Quality Backcountry Experiences

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Management Goal

Provide enjoyable experience consistent with resource and cultural heritage protection.
USE ZONES

Dictate the level of development, use levels, and types of uses to provide a range of experience opportunities so as to satisfy the array of backcountry users.
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(2)

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Litter and Wastes
96% Satisfied

Human Waste Along Trail
Human Waste At Camp Areas
Toilet Paper Along Trail
Toilet Paper At Camp Areas
Litter At Campsites
Litter Along Trail
2% Unsatisfied

Outside the Corridor
Campsite Conditions
96% Satisfied

Sanitary facilities in the backcountry
Physical conditions of campsites
Space of designated campsites
3% Unsatisfied

Threshold

Summer
Social Conditions
84% Satisfied

# of people met along the trail.

# of other groups camped within sight or sound.

Size of other groups encountered.
6% Unsatisfied

Corridor
Summer + Spring
Trail Conditions
85% Satisfied

Trail erosion
Physical conditions of trails
7% Unsatisfied

Outside the corridor
Winter and Summer
Aircraft Overhead
64% Satisfied
17% Dissatisfied

Outside the Corridor

Winter hikers
(3) The vast majority indicated being satisfied with their experience.
90% Satisfied

Enjoyment
Desired future visitation
Value
10% Unsatisfied

Summer Corridor
Best Predictors of Overall Satisfaction
Social Conditions

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