

Standard NRCA Report Outline

****See Annotated Version for details regarding report format and content****

Executive Summary

Chapter 1 NRCA Background Information (boilerplate, same for all NRCAs)

Chapter 2 Introduction and Resource Setting

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 Enabling Legislation
- 2.1.2 Geographic Setting
- 2.1.3 Visitation Statistics

2.2 Natural Resources

- 2.2.1 Ecological Units and Watersheds
- 2.2.2 Resource Descriptions
- 2.2.3 Resource Issues Overview

2.3 Resource Stewardship

- 2.3.1 Management Directives and Planning Guidance
- 2.3.2 Status of Supporting Science

Chapter 3 Study Scoping and Design

3.1 Preliminary Scoping

3.2 Study Design

- 3.2.1 Indicator Framework, Focal Study Resources and Indicators
- 3.2.2 Reporting Areas
- 3.2.3 General Approach and Methods

Chapter 4 Natural Resource Conditions (emphasizes credible, defensible condition reporting for a subset of important park natural resources/indicators; the indicator framework identified in chapter 3 typically drives the reporting scheme used in this chapter—see below as example template)

4.1 Reporting Category 1

4.1.1 Resource or Indicator A

Investigators shall provide a current condition “thumbnail” statement or score followed by narratives and/or tables that explicitly address: Description; Data and Methods (including Reference Conditions/Values used); Condition and Trend (including Data Gaps and Level of Confidence); Sources of Expertise; Literature Cited

4.1.2 Resource or Indicator B, C... (repeat of above)

4.2 Reporting Category 2, 3... (repeat of above)

Chapter 5 Discussion (provides a “bigger picture” summary of condition findings by park areas and topics of interest to park managers; open-format chapter for now, waiting for good examples)

- ◇ For the park as a whole and/or park areas identified in chapter 3: summary of overall conditions, possible threat and stressor concerns, pressing scientific questions or study needs
- ◇ (optional) Based on the resources/indicators evaluated, summary of overall conditions (what we know, what we don’t know) relative to broader topics of interest to managers
- ◇ (optional) Suggestions to park managers: logical next-step activities that could be considered as a means to maintain or improve conditions for important park natural resources

Appendices: Technical Documentation, Other Supporting Details (as needed)