



## Wilderness Management

NPS Management Policies require proposed wilderness be managed the same as designated wilderness. For Grand Canyon National Park this means all uses must be consistent with the Wilderness Act which states

*...there shall be no commercial enterprises and no permanent roads within wilderness and, except as necessary to meet minimum requirements for the administration of the area, there shall be no temporary road, no use of motorized vehicles, motorized equipment or motorboats, no landing of aircraft, no other form of mechanized transport, and no structure or installation. . .*



### Facilities

In accordance with law and policy, facilities in wilderness may be permitted if deemed **necessary to meet minimum requirements for administration of the area as wilderness**. In Grand Canyon, primitive toilets in some wilderness areas may be necessary to manage issues related to human waste, visitor experience, and park resources.



What are your  
wilderness  
concerns and  
solutions?

### Roads and Trails

Non-wilderness primitive roads provide access to trailheads and overlooks. These are generally 300-foot-wide road corridors to areas on North Rim and the Kanab Plateau. Several other roads seen on many maps have been restored or closed to protect wilderness resources, or are used as hiking trails to access backcountry wilderness areas. Wilderness trails are generally unimproved except for clearing and work on eroding or dangerous sections.



### Administrative Use

Preserving wilderness character requires managers approach wilderness stewardship with humility, respect, and restraint. All management decisions affecting wilderness must be consistent with the **minimum requirement** concept. This concept requires that techniques and equipment used on fire, wildlife and vegetation management, trails and toilet maintenance, patrols, research or any other activities in wilderness must be the minimum technology required to complete the work and minimize impacts on wilderness resources.