

Recreation Opportunity Spectrum

	Roadless Rule					
	Primitive	Semi-Primitive Non-motorized	Semi-Primitive Motorized	Roaded Natural	Rural	Urban
Social Encounters	None-few encounters	Occasional meetings	Expect many encounters	Frequent encounters	High density of people	
Vegetation	Pristine	Natural	Minor remnants of change	Modifications are visible yet blend with the natural environment	Modification is obvious and dominate the environment.	
Remoteness	3 miles from all roads	½ mile from motorized roads/trails, can include existence of primitive trails if usually closed to motorized use	½ mile from primitive road	½ mile from better than primitive roads	No distance	No distance
Access Routes	No routes	Trails	Native surfaced roads/trails, 4x4 to high clearance, OHV routes	Gravel surfaced passenger car routes	Paved roads	Paved high-ways
Road Service Level	Roads unacceptable	Non-motorized trails are the norm. Low speed, single use roads are inconsistent. Surfaced roads are unacceptable.	Generally designed for low speed, single use travel with rough and irregular road surface, typically native surfacing.	Generally designed with limited passing facilities and a stable road surface for the regular use season, road surface is gravel with periodic dust control.	Full access is the norm where traffic is free flowing for a mix of vehicles types.	
Road Maintenance Level	N/a	N/a	Maintained for use by high clearance vehicles.	Maintained for travel by a prudent driver in a standard passenger car.	Full access is the norm: free flowing, mix of vehicles, surfacing is stable and smooth, little or no dust, generally paved.	