

2.2.19 VISITOR USE MANAGEMENT ZONES

Management zones are land use designations designed to support management objectives and improve management of natural and historic resources while providing for a range of visitor services. Zones reflect the capability of the resources, capability of the landscape to support visitor services, visitor use patterns, potential recreation experiences and management philosophy or requirements. Zone designations consider patterns of visitor use, visitor expectations, and resource values and sensitivity. Within each designated zone, varying management techniques are appropriate to insure the conservation, protection and enhancement of resources, as while providing an appropriate range of public uses. Certain actions may be appropriate in one zone, but unacceptable in another zone. Stipulations for the issuance of Special Recreation Permits, or the management of dispersed recreation, will be based upon zone boundaries and management criteria.

Objective

- To provide managers and visitors with designated geographic areas where visitor services and visitor experiences can be managed to provide resource protection while allowing for an appropriate range of services.

Visitor Use Zones

ZONES-1: All public lands within the planning area are assigned to one of the three zones, Front Country, Rustic or Wilderness (see Table 2-8 and Map 2-13). Management zones will be used to guide recreation and visitor services management activities in the planning area. Appendix L contains detailed descriptions of the philosophy and management guidelines for each zone.

Table 2-8: Management Zone Area

Management Zone	Acres
Front Country	121,245
Rustic	316,076
Wilderness	767,719