



**ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT EXERCISE**  
**Range of Possible Management Actions in Response to Impacts From**  
**Visitor Use**

**HABITAT** \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>DESCRIBE IN DETAIL WHICH MANAGEMENT ACTIONS YOU ARE GOING TO USE AND WHY</b>
increase the supply of recreational opportunities, areas, and facilities to accommodate increased demand	
reduce public use at specific sites, in individual management zones, or throughout the park	
modify the character of visitor use by controlling where the use occurs, when the use occurs, what type of use occurs, or how visitors behave	
alter visitor attitudes and expectations	
modify the resource base by increasing the durability of the resource or by maintaining or rehabilitating the resource	
site management (e.g., facility design, the use of vegetation barriers, site hardening, area/facility closure)	
rationing and allocation (e.g., reservations, queuing, lotteries, eligibility requirements, pricing)	
regulation (e.g., the number of people/stock, the location or time of visits, activity, visitor behavior, or equipment)	
deterrence and enforcement (e.g., signs, sanctions, personnel)	
visitor education (e.g., promote appropriate behavior, encourage/discourage certain types of use, provide information regarding use conditions)	



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To aid planners and managers in selecting among the many management tactics, there are several questions or selection criteria that may make decisions easier. Answers to these and related questions can help to assess the trade-offs or the costs of competing actions:

- 1) Does the tactic adequately address the underlying cause of the impact or visitor use problem?
- 2) How effective is the tactic likely to be in resolving the impact in question?
- 3) Is the tactic likely to lead to the creation of new problems?
- 4) Is the tactic subtle or obtrusive in terms of visitors being aware that they are being managed?
- 5) Is the tactic direct or indirect in terms of how it impacts or influences visitor behavior?
- 6) Does the tactic preserve visitor freedom of choice?
- 7) Does the tactic affect a large or small number of visitors?
- 8) Does the tactic affect an activity to which some visitors attach a great deal of importance?
- 9) Are visitors likely to resist the management action?
- 10) What are the costs to managers in implementing and administering the tactic?