited to the term of the recreation season, and sales shall be limited to food and beverages and recreation equipment rental.

8. Temporary closures and restrictions of recreation sites during critical risk periods shall be considered where adverse effects on protected resources have been identified or demonstrated.

SCENIC APPRECIATION AND SCENIC TRAVEL CORRIDORS

GMA Goals

1. Establish and support scenic appreciation opportunities throughout the Scenic Area.

2. Designate those portions of scenic travel corridors and promote uses that improve their functions as...
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Technical Updates and Clarifications
Moving Forward

- Address Commission clarifications and questions today
- Prepare draft revisions for public comment period June 1 – June 30