Wilderness Management Plan

Introduction
The Wilderness Management Plan (WMP) is a formal document used to guide Wilderness managers. The primary uses of the Wilderness Management Plan to assist in decision making and to facilitate communication with stakeholders. In addition, it helps to define scope, costs and timelines.

The objective of a WMP is to define an approach for meeting intended objectives. At a minimum, a WPM answers basic questions about a project:

- Why? - What is the problem.
- What? - What are the tasked required for the project?
- Who? - Who is involved and their responsibilities?
- When? - What is the project timeline?

Content
The purpose of the plan serves as:

1. A public document that defines Wilderness management policies and actions,
2. A way in which to create a Wilderness vision, long-term management goals as well as determine short term objectives and actions in order those goals; and
3. A working guide for staff who oversea stewardship of Wilderness.

This document addresses the structure of the Wilderness Management Plan and provides guidelines for managing the non-developed areas of a protected area which meets the European Wilderness Quality Standard.

Identification of the standard for managing and administrative action
The WMP details a wide range of issues and identifies specific standards for managing administrative actions and visitor use. The plan formalizes current Wilderness management practices, which may have been in effect in the past years; it does not affect developed areas, roads, or area outside the Wilderness.

The WMP identifies and updates any direction or guidance set forth the management of the predicted areas. The plan is identifying specific and concrete recommendations for the member of the European Wilderness Preservation System.

The plan provides guidance and rules for implementation of Wilderness as identified in http://Wilderness-society.org/european-Wilderness-quality-standard/, and http://www.wildeurope.org/images/pdf/a-working-definition-of-european-Wilderness-and-wild-areas.pdf

Components
WMP includes a list of all relevant elements for a comprehensive Wilderness Management in the European context. These include such topics as

- Management Classes,
- Resource Conditions,
- Visitor Experience Conditions,
- Administrative Conditions and
- Management Activities.

Based on these issues, a structured plan formalizes standards and guidelines, some of which might have already been implemented on a case-by-case basis some has never been even think. These standards and/or recommended actions would need to be discussed for such elements as day use and group size limits, fading out policy in the restoration zone for activities such as forestry, grazing or culling activities.

System, campsite standards and management, climbing management, trails management, and facilities in Wilderness. The WMP provides for an enhanced Wilderness interpretation and education effort and the establishment of a Wilderness communication and marketing concept.

In general, the structure includes many standards for resource protection that would result in beneficial, long-term impacts to natural and cultural resources, as well as a regular review process that would have beneficial effects on daily management work.

It is important to understand that on the administration of operations in Wilderness areas there may be some adverse impacts there on park operations, due to limitations that would be placed on some management options. Four example limited access my cars inside the Wilderness.

In addition, he WMP includes a Minimum Requirement Analysis for all projects which would require additional staff and possibly resulting in some additional costs. Overall, cumulative beneficial impacts would be expected from implementation of the plan, especially considering the potential increased development of state or private lands that border certified Wilderness.

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