

Working Title Glossary

Back Country, Remote or Wilderness Area (hiking): An area not accessible by motor vehicle, and in most cases limited to foot, or livestock traffic. Any campsites are unimproved with no permanent man made structures. The trail has very limited improvements (see unimproved trail) and does not pass through improved areas. There are no amenities or provisions along the trail, all supplies must be carried in and out. The hiker is essentially “on their own” without opportunity to re-supply or prematurely abandon the trip without returning to the trail head or finishing through. Participants are expected to travel with all necessary supplies.

Back Country, Remote or Wilderness Area (sledding): An area typically not accessible by motor vehicle, save snow machines during the winter. Any campsites are unimproved with no permanent man made structures. A three-sided lean-to or rustic cabin without amenities or any resources (such as, but not limited to: electricity, gas, water, provided provisions, etc.) may be permitted. The trail has very limited improvements (see unimproved trail) and does not pass through or come near improved areas. There are no amenities or provisions along the trail, all supplies must be carried in and out. The team is essentially “on their own” without opportunity to re-supply or prematurely abandon the trip. The only way “out” is through or by returning to the trail head. Participants are expected to travel with all necessary supplies regardless if an acceptable structure is along the route.

Impartial Witness: Can include event organizers or officials, wildlife officers or other wilderness officials, or those without a vested interest. Impartial witness excludes family members, residents of the same household as the applicant, the dogs' breeder, and the like.

Improved Campground: Any campground accessible by vehicle and/or with modern amenities such as, but not limited to: toilets, running water, electricity, garbage service, etc.

Improved Trail or Road: Any trail or road that has been altered with imported materials (consisting of, but not limited to: concrete, asphalt, sand base, gravel, regular grading, etc.) and/or is maintained for ease of travel.

Lap: One time around or over a course (a course being one out and back).

Lead Dog: A dog who runs single lead on a team consisting of at least three dogs and who remains in lead, which means no other dog, team or person maybe be moving, walking, etc. ahead of the team. Any mileage where a person or other is ahead of the team must be subtracted from mileage applied toward leg requirements and must be documented.

Native Surface: Surfaces which include native dirt or soil and native gravel and rock, i.e. originally existing material absent of imported material or road base from somewhere else.

Natural Surface: Any naturally occurring native surface or improved surfaces consisting of dirt, soil, loose gravel, etc. Please see “non-natural surface” for exclusions.

Non-Natural Surface: Man made surfaces such as asphalt, concrete, cobblestone, brick, boardwalk, etc.

Non-Pedal Assisted: A 2-4 wheeled vehicle that lacks pedals or other such propulsion mechanisms. Such vehicles include: a dog scooter, cart or traditional training rig, or kick bike. An ATV without motor assistance is allowable.

Trip: A single outing, be it a single or multi-day trip, separated by a return home or move to a completely new location.

Unimproved or Primitive Campground or Site: An undeveloped area designated as acceptable for camping. Such areas may be found trail side or off-trail. There may be evidence of use, such as a stone fire pit or wear to the ground from other users, but there will be no amenities or other development.

Unimproved Road: An unimproved road is any such road that is not maintained for ease of travel. It is a native surface that is not graded or maintained and will likely be weathered and/or difficult to pass. Examples of such roads could be some ATV or jeep trails, some Forest Service or logging roads.

Unimproved, Primitive or Wilderness Trail: A trail which largely consists of native surface and has improvements limited to erosion control and the removal of down trees. Man Made bridges are few and only provided when following the lay of the land could result in life threatening conditions (i.e. unsafe water crossings, or impassible crevices.) or serves as a protection against environmental damage. The trail surface is not improved, or groomed for easy walking conditions. When hiking a wilderness trail, a hiker should expect uneven terrain, small stream crossings, and changing trail surfaces.