



Reply to: 2320 Wildernesses and Primitive Areas

Date: June 11, 1982

Subject: Wilderness Regulations

To: Forest Supervisors

The enclosed letter from Associate Deputy Chief Hilmon relates to a change in direction about the use of bicycles, wagons, carts or other vehicles in wilderness.

Previously we have directed that mechanical transport conveyances such as bicycles, wagons, wheelbarrows or deer carriers were not appropriate for wilderness (FSM 2320.5). This may have been unduly restrictive. We can look at these types of "vehicles" as being primitive, muscle powered, aids to transporting. The history of wilderness exploration has shown that early users of the American frontier and wilderness relied on bicycles, carts, and other primitive wheeled devices to transport their possessions. Prohibitions of these devices should be done by issuing a special order in those cases where a conflict, problem or unacceptable resource damage is occurring.

The 2320 section of the Manual is being revised to reflect these changes.

If you have any questions about implementing this direction please contact Mike King or Joe Higgins of our office.

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