

REGIONAL PARKS – MANAGEMENT PLANNING PRIORITIES

EVALUATION CRITERIA

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1	Legal obligation or formal agreement A legal obligation or some other type of formal agreement or strategic plan exists that dictates the need for a management plan. A legal obligation might be a purchase agreement, contribution agreement, or section 219 covenant that requires a plan to be developed within a specific timeframe. A formal agreement or strategic plan may be a Species at Risk Recovery Plan or Park Restoration Plan that identifies critical habitat in a park that requires urgent or special consideration.	0: no obligation 5: noted in agreement or strategic document or a legal obligation exists that has been met 10: legal obligation exists/remains outstanding
2	Risk to natural values One or more significant values face a threat to their integrity or sustainability or visitor use significantly threatens/could significantly threaten natural values. These may include things such as creation of unauthorized trails or increasing use.	0: no significant risk/low risks exist 5: moderate risk 10: high risk exists
3	Risk to/or decreasing visitor experience Visitor experience is decreasing or may potentially decrease if management direction is not provided. Note, the decrease may be observed by staff and/or noted through social science surveys. Things such as significant jumps in visitor numbers or specific management issues may cause decreasing visitor experience.	0: low risk/visitor experience stable 5: medium risk/moderate decreases in visitor experience 10: high risk/high visitor experience decreases noted
4	Complexity of issues The presence of multiple issues and/or complicated issues.	0: minor number of issues/simple issues 5: moderate number of issues/moderate complexity 10: high number of issues/high complexity
5	Pressures from adjacent development Adjacent or nearby area is experiencing development that will put additional pressure on the park.	0: no development/minimal or limited pressure in area 5: moderate development pressure 10: high development pressure

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6	Emerging or proposed visitor activity If new visitor activities are emerging or are proposed that are not envisioned in an existing management plan or that could impact the park's values.	0: no activity emerging or anticipated 5: minor new activity with limited potential impact emerging 10: significant new activities emerging or proposed or activities with significant infrastructure anticipated
7	Operational need Staff need direction to manage existing use, direction on existing infrastructure, direction for operational plans to be implemented, or to ensure operations are not threatening significant park values.	0: low need 5: moderate need 10: high need
8	Existing Management Plans Does the park/trail have an approved management plan and how up-to-date or out-of-date is it? In some cases, parks with outdated management plans may have as high a need for an updated plan as a park with no management plan.	0: management plan less than 5 years old 5: management plan 5-15 years old 10: management plan greater than 15 years old or no management plan