DRAFT Anan Wildlife Observatory Recreation Site Master Plan



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Recreation Site Master is a document that captures and guides the overall orderly development of a site containing multiple developments and/or recreation opportunities. This Master Plan is a living document to direct the long term development of safe facilities at Anan Wildlife Observatory. It is intended to be reviewed and updated every five to ten years.

The Recreation Site Master Plan describes the desired future experience and built character of Anan with consideration given to the ecosystems and existing management. It outlines the Forest Service's priorities for current and future construction projects related to enhancing visitor access, safety and facilities at Anan, in addition to describing the wildlife and habitat. The Master Plan serves to provide overall design guidance, which includes a description of each proposed project, recommended materials, details and phasing. It addresses the steps necessary to proceed with implementation.

The Recreation Site Master Plan is based on analyses of the natural, historic and cultural values of Anan, as well as the existing facilities, visitor use and management. It includes recent proposed projects.



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