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- ~ Facilities development will be based on the most current recreation design standards dealing with campground layout, road construction, utilities, sewage systems, potable water systems landscape planting, and irrigation systems.
 - ' To the extent possible, facilities will be developed only at sites that have already been disturbed and sites that have been fragmented by human activity.
 - ' To the extent possible, the use of adjacent lands will be taken into consideration when planning for facility development.
 - ' Development must be subjected to public involvement and publicly supported.
- ~ Development will be based on public demand and carrying capacity limitations. Limitations will be determined by assessing safety, quality of the visitor experience, potential for visitor-use conflicts, and natural resource conditions such as the presence of heritage resource sites or critical habitat.
 - ' Development must be compatible with the goals and objectives of the Resource Management Plan and Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) policy and directives and standards.
 - ' Development will be compatible with existing uses and opportunities.
 - ' Developed facilities will be able to sustain anticipated use and will comply with applicable Federal, State, and local regulations, laws, and policies, including the Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines and the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards.
 - ' Developed facilities will accommodate general public use; private, exclusive use of facilities will not be allowed according to established Reclamation policy.
 - ' Developed facilities will be designed to complement the surrounding landscape and will use native plant species for vegetation and landscaping.
 - ' Vegetation on areas disturbed by construction will be restored, to the extent practicable, to its predisturbance conditions.
 - ' Development and use of facilities must not create safety hazards, increase noise levels, or limit emergency access.
 - ' Development will take into consideration the future cost of operation and maintenance (O&M) of new facilities (i.e., emphasis should be on low cost O&M items).

- ' Recreation facilities will be located an acceptable distance away from existing or planned Reclamation project features, such as laterals, canals, well, sludge ponds, etc.
- ~ Best management practices will be employed to prevent erosion and surface runoff.
 - ' Development of facilities will incorporate universal design standards to the maximum extent practical.
 - ' When locating facilities, every effort will be made to avoid environmentally sensitive areas.