

APPENDIX E: GUIDELINES FOR ROLAs

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Guidelines for regulated off-leash areas (ROLAs):

General Use Guidelines:

- Dog walkers may walk dogs off leash only within designated ROLAs (*as now identified in the range of alternatives, and as identified in the preferred and selected alternative once the Final EIS is published and the Record of Decision is signed.*):
 - ROLA areas are subject to adaptive management as identified in each alternative. Subject to monitoring, an area can be changed from ROLA to on-leash or no dogs if compliance is not achieved.
 - Thresholds that would trigger application of adaptive management will be identified in each alternative.
- Each off leash dog must be under voice and sight control at all times, meaning that dogwalkers must be able to recall their dog promptly, and shall demonstrate this ability when requested by Law Enforcement personnel.
- Any uncontrolled dog is prohibited. Dogs in a ROLA are to be kept under control at all times. Dogs are considered under control when they are within direct eyesight of the owner/guardian/handler and when they have the ability to immediately return to their owner/guardian/handler. Dogs are presumed to not be under control if they:
 - annoy, harass, or attack people, livestock, or other leashed or unleashed dogs,
 - intentionally or unintentionally annoy, pursue, hunt, harass, harm, wound, chase, attack, capture, or kill wildlife,
 - enter leash-required or dog-prohibited areas, and/or
 - dig, destroy vegetation, or enter fenced or closed areas.
- Aggressive dogs (snarling, unwanted jumping) are not allowed in ROLAs and are subject to fines per 36 CFR 2.34(a)(4).
- Dogs under four months old must be leashed.
- Dogs in heat are not allowed in ROLAs.

Requirements

- Dogs must be licensed and wear an ID at all times, including name and phone number of the owner.
- All dog walkers must have a leash for each dog under their care.

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- Dogwalkers must keep dogs in parking lots and on paths that access ROLAs.
- Dog walkers must keep dogs out of any area closed by fence or sign for restoration, habitat protection or safety concerns.
- Dog walkers must pick up their dogs' feces immediately and dispose of them in a garbage container.