

Unit Objectives:

The student will:

1. understand why we monitor
2. be able to identify what we monitor
3. be able to identify standards and indicators in objectives
4. Be able to identify important monitoring tools

Monitor = to watch, keep track of, or check, usually for a special purpose



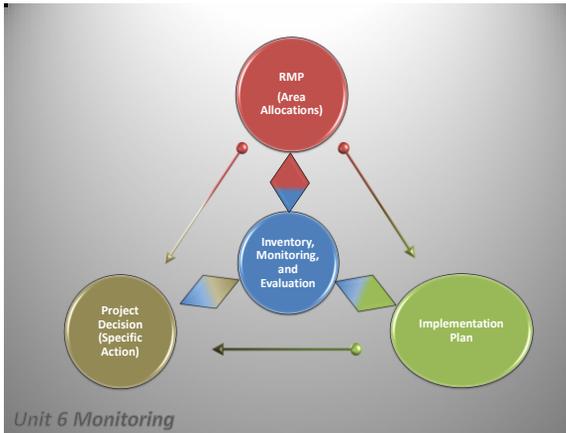
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Why do we monitor?

We Monitor to:

1. Ensure we are doing what we said we were going to do in the PLAN!
2. Ensure we keep our commitments with the public and our partners
3. Gather information to compare with inventory information
4. Determine if we need to adjust management (Adaptive Management)

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Adaptive Management: *(from the 1610 Planning Manual)*

“monitoring to determine if management actions are meeting outcomes, and, if not, facilitating management changes that will best ensure that outcomes are met or to re-evaluate the outcomes”

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What do we monitor?

Visitor health and safety, use and user conflicts and SRPs and recreation impacts on cultural and natural resources

Recreation Management Area Objectives

Management Actions and Allowable Uses

Recreation Settings

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Monitoring:

Recreation Management Objectives

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Recreation Objectives:

SRMA Designation

•Public Health & Safety, Resource Protection, and Use and User Conflict objectives plus objectives defining the activities, experiences and benefits to be protected

ERMA Designation:

•Public Health & Safety, Resource Protection, and Use and User Conflict objectives plus objectives defining the protected activities and associated qualities and conditions

No RMA Designation:

•Public Health & Safety, Resource Protection, and Use and User Conflict objectives

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Monitoring:

Recreation Management Objectives

Indicators = variables that can be measured to track changes

Standards = a measurable statement that defines minimally acceptable conditions (threshold of indicator)

Triggers?

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Monitoring:

Management Actions and Allowable Uses

Are we implementing the actions?

Review all proposed actions to ensure they are consistent with allowable use restrictions

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Monitoring:

Recreation Settings

Track status or changes to Physical, Social and Operational Settings

Use your inventory as a baseline

Remember, Recreation Settings impact experiences and other outcomes

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Important Monitoring Tools

Remember conducting the inventory!

1. Recreation Patrols

- Standardize patrol logs
- Be sure patrol logs focus on what is important

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Important Monitoring Tools

- 1. Recreation Patrols
- 2. Photos
- 3. Informal discussions
- 4. Register sheets
- 5. Recreation Management Information System (RMIS)
 - Be sure your RMAs, sites, and formulas reflect your planning and management
 - Invest in traffic counters to obtain accurate use data

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Important Monitoring Tools

- 1. Recreation Patrols
- 2. Photos
- 3. Informal discussions
- 4. Register sheets
- 5. Recreation Management Information System (RMIS)
- 6. Visitor and Community Preference Data
 - Surveys and Focus Groups
 - Require partnerships
 - Expensive
 - Very useful to compare against baseline inventory

Document Monitoring! Create permanent files for each RMA!

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How did we do?



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