Visitor Capacity Tool

GUIDELINE 1: DETERMINE THE ANALYSIS AREAS

What is the most meaningful area of analysis (geographic area, specific feature, or destination point)?

GUIDELINE 2: REVIEW EXISTING DIRECTION AND KNOWLEDGE

First, review applicable law and policy, prior applicable planning and guidance, including desired conditions, zoning, and management goals and objectives.

Second, review existing conditions in the analysis area.

What are the current amounts and types of visitor use (timing, distribution, and visitor activities and behavior)?

What are the major concerns related to amounts and types of use that are impacting resources and desired conditions?

Third, identify indicators and thresholds that are particularly relevant for this area.

Which indicators and thresholds are directly related to resolving the key issues for visitor use identified above? Are existing conditions within the threshold?

Indicator:

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GUIDELINE 3: IDENTIFY THE LIMITING ATTRIBUTE(S)

Identify the attribute(s) that most constrain the analysis area's ability to accommodate visitor use? Why?

GUIDELINE 4: IDENTIFY CAPACITY

Using the information from the three previous steps, what is the targeted amounts and types of use to maintain or achieve desired conditions (increase, decrease, or maintain current use levels)?

- How do the strategies or management actions identified in the process so far affect the visitor capacity?

- What additional management strategies are needed to implement visitor capacity?

- How should the visitor capacity be allocated?