

Chapter 4

Goals and Objectives

Chapter 4

Goals and Objectives

This chapter provides the goals²⁶ and objectives²⁷ for the management of the NLSRA and NLSRS. Goals and objectives are consistent with the enabling statutes and mission statement for NLSRA. They have been developed to, and are intended to address the issues identified in the previous chapter or they represent an opportunity that needs to be addressed. Goals and objectives are arranged under the headings of “Issue Specific Goals and Objectives” and “Area-wide Goals” and are not listed in priority order.

Issue Specific Goals and Objectives

Issue: Access on Lynx Lake Road and Butterfly Lake Trail

Goal:

1. Enhance public access on Lynx Lake Road and Butterfly Lake Trail.
2. Enhance public access to the existing canoe trail and future terra trails and facilities in the southern portion of NLSRA.

Objectives:

- 1-1. DPOR will actively monitor vehicle use during snow free periods to determine if that use is having an unacceptable level of impact to natural resources, infrastructure, or facilities. If DPOR determines an unacceptable level of resource degradation is occurring, vehicle use may be restricted or prohibited. A trail, or segment of a trail, may be closed or its use restricted, seasonally or when weather conditions necessitate closure or restriction, if it is determined that continuation of a use may result in a long-term or permanent degradation of the trail surface so that it is no longer within the design standards for the trail classification which it was developed. Trail closures or use restrictions will be made under authority and procedures outlined in 11 AAC 12.335.
- 2-1. To enhance recreation opportunities, DPOR will place a high priority on the development of a small trailhead facility at the intersection of the existing Chicken Lake Cross-Park Trail and Lynx Lake Road. It is intended that this trailhead facility be developed within 5 to 10 years of the adoption of this plan.

²⁶ Goal – A statement of basic intent or general condition. Goals are not quantifiable and do not have specific dates for achievement; they are long-term in orientation.

²⁷ Objective – A concise statement of what we want to achieve, how much we want to achieve, when we want to achieve it, and who is responsible for the work.

Issue: Personal Property Storage and Boat Moorage

Goal:

3. Determine the appropriate type and level of personal property storage and boat moorage that should be authorized to occur on state-owned land and water.
4. Minimize or eliminate resource impacts associated with long-term storage and moorage.

Objective:

- 3-1. DPOR will actively monitor designated storage and moorage sites to determine if use is being conducted in a manner that is not causing significant impact to the resources. If DPOR determines an unacceptable level of resource degradation is occurring, vehicle use may be restricted or prohibited. A trail or segment of a trail, may be closed or its use restricted, seasonally or when weather conditions necessitate closure or restriction, if it is determined that continuation of a use may result in a long term or permanent degradation of the trail surface so that it is no longer within the design standards for the trail classification which it was developed. Trail closures or use restrictions will be made under the authority and procedures outlined in 11 AAC 12.335.
- 4-1. Through this plan, DPOR will establish limits on the amount and type of personal property and boats that can be stored or moored on DPOR managed land and water.

Issue: Snowmobile Openings

Goal:

5. Allow limited or restricted openings of areas, trails, or routes appropriate for the use of snowmobiles.
6. Provide a standard for determining adequate snow cover to protect underlying vegetation at NLSRA and NLSRS.

Objective:

- 5-1. Through this plan, establish standards that DPOR will follow to allow limited openings of areas, trails, or routes within NLSRA and NLSRS to the use of snowmobiles.
- 6-1. Through adoption of this plan, establish water equivalency as the standard for determining adequate snow cover to open the area south of the Nancy Lake Parkway to the use of snowmobiles.

Issue: Off Road Vehicle Openings

Goal:

7. Allow limited or restricted openings of areas, trails, or routes to the use ORV's.

Objective:

- 7-1. Through this plan, establish the standards the DPOR will follow to allow restricted openings of specific trails and routes to the use of ORV's.

Issue: Permitting Standards

Goal:

8. Establish a fair and efficient permitting process that significantly reduces the time required for permit decisions.

Objective:

- 8-1. DPOR will provide expedited application review and decision for many of the common uses and activities.
- 8-2. Through this plan, DPOR will identify those uses that are incompatible with the primary function of the land and water as a public recreation area.

Issue: Existing Unpermitted Uses

Goal:

9. Address existing unpermitted structures in a manner that is fair and not an undue burden for people or the agency.

Objective:

- 9-1. Through this plan, DPOR will establish a process to address existing unpermitted structures in a comprehensive manner.

Issue: Resource Impacts

Goal:

10. Minimize the impacts of trails and facilities on natural and cultural resources while accommodating current and future anticipated uses and levels of use.
11. Foster public/private collaborative relationships that will enhance recreation opportunities for the public while building local support for the recreation area and site.

Objective:

- 10-1. DPOR should re-develop all existing trails to sustainable standards within the 20 year planning period.
- 10-2. DPOR should re-develop all facilities that are having a deleterious impact on natural resources within the 20 year planning period.
- 11-1. DPOR should establish an “adopt a trail” program within 5 years of the adoption of this plan.

Issue: Boat and Personal Property Abandonment

Goal:

- 12. Significantly reduce or eliminate abandonment of personal property, including boats, within NLSRA and NLSRS.

Objective:

- 12-1. Through this plan, DPOR will develop an expedited process to identify and remove abandoned property.

Area-wide Goals

Recreation Goals:

- 13. Provide a maximum diversity of outdoor recreation opportunities based on the natural values of the unit and its ability to sustain use without significant adverse effects to the natural resources.
- 14. Continue to provide a diversity of outdoor recreation opportunities on a year-round basis.
- 15. Maintain the quiet natural setting that is currently available on the two existing canoe trails.
- 16. Maintain a diversity of camping experiences that range from highly developed to primitive.
- 17. Provide destination oriented recreation opportunities.

Facility Goals:

- 18. New facilities shall be constructed in areas where they will diversify and enhance access and recreation opportunities and are readily accessible to the public.
- 19. New camping and public use cabin facilities shall be constructed where multi-modal access exists or is proposed for development.
- 20. Existing facilities shall be redeveloped to diversify and enhance recreation opportunities and diversify use.

21. Develop facilities that blend into the natural environment, are in keeping with the character of the area, and sited and designed to minimize visual and acoustical impacts to adjacent private property where situated in close proximity.
22. Maintain a system of public use cabins that are accessible by a diversity of methods and offer a diversity of recreational experiences.
23. Facility development will minimize negative impacts to natural and cultural resources.

Trail Goals:

24. Provide a system of sustainable trails that facilitate a diversity of recreation opportunities.
25. Provide trail users with signs at all trailheads that show the appropriate access methods for each trail.
26. Where appropriate, trails should be developed as multi-use trails.
27. New trails will be developed to increase connectivity of trails and to provide destination oriented recreation within NLSRA and should be looped trails.
28. Re-develop existing trails, and route all new trails, to minimize impacts to natural and cultural resources.

Resource Protection Goal:

29. Uses, activities, trails, and facilities will avoid negative impacts to cultural and natural resources to the greatest extent practicable.

Access Goals:

30. Maintain and enhance public access to recreation opportunities where appropriate.
31. Continue to provide reasonable access to private property within NLSRA.

Interpretive Planning Goal:

32. Develop an interpretive plan for NLSRA and NLSRS.