ROMO-188 (7/95) **ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK**

**Backcountry Campsite Impact Assessment and Monitoring System**

**Crosscountry Zone/Bivouac Inventory Form**

**CROSSCOUNTRY ZONE/BIVOUAC INFORMATION**

1. ZONE CODE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. ZONE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. YEAR OF INVENTORY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. RECORDER(S): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| 5. # | 6. DATE  (m/d) | 7. LOCATION  UTME UTMN | | 8. ELEVATION  (in feet) | 9. NEW FIND?  YES NO | | 10. OVERALL CONDITION  1 2 3 | | | 11. 200' OF WATER?  YES NO | | 12. # FIRE SCARS | 13. PAST REHAB?  YES NO | | 14. WHO  FOUND? |
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15. SOCIAL TRAILS: (number, location, impact, sketch on map)

16. COMMENTS: (management suggestions, zone/site problems, social trails, potential impacts, reference to numbered item(s))

(7/95) **BCIAMS CROSSCOUNTRY/BIVOUAC INVENTORY FORM INSTRUCTIONS**

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Record information when inventorying crosscountry zones and bivouac sites on the ROMO-188 Form (7/95). Each year a new inventory form should be filled out. Document previously found site(s), if still present, and newly found site(s) each year. All sites found should be pinpointed and recorded on a USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle map. Two original maps should be made, one for the district and one for the master files in the Resource Management Coordinators office. Photograph each site using the BCIAMS standards and procedures.

**CROSSCOUNTRY ZONE/BIVOUAC INFORMATION**

Fill in appropriate blank line/box or check appropriate box for each item. If more information needs to be expressed use Item 16. Comments and reference the item number.

1. Zone code: The zone code is the BCIAMS code obtained from the master code list.

2. Zone name: Name of the crosscountry zone or bivouac site.

3. Year of inventory: Indicate the year the inventory is completed.

4. Recorder(s): Name(s) of individual(s) conducting inventory.

5. #: Sequential number of impacted campsite found.

6. Date: Date the campsite/bivouac is inventoried. Month/Day.

7. Location: Pinpoint the location of the site on a topographic map and identify by UTM coordinates.

8. Elevation: Estimated elevation of the site to within 10 feet.

9. New find?: Has the site/bivouac been documented in a previous inventory?

10. Overall condition: What is the condition of the site/bivouac? 1 is were there is very little evidence that anyone camped. It indicates soil, litter, and vegetation is intact and not damaged. Vegetation may be flattened but not permanently injured. Legal bivouac sites will probably fit this category. 2 is were there is moderate impact. It indicates some damage to the site, loss of some soil, litter, vegetation. There is change in plant cover but little sign of soil problems. Remains of feces and/or toilet paper does not seem to be a problem. 3 is were the site is heavily impacted. It indicates little or no vegetation present, litter and/or bare soil predominates. There may be severe erosion. Remains of feces and/or toilet paper are visible within the area.

11. 200' of water?: Is the site within 200 feet of a water source? The measured straight line distance in feet from the closest impacted edge of the site to the closest water source.

12. # fire scars: Record the number of fire scars found. Fire scars include but are not limited to chopped/broken off branches, partially burned wood, scorched earth, blackened rocks used for a fire ring, smoke/flame marked boulders, scorched vegetation, ashes distributed in and adjacent to the site.

13. Past rehab?: Has the site been rehabilitated in previous years? Indicate in Item 16. Comments how effective the rehabilitation has been.

14. Who found?: Write the initials of the recorder who found the site if more than one recorder inventoried the zone.

15. Social trail(s): Social trails are defined as those trails which are human caused. List the number of social trails found in the zone, describe the location, impacts and sketch each on the map.

16. Comments: Provide further information from other items, please reference number of item. Include any information that you feel is important towards the management of the crosscountry zone or bivouac site. List problems, potential impacts and possible solutions. Some suggested comments include how easy or difficult the site is to find. How effective have past rehabilitation efforts been? What is the potential for the site to receive additional impact? Is there a potential for fire to spread. Is it possible or likely that human waste could contaminate water? Use and attach additional paper if needed.