



Monitoring-Based Management Strategy

Noncompliance with the proposed management regulations, as stipulated in the Action Alternatives B, C, D, E and the Preferred Alternative F, could result in negative impacts to park visitors or resources. The purpose of the monitoring-based management strategy is to encourage compliance with sections of the Code of Federal Regulations applicable to dog management, and ensure protection of park visitors, staff, and resources.

The monitoring-based management strategy will measure compliance and impacts to resources, but will no longer trigger an automatic change in use in an area or zone.

Timeline:

- monitoring will begin with plan implementation
- months 1-3 - a public education period
- months 3-6 - monitoring strategy tested
- months 6-18 - baseline of visitor use and compliance established
- monitoring will be prioritized by sites with low compliance and/or sensitive resources and continue for 4 years.

Triggers and Management Responses

Primary Management Response:

- focused enforcement of regulations
- increase in education
- establish buffer zones
- time/use restrictions
- special use permits (SUP) restrictions



Secondary Management Response:

- short-term closures or establishment of buffer zones
- propose long-term closures that would likely require a special regulation

