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**Mt. Baker Ranger District –  
Recreation & Public Services**



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“...when conflicting interests must be reconciled, the question will always be decided from the standpoint of the **greatest good for the greatest number** in the long run.”

*Gifford Pinchot*



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# Our Recreation Vision Statement

Providing high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities on forests and grasslands, while sustaining natural resources, to meet the Nation's recreation demands.



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# Who's Who - 2016



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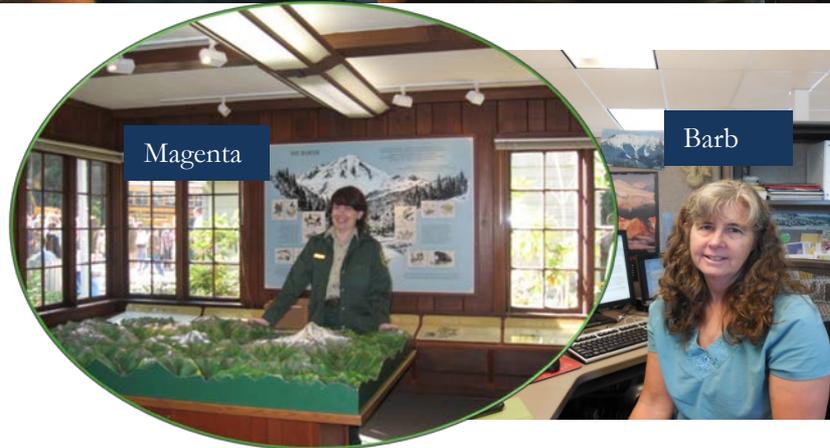
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# The Motivators That Lead to a Recreation Experience

- The Place and Setting
- The Activity
- Health Reasons
- The People – (affiliation – guys, girls, family etc.)
- What can be Learned (Education Tourism)
- Connection – (spiritual aspects – sensory resources)



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# Current Recreation Activities

- Camping (developed/dispersed)
- Hiking
- Backpacking
- Stock packing
- Horseback riding
- Mountaineering
- Rock climbing / Slack lining
- Mountain biking
- Driving for pleasure
- Cycling / Touring
- White water kayaking
- Lake kayaking
- Orienteering / geo-caching
- Star gazing
- Backcountry skiing (SB&SS)
- Downhill skiing
- Cross country skiing
- Snowshoeing
- ATV & motocross
- Snowmobiles
- sightseeing
- Water sports
- Hunting
- River fishing
- Boating / paddling boarding
- Lake fishing
- Birding
- Photography (Drones)
- Picnicking
- Trail running
- Ice climbing
- Paragliding
- Firearms shooting
- Archery
- Educational (Eagle Watchers)
- Interpretive
- Outfitter guiding
- Special use
- Commercial special use
- Wildcrafting & foraging (rock/shed collecting)
- Meditation & Yoga
- Firewood harvesting
- Training (leadership/skill)
- Spiritual practices



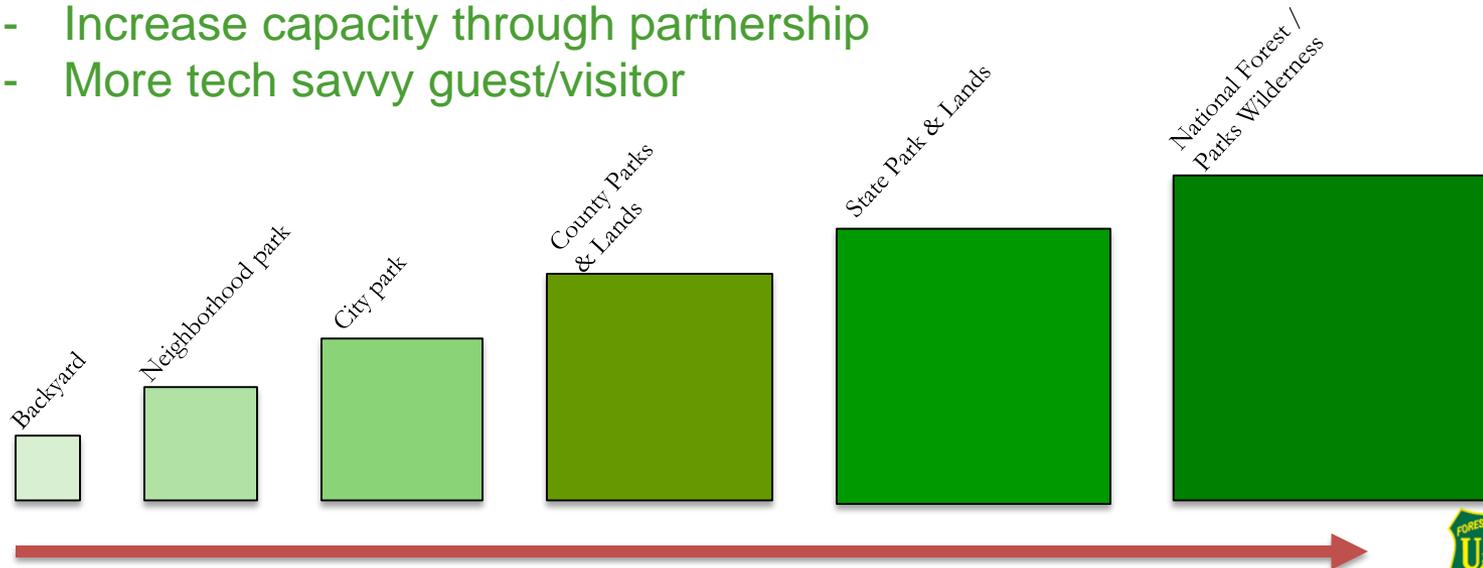
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# Recreation Opportunities

We see future recreation opportunities on the Forest being shaped and influenced by several factors;

- Climate change
- Increasingly more urban population segment for our user base
- More informed yet less experienced or prepared guest/visitor
- A guest/visitor that may have less social etiquette (cyber generation)
- Aging population
- Decreasing budgets, management resources and staffing
- Increase capacity through partnership
- More tech savvy guest/visitor



**Recreation Progression Theory**



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# Recreation Opportunities

So what does recreation management look like in the future?

What are the recreation niches we should be planning for?

How do we continue to protect natural resources?

## Some Ideas:

- More commercial outfitted and guided / private and NPO opportunities
- Device assisted recreation
- Recreation that provides a thrill yet safe
- Something that has such a unique and or high brag-ability appeal – Social Media
- Virtual recreating opportunities
- Experiential Tourism – (Guided, Safe, Connective)

## Things to consider right now:

- Serving families with small kids
- Mt. Bike trails – Trail linkages
- Allowing NPOs / School to have designated primitive, low-level developed base camps for facilitating immersive, guided, hands-on, interactive kinesthetic experiential classes and workshops



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# Travel Management Plan Updates:

- Objection period just closed
- Objections are currently being responded to
- Hopefully resolution can be reach

For more information about the status and next steps  
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## Questions?



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