## **Grand Canyon National Park** Backcountry Management Plan

## Summary of Elements Specific to Action Alternative B, C, or D

ELEMENT	ALTERNATIVE A (CURRENT)	ALTERNATIVE B (PREFERRED)	ALTERNATIVE C	ALTERNATIVE D	ELEMENT	ALTERNATIVE A (CURRENT)	ALTERNATIVE B (PREFERRED)	ALTERNATIVE C	ALTERNATIVE D
Backcountry User N		Percent Change fro	m Current by Zone		<b>Commercial Day Hi</b>	king			
Commercial and N			50,404 (,400())		Group Size	11, mini	mum of 1 guide to 7	7 clients (2 guides with 9	9 clients)
Corridor Threshold	53,821	55,531 (+3%)	59,421 (+10%)	54,846 (+2%)		Recommended	Limited To		
Primitive	17,078 20,698	14,332 (-16%) 20,770 (0.3%)	19,328 (+13%) 17,844 (-14%)	13,426 (-21%) 20,650 (-0.2%)		Limits	Linited to		
/ild	20,090	2,266 (-8%)	2,463 (0%)	2,266 (-8%)		<ul> <li>Bright Angel Trail to</li> </ul>	right Angel Trail to Three-Mile	Alternatives A and 1	<ul> <li>Bright Angel Trail to</li> </ul>
other	217	217	217	217		Resthouse			
Total	94,277	93,116 (-1%)	99,273 (+5%)	91,405 (-3%)			outh Kaibab Trail to Cedar Ridge orth Kaibab Trail to Supai Tunnel		Three-Mile
	ze for Overnight Back	oacking by Zone (Co	ommercial and Nor	-Commercial)	Allowed to	Hermit Trail to Sant	•	_	Resthouse
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	ght Backpacking				Commercial Backs	3	,		
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one Allowed	All	Corridor, Threshold,	Threshold,	Corridor		<ul> <li>Up to 2 trips/ operator/day M-F</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Up to 2 trips/day</li> </ul>	• Up to 3 trips/day	<ul> <li>Up to 1 trip/day all</li> </ul>
		limited Primitive	Primitive		Maximum Trips/Day		all operators	M-F, Z trips/day	operators
uthorization	Unlimited CUAs	Majority managed b	y contracts and limit	ed opportunity for		operator/day Sa-	combined	Sa-Su all operators	combined
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		Percent of trips available to concessioners one year in advance:			Non-commercial River-assisted Backcountry Travel (RABT)				
		100%	advance: % 50% 75%		River Travel	5-mile limit	31 river sections	9 river sections	11-mile limit
	Commercial trips	CUA holders would	Remaining perce	ent available to	Day Use	Not permitted		Ilowed with day use pe	
	currently					•		nowed with day use per	
		concessioners and CUA holders to			Backcountry Roads, Trails, and Routes				
ermitting		through public backco		-	South Rim Trails and Routes (	Man 2 1)			
	month	s in advance (same as non-commercial users)			Eremita Mesa	Trails and Routes (Map 2.1)         Eremita Mesa       Class 1 Wilderness			
		<ul> <li>CUA used allowed up to one permit/week and no more</li> </ul>							
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Vulcans Throne Road	Open to vehicles to rim	Convert to Class I trail; use road junction as parking/turnaround	Same as A	Same as B		
Overlook Parking	Adjacent to Toroweap Overlook	Move close to campground as recommended in GMP				
<b>Corridor Zone Cam</b>	ping (Groups/Night)					
Indian Garden	15 small/1	large campsites	15 small/2 large	Same as A		
Bright Angel		30 small/2	2 large			
Cottonwood	11 small/1 large	up to 15 small/1 large	15 small/2 large	up to 13 small/1 large		
Roaring Springs	Day	use only	2 campsites	Same as A		
Deer Creek/Tapeats	Complex (Groups/Ni	ght)				
Esplanade (AY9)	2 small/1 large	3 small	2 small/1 large	2 small		
Surprise Valley (AM9)	1 small/1 large	Use area split between	Deer Creek, Upper Ta Creek	peats, and Bonita		
Deer Creek (AX7)	2 small or 1 large	2 small	Same as A	2 small		
Upper Tapeats (AW7)	2 small/1 large	3 small	3 small/1 large	3 small		
Lower Tapeats (AW8)	1 small/1 large	combined with Bonita C	Creek			
Bonita Creek (AW9)	Doesn't exist	2 small	1 small/1 large	1 small		
Total Groups in Complex	12	10	11	8		
Deer Creek Narrow	S					
Narrows Closure	As in Compendium, reviewed annually	Permanent restriction	Unrestricted access	Same as B and restrict patio to one river trip at a time		
Hance Creek/Cotto	nwood Creek/Cremati	on (Groups/Night)				
Hance Creek BE9/Primitive	2 small/1 large	3 small	Same as A			
Cottonwood Creek BG9/Primitive	2 small/1 large	3 small	Same as A			
Cremation BJ9/Primitive	2 small/1 large	3 small	1 small/1 large plus 1 small or large group at new designated site	Same as B		
Hance Creek/Cotto	nwood Creek/Cremati	on Use Area Changes				
Hance Creek BE9/Primitive Cottonwood Creek BG9/Primitive	None	None	Convert Primitive to Threshold Zone; as Threshold, consider adding toilets, change at-large to	None		
Cremation BJ9/Primitive			designated camping Portion to designated campsite	-		

Notes:

- Projected user nights were calculated using specific Use Area changes proposed in alternatives (i.e., Granite, Deer Creek Complex, Hance, Cottonwood, additional Corridor Zone campsites, etc.) and with the assumption that if group sizes are reduced from 11 maximum to 6 maximum (as in Alternatives B and D for some zones), groups formerly 7-11 people would become 6. Projections are based on calendar year 2012 data for each night in each Use Area.
- User night: one hiker in the backcountry for one night.
- Projected user nights assumes maximum booking in prime season and same booking as 2012 offseason.

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