

# APPENDIX 15

## Recreation Opportunity Spectrum – Classification Standards

	<u>Primitive</u>	<u>Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized</u>	<u>Semi-Primitive Motorized</u>	<u>Roaded Natural</u>	<u>Rural</u>	<u>Urban</u>
<b>Physical Setting</b>						
Remoteness*	1 mile from any interstate, state, county, or BLM system roads or isolated by topography.	1 mile from interstate, state, county, or BLM system roads or isolated by topography.	¼ mile from interstate or state roads.	May include areas within 1 mile of interstate, state, county, or BLM roads.	No distance criteria.	No distance criteria.
Minimum Size*	5,000 acres	2,000 acres	1,000 acres	No size criteria.	No size criteria.	No size criteria.
Evidence of Humans	Essentially unmodified natural environment.	Natural setting with some subtle modifications.	Natural setting with moderate alterations.	Natural setting with easily noticed to dominant modifications.	Modified natural setting with dominant modifications continually noticeable.	Structurally dominated setting, with natural elements subordinate.
	Evidence of only non-motorized trails acceptable.	Evidence of non-motorized trails. Little or no evidence of motorized routes.	Strong evidence of motorized trails, routes and roads.	Strong evidence of maintained roads and highways.	Strong evidence of maintained roads and highways.	Strong evidence of maintained streets, roads and highways.
	Structures are very rare.	Structures are rare and isolated.	Isolated structures.	Scattered structures noticeable from travel routes.	Structures are readily apparent.	Structures are the dominant feature.
<b>Social Setting</b>						
User Density	Less than 6 parties encountered per day on trails. Less than 3 parties encountered in camping areas.	Less than 15 parties encountered per day on trails. Less than 6 parties encountered in camping areas.	Low to moderate encounters with other parties.	Moderate to high frequency of encounters with other parties.	High frequency of encounters with other parties	Near constant encounters with other parties.
<b>Managerial Setting</b>						
Managerial Presence	Very low levels of on-site management.	On-site management is present, but subtle.	On-site management is present, but subtle.	On-site management is noticeable, but designed to blend with the natural environment.	On-site management obvious and numerous, frequently blending with the natural environment.	On-site management obvious and numerous.

\* Distances and minimum sizes are for general reference only. Actual minimum sizes and distances for each class may vary depending on topography and adjacent ROS class.