Examples of VERP Visitor Experience Indicators, Standards and Monitoring

Zone: Pristine

Item Monitored: Group encounters.

Indicator: Number of group encounters larger than 6 people per group outside of canyons.

Standard: 90% of visitors hiking would not encounter groups larger than six.

Monitoring Method and Schedule: Staff would complete encounter form whenever in backcountry.

Management Options: Reduce group size limit.

Zone: Primitive

Item Monitored: Encounters with other hikers.

Indicator: Number of hiker encounters.

Standard: 90% of visitors would not see more than 10 other hiker groups per day.

Monitoring Method and Schedule: Staff would complete encounter form whenever in backcountry.

Management Options: Education; reduce group size limit; limit number of hikers on trail or route.