

IMPACTED SITE RECLAMATION
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JUSTIFICATION

Throughout the front and backcountry there are areas that have been denuded of their nature vegetation. These areas have been altered either by the indiscriminate use of machinery or by natural flow and use patterns of park visitors. These areas are scars among the natural pristine habitat that the park is trying to protect. A program is needed to promote these disturbed areas to recover their earlier conditions.

OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the program would be to look into the front and backcountry in an effort to locate all impacted sites. Different areas could be reclaimed using different techniques and methods to select out the most successful. Our objective would be to re-establish native vegetation in areas where the plants have been removed because of man's impact.

PROCEDURES

It would be necessary to make an inventory of the impacted areas throughout the park and the types of plants found in the overstory and understory of each. Given this base, areas could be promoted to recover through the use of different techniques of transplanting native species. It should be stressed that only native plant should be used. Once these areas have been reclaimed, signs (small and concise), ropes, or both could be placed to acquire the visitors compliance.

RESULTS

The results should provide a more natural and aesthetic appearance to our front and backcountry.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendation is that a reclamation program is needed both in areas of the front and backcountry. A few of the areas being recommended are as follows:

Frontcountry

Headquarters Area
West of Annie Spring and
the Overflow Campground
Garfield Peak Trail
Annie Creek Trail

Backcountry

Dutton Creek Trailhead
Lightning Spring (Pond area)
Red Cone Springs Area
Bybee Creek Area
Old backcountry Cabin Sites

The program would entail a lot of work, but would provide many benefits to park employee as well as the park visitor.

* Proposed Program