

APPENDIX A. ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS AND GLOSSARY

Abbreviations and Acronyms

BMPs	Best Management Practices
CWEs	Cumulative Watershed Effects
EA	Environmental Assessment
Forest	Klamath National Forest
Forest Plan	Klamath National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan
MAs	Management Areas
MIS	Management Indicator Species
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
S&G	Standard and Guideline
VQOs	Visual Quality Objectives
WWOs	Wet Weather Operation Standards

Glossary

Critical Habitat: Defined in the Endangered Species Act as (1) the specific areas within the geographical area occupied by the species, at the time it is federally listed, on which are found those physical or biological features essential to the conservation of the species, and which may require special management considerations or protection; and (2) specific areas outside the geographical area occupied by the species at the time it is listed, when it is determined by the Secretary of the Interior that such areas are essential for the conservation of the species.

Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS): A continuum of recreation opportunity settings. A recreation opportunity setting is a combination of physical, biological, social, and managerial conditions that give value to a place. The ROS assumes that recreationists seek a range or spectrum, of recreational opportunities from the highly constructed and interactive to the natural and solitude oriented.

- **Roaded Natural:** Characterized by predominantly natural-appearing settings with moderate sights and sounds of human activities and structures.
- **Semi-Primitive Motorized:** Characterized by predominantly natural or natural-appearing landscapes and the presence of motorized vehicles. The size gives a strong feeling of remoteness.

Visual Quality Objectives (VQOs): Measurable standards for visual resource management based on the acceptable degree of alteration of the characteristic landscape. VQOs are based strictly on inventory conditions and have not undergone the land management planning process.

- **Partial Retention:** Activities may be evident but must remain subordinate to the

characteristic landscape.

Watershed: The entire land area that drains to a specific point.

- **5th field watershed:** A watershed that ranges from about 40,000 to 250, 000 acres in size.
- **7th field watershed:** A watershed or drainage that ranges from about 2,500 to 10,000 acres in size.

Wet Weather Operations Standards (WWOs): Specific information used to help determine when activities are at risk of not meeting BMPs. The guidelines are used to determine if conditions are favorable for wet weather or winter operations, and to provide guidance as to when conditions warrant suspension of operations, when operations may begin or resume, or when and what remedies may be appropriate.