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AGENDA

JUNE 15, 1994

UNIVERSAL ACCESS EVENT

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CAROL H. RASCO

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR DOMESTIC POLICY

EVENT: PRESS CONFERENCE/BRIEF REMARKS  
(2-3 minutes of prepared remarks)  
"Universal Access"

BACKGROUND: This press conference will unveil a design guide which provides a comprehensive approach to integrating universal access into outdoor recreation environments. The guide was developed by Project Play and Learning in Adaptable Environments, Inc. in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and other private and non-profit partners.

The theme of the event is "Access the Great Outdoors: National Forests are for Everyone" and will highlight the commitment of this administration and the USDA Forests Service improving access to the outdoors to everyone, regardless of age or disability. The new design guide will help federal agencies, states, cities and counties to provide recreation opportunities that are responsive to a diversity of abilities and cultures. The guidelines address a spectrum of recreation settings, from urban, highly developed areas, to wild primitive settings.

DATE/TIME Wednesday, June 15, 10:00 a.m.

DURATION: 45 minutes

LOCATION: Grand Hyatt Hotel  
1000 H Street, NW  
BALLROOM I

CAROL H. RASCO  
WILL DEPART WH: 9:45 a.m. enroute to Grand Hyatt Hotel

CAROL H. RASCO  
WILL BE GREETED  
BY/AT: Carole Florman, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, USDA, Natural Resources and Environment will meet CHR at Front Door of Hotel and escort her to BALLROOM I at 10:00 a.m.

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Jim Lyons; Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas; Derek Crandell, American Recreation Coalition; Marilyn Hamilton, Quickie Designs; Susan Goltsman, Project Play and Learning in Adaptable Environments, Inc.; and Greg Lais, Wilderness Inquiries. Others invited to participate are representatives of AARP, Special Olympics, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, and Senator Bob Kerrey.

**OUTLINE OF EVENTS:**

Assistant Secretary Lyons will introduce **CAROL H. RASCO** and give remarks on importance of access. According to USDA furnished information, emphasis will be on the Administration's commitment to this issue. Other speakers would include Senator Kerrey (if present), Derek Crandell, Susan Goltsman and Marilyn Hamilton, and Greg Lais. Q & A opportunities to interview other participants (on one-on-one basis) and view sporting equipment for people with disabilities will follow remarks.

**CAROL H. RASCO  
WILL BE INTRO-  
DUCED BY/AT:**

Assistant Secretary Lyons at 10:09a.m.

**CAROL H. RASCO  
WILL SPEAK AT/  
FOR:**

10:12 a.m. for approximately 2-3 minutes

**EVENT:**

There will be four speakers following CHR and then Open Press - event should conclude by 10:40 a.m.

**TRAVEL TO  
WHITE HOUSE:**

Car will be awaiting CHR @ 10:40a.m.  
front entrance of Hotel.

**ARRIVAL WH**

11:00 a.m.

MEDIA  
COVERAGE:

OPEN PRESS (target audience includes sporting, environmental and travel magazines, as well as newspaper feature writers.

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**ACCESS AMERICA'S GREAT OUTDOORS  
PRESS CONFERENCE  
PROGRAM**

- 9:45 Participants arrive, briefed (not applicable to CHE per C. Florman) pr
- 10:00 DEREK CRANDALL, President, American Recreation Coalition  
welcome, introduce participants and partners, gives recreation industry overview  
of issue, intro. Jim Lyons (Derek intros all speakers except Rasco and  
moderates q&a)
- 10:04 JIM LYONS, USDA Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources & Environment  
Forest Service committment, reinventing government, intros Carol Rasco
- 10:09 CAROL RASCO, Assistant to the President  
White House commitment to universal access/re-go??
- 10:12 SUSAN GOLTSMAN, Co-Director, PLAE  
Describes design guide
- 10:15 MARILYN HAMILTON, President, Quickie Design  
Partnerships - why do them - how they're working
- 10:18 GREG LAIS, Director, Wilderness Inquiry  
Primitive outdoor travel & universal access training
- 10:21 JOE MEADE, Director of the Accessibility Program, USDA Forest Service  
Forest Service efforts
- 10:25 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



