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## **Facilities**

### **Background**

*The forest manages facilities for a variety of purposes, from visitor centers, to office buildings and storage facilities. The forest uses administrative facilities and sites for the implementation and management of forest resources. These facilities exist to provide safe, clean, attractive, efficient and accessible facilities for the Forests' workforce.*

### **Desired Conditions**

- Facilities serve the needs of the forest, its workforce and visitors, provide a healthy and safe work environment, provide sufficient meeting and storage space, provide visitor information where appropriate, are maintained to serviceable condition, are energy efficient, meet Forest Service standards for accessibility, and are effectively and efficiently sized.
- New facilities are designed at the highest practical rating of LEED certification.
- Facilities are located to effectively manage the Forest and resources.
- Infrastructure blends into the natural and cultural landscape and complements the desired character and setting. Infrastructure and facilities are financially, ecologically and socially sustainable. The facilities program is able to be maintained using resources available to the forest.
- Facilities that are no longer needed are identified for decommissioning.

### **Standards**

- Historically significant facilities and structures shall be properly documented and managed to meet standards for historic preservation-
- All facilities (e.g., trail shelters, restrooms, designated campsites, etc.) shall be located to prevent contamination of ground- and surface waters, and to avoid impacts on aquatic habitat.
- Mitigation techniques, including screening, feathering and other vegetation management techniques, shall be used to reduce impacts to scenery from facilities.
- The road standard shall be compatible with the recreation development level.

### **Guidelines**

- Facilities should be designed and maintained to minimize impacts to resource including threatened and endangered species, heritage and cultural sites, watersheds aquatic species and vegetation. Where applicable, Best Management Practices are implemented to reduce erosion and sedimentation.

- Upon identification of issue or failure that results in resource damage or unsafe condition, action shall be taken to correct or minimize impacts.
- Facility designs should reflect the natural and cultural landscape.
- A comprehensive Facility Maintenance Plan is kept-current to identify facility needs and to steer facility management direction.

**Management Approaches**

- Operations and Maintenance Plans are kept current for all priority developed recreation sites and administrative sites.
- Utilize “green technology” for facility construction whenever possible.

**Other sources of information**

- The Forest Service Built Environment Image Guide

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