THE FOREST SERVICES’ SOUTHWEST REGION SUSTAINABLE RECREATION STRATEGY: GOALS, PROCESS, OUTCOMES

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TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF OUTDOOR LEARNING
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION OF RURAL COMMUNITIES
DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AT CRABTREE FALLS
UNMANAGED RECREATION
A FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE RECREATION - 2010

• Restore and adapt recreation settings
• Implement green operations
• Enhance communities
• Invest in special places
• Forge strategic partnerships
• Promote citizen stewardship
• Know our visitors and partners
• Provide the right information
• Develop a sustainable financial foundation
• Develop our workforce
PURPOSE

• To learn how the *Southwestern Region Sustainable Recreation Strategy* was operationalized by the eleven national forest-level recreation programs.

• Explore the conditions perceived to be necessary to deliver a sustainable recreation program.

• Data sources - - narrative interviews and content analysis of forest-level action plans.
RESEARCH QUESTIONS

• How are eleven National forest-level recreation programs operationalizing a regional sustainable recreation strategy?

• Based on the data, can an operational model of sustainable recreation program delivery be developed?
METHODS

- Qualitative Research Method – Case-study (Yin, 1981).
- Grounded Theory (Glaser & Strauss, 1967).
- Operational Model for “Doing” Conservation Planning (Knight et al., 2006).
• Adaptive program management.

• Build capacity to deliver a sustainable recreation program.

• Focus on the inter-relationships.
CONCLUSIONS

• Power of management/science partnerships.
• Relevant and prized managed recreation programs!
• Plans to scale up. . . .Monitor R3  SRS outcome attainment.
• National Sustainable Recreation Working Group.
• Inspire your participation, advocacy.
THANK YOU

Feedback, Questions, Ideas.

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