Summary of Wilderness Management Plan Requirements from NPS
Management Policies, RM 41

NPS Management Policies

6.3.3 Consistency – NPS will seek consistency (agency and interagency) in
- Wilderness management objectives
- Techniques
- Practices

6.3.4.2 Wilderness Management Planning – supt. of each park with wilderness resources
will develop and maintain WMP or equivalent to guide preservation, management, and use
- Establish desired future conditions
- Establish indicators, standards, conditions and thresholds beyond which management actions will be taken to reduce human impacts
- Separate document or action component of another planning document
- NEPA and 106 compliance
- Public involvement
- Specific, measurable management objectives that address preservation and management of natural and cultural resources … and achieve purposes of Wilderness Act
- Cross reference to carrying capacity 8.2.1

Management policies go into detail about wilderness resource management:
- Minimum requirement
- Scientific activities
- Monitoring wilderness resources
- Natural resources management
- Cultural resources
- Fire management
- Management facilities
- Administrative facilities
- Trails
- Shelters and campsites
- Signs
- Wilderness boundaries
- Leal descriptions and boundary maps
- Caves
- Waters
- Wilderness use management
- Interpretation and education
- Recreational use management
- Recreation use evaluation
- Leave no trace
• Use of motorized equipment
• Commercial services
• Special events
• Existing private rights
• Grazing and livestock driveways
• Rights-of-way
• Mineral development
• Accessibility for persons with disabilities

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Re-state NPS management policies on wilderness management

Appendix D – Wilderness Management Plans – Recommended Content

I. Introduction
   a. Goals and objective of plan
   b. Identification of wilderness area
   c. Legislation and pre-existing conditions
   d. Relationship of WMP and other plans

II. Wilderness Management Proposed Goals and Actions
   a. Inventory of administrative facilities
   b. Establish desired future conditions
   c. Establish monitoring indicators
   d. Establish standards for indicators
   e. Establish visitor use levels
   f. Staff organization and accountability
   g. Application of minimum requirement concept
   h. Access by persons with disabilities
   i. Stock use
   j. Fire management
   k. Cultural resources
   l. Climbing and mountaineering
   m. Interpretation and education
   n. Management of valid existing rights and Congressionally authorized uses
   o. Interaction with other federal land managing agencies
   p. Scientific activities
   q. Additional items as needed

III. Environmental Compliance: EA or EIS

Appendices (as needed)

Appendix F – Examples of Minimum Requirement Decision Trees
Common NPS Wilderness Management Planning Goals

These goals are likely common to most parks with wilderness resources and may be included/adapted into the individual wilderness management plans.

- Maintain wilderness in a natural and untrammelled condition while accommodating human uses.
- Provide outstanding opportunities for solitude and a primitive and unconfined recreation experience.
- Sustain wilderness as a place of peace, solitude and sanctuary.
- Preserve natural resources for their inherent ecosystem and biological diversity values and for scientific research purposes.
- Provide the opportunity for challenge and risk.
- Minimize long-term impacts caused by human uses.
- Sustain natural and indigenous life forms.
- Protect and preserve historic and cultural resources found in wilderness.
- Manage wilderness so that changes in the ecosystem are primarily a consequence of natural forces, or within a range of natural variability and succession.