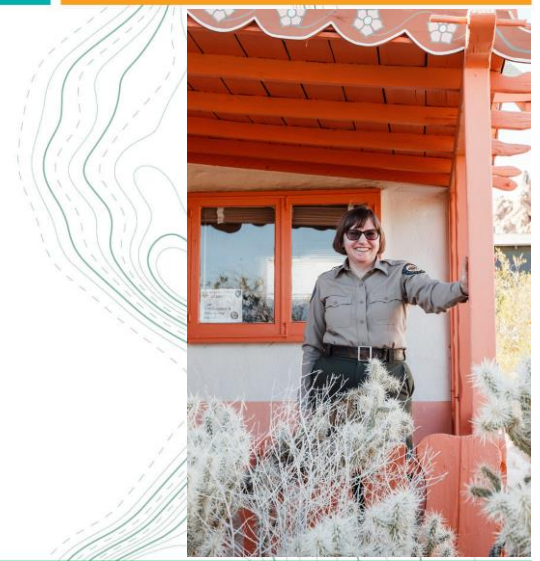




Oregon State  
University



Visitor Use Management Fact Sheet

# Where Can Visitor Use Monitoring Data Help?

Madeline Aberg, Troy E. Hall, & Ashley D'Antonio  
Department of Forest Ecosystems & Society, Oregon State University

## Visitor Use Monitoring Data

This toolkit focuses on visitor use monitoring following the Interagency Visitor Use Management Framework (IVUMC 2019).

### Inventory Vs. Monitoring

Some desired conditions do not need to be assessed with monitoring data. For example, an inventory-based desired condition may be:

*Communications on site are accessible to all visitors (i.e., signs are available in multiple languages and meet ADA standards).*

This desired condition is better suited to a regular inventory of park communications.

Other examples of desired conditions that are inventory-based include:

*Visitors have a wide range of choices for physically challenging trail experiences.*

*Facilities do not dominate the landscape, allowing visitors to observe how the unique ecosystems of forest, wetland, and ocean interact.*

*Prehistoric archaeological sites are preserved through separation from recreation and trails (i.e., no new trails are built that would lead people into archaeologically important areas).*

*Facilities and programs are accessible to all visitors.*

## How can data be used?

- To justify budget or staffing decisions
- To determine if a management action or policy change is needed
- To support controversial decisions
- To inform long-term planning

---

### SUGGESTED FACT SHEET CITATION

Aberg, M., Hall, T. E., & D'Antonio, A.(2023). Where can visitor use monitoring data help? Fact Sheet prepared for the Visitor Use Management Toolkit. Corvallis, OR: Oregon State University, Department of Forest Ecosystems & Society.