

RESULTS STEP 6: IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITY ZONE ALLOCATIONS

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OPPORTUNITY ZONES	ALTERNATIVE 2: EQUAL EMPHASIS ON BALANCED RECREATION USE WITH PROTECTION OF RESOURCES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation opportunities & protection of resources have equal weight • Optimize recreation experience appropriate to Geological Area, Clifty Wilderness, Indian Creek • Emphasis on Pristine Zone in wilderness • Most system trails in Semi-Primitive zone • Emphasis on higher impact zones outside wilderness • Reasonable balance in variety of recreational opportunities 	
PRISTINE	10,193 acres	420,000' cliffline
PRIMITIVE	8,237 acres	422,000' cliffline
SEMI-PRIMITIVE	14,251 acres	561,000' cliffline
ROADED NATURAL	7,014 acres	195,000' cliffline
CONCENTRATED USE	2,274 acres	100,000' cliffline

Alternative 2, EQUAL EMPHASIS ON BALANCED RECREATION USE WITH PROTECTION OF RESOURCES, is recommended because it both strengthens recreational opportunities while adding additional environmental protection to other areas. This option allows for future increase in recreational opportunities while also increasing conservation effects throughout the RRG.

Other alternatives analyzed and rejected by the public LAC Taskforce:

- Alternative 1, **PROTECTION & PRESERVATION EMPHASIS**, would greatly reduce public use of the area and could, without greatly increased Forest Service presence, result in more damage to the RRG environment.
- Alternative 3, **MAXIMIZE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT**, would result in unacceptable damage to the RRG and reduce future use of the area. There is also a danger that this option would result in further damage to the Clifty Wilderness.
- The **NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE** is rejected based upon the present damage to the RRG environment. It is felt that this option will result in further damage to the environment and also render the area less acceptable as a recreation destination.

Note: Total acreage within LAC boundary is approximately 42,000 acres.

Note: The cliffline length for each LAC zone was calculated from the Forest Service GIS layer "potential_cliffline.shp" used in Forest Plan Revision in 2004.