



**Interim Recreation Sites Data Standard
(RECS)**

DATA DICTIONARY

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2015 BLM Interim Recreation Data Standard Data Dictionary

Recreation Geospatial Point Data

Information Center Sites

BLM ranger stations/field offices/contact station
Visitor centers – both information and interpretation

Overnight Sites

Campsites (developed/primitive) (Reservable or not, fee or not)ⁱ
Cabins (Reservable or not, fee or not)
Lighthouse (Reservable or not, fee or not)
Fire lookout (Reservable or not, fee or not)

Water Based Sites

Boat Launch – Launch or takeout of boats, constructed or not, likely a car-top launch.
Boat Ramps – Constructed surface that allows for launching of a boat from a trailer.
Boat Takeout – A place where the public can take their boat out of a river.
Coastal Access
Rapid – name, class 1-5
River Mile – mile marker on a river
Water Access

Day Use Sites

Interpretive Site – Visitor gets interpretation about an area and the resources, not just information. An educational location intended to provide opportunities to learn about an area or feature. Visitor will get out of their car to visit this site. Cultural, historic sites, paleontological, wildlife are subtypes of interpretive sites.
Picnic Area – Day use area with picnic tables
Points of Interest – A location designed so that people may stay in their cars during the recreational experience (aka historical marker.)
Scenic Overlook – A day use site with a view, may or may not include interpretive signs.
Cabinⁱⁱ
Lighthouse
Fire Lookout
Group Shelter
Watchable Wildlife
Trail Shelter
Wayside Exhibit

Airplane Landing Strip – A site where airplanes, accommodating at least one person, take off and land.

Parking Areas – Areas where the visitor parks, typically associated with another type of recreation facility, but not always.

Potable Water – Site where the public can get water to drink.

Toilet – Either a stand-alone facility or it can be a part of a larger facility.

Access Point – A point where the visitor parks a vehicle to begin visiting BLM land on a non-motorized trail (hike, bike, horse).

Staging Area – A trailhead where the visitor begins recreating on a motorized trail.

Access Point – A point where the visitor may enter or exit the NLCS unit. No parking is available at this point.

Entrance and Exit Point – Locations where the visitor starts or exits a trail or recreation site.

Recreation Geospatial Polygon Data

Campgrounds – A campground is a polygon or area feature that may contain many other features but may be appropriate if the user zooms in close enough.

Day Use Areas

OHV Designated Areas

Recreation Management Areas (RMA)

SRMA – Special RMA

ERMA – Extensive RMA

Natural Areas/Endangered Areas- This polygon data should come from the existing in the Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) dataset.

Unknown – Recreation Geospatial Line Data

There is no linear data that will be provided by the recreation program as a part of the interim recreation site data standard. The data from the original NLCS data request that is linear in nature is from other existing data standards and data sets. Rivers would come from either the National Hydrographic Dataset (NHD) from the USGS or from the existing NLCS data standard and data set. Roads and trails would either come from the new Ground Transportation Linear Feature (GTLF) data standard that the recreation program is a co-sponsor of or from the existing trails data in NLCS.

Additional Information

NLCS Units – this data should be coming from the NLCS data set and data standard. This is not a part of the recreation site data standard.

Other Information

Other information may be needed in the mapping project, but it is not a part of the Interim Recreation Data Standard.

ⁱ Reservable or not, fee or not. If this information is desired by NLCS, then data attributes will be added to provide a place to capture the information. NLCS and Recreation programs should discuss sources and capture of the information.

ⁱⁱ Some sites can be reservable for overnight use, but there is not fee or reservation for those same facilities during the daytime, hence this orientation.