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## **USDA FOREST SERVICE AND PARTNERS DEBUT UNIVERSAL ACCESS DESIGN GUIDE**

WASHINGTON, June 15 -- Joined by the head of President Clinton's Domestic Policy Council, the USDA Forest Service, the American Recreation Coalition and Project Play and Learning in Adaptable Environments, Inc. (PLAE), today unveiled the latest tool in the effort to make America's national forests and other recreational areas accessible to all Americans. A new design guide, Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation: A Design Guide, provides a comprehensive approach to integrating universal access into outdoor recreation environments.

At a press conference featuring federal agencies, non-profit organizations and private companies, speakers focused on both the need to improve access to America's recreation areas and the many cooperative efforts that are underway across the nation.

USDA Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment James R. Lyons spoke of the leading role that the Forest Service and other federal agencies are playing in integrating universal access into their facilities. "The ADA challenged federal agencies to serve as an example for the country and the agencies responded. The Forest Service and other federal agencies such as the Bureau of Reclamation and the Park Service are leading the way in opening up our public lands to all people. People with disabilities and average people like me. This isn't about wheelchair ramps. It's about responding to the needs of people with different abilities, different interests and different cultures".

Traditionally, recreation areas were designed for "average people" which generally excluded people with disabilities. The new design guide is a direct response to that problem. It is the first guide to address integrating universal access into a spectrum of outdoor recreation settings, from highly developed, urban/rural areas which foster an easy degree of access, to natural settings which are moderately accessible and natural in their design, to semi-primitive and primitive settings where challenge and risk are inherently part of the setting. Susan Goltsman, co-director of PLAE, stressed that universal design benefits everyone. "Universal access is responsive to the needs of a diversity of people. Kids standing at a scenic overlook gain the same benefit from lower handrails as does a person in a wheelchair".

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Derek Crandall, President of the American Recreation Coalition agreed. He spoke about the difficulty small business owners faced in trying to integrate universal design into their facilities without help. "Most of the recreation services industry is small businesses, who want to serve their customers well. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has added motivation -- but little help -- for the campground operator looking for practical guidance on how to make their recreation facilities accessible. This guide contains the information the recreation industry needs."

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**DRAFT REMARKS BY  
JAMES R. LYONS  
ACCESS AMERICA'S GREAT OUTDOORS  
PRESS CONFERENCE  
JUNE 15, 1994**

It's great to be here today to talk about universal access to outdoor recreation. That sounds pretty simple; it sounds as though we're about to recommend that we ramp all of the public lands in the U.S. But what we're really talking about is government as a change agent. We're talking about the Forest Service and other federal agencies such as the Bureau of Reclamation and the Park Service leading the way in opening up our public lands to all people. People with disabilities and average people like me. This isn't about wheelchair ramps. It's about responding to the needs of people with different abilities, different interests and different cultures.

That probably sounds a lot like "reinventing government." Well it is. The Forest Service and other federal agencies involved in this effort could only get to this point by doing things in a different way than they had done them for years.

Now, as the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture with oversight of the Forest

Service, it's not surprising that I consider them leaders in this arena. But to be truthful -- their leadership has nothing to do with me. The work they are doing pre-dates my tenure as Ass't Secretary. In fact it predates this administration and even the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Forest Service recognized the need to increase access to its recreational facilities and land back in the mid-1980s. They adopted universal access as an agency philosophy and have helped lead the government's effort to be responsive to the needs of all people.

The design guide we're unveiling today is a great example of what they've done. The USDA Forest Service created it in Partnership with Project Play and Learning in Adaptable Environments as a tool that can be used by government agencies, states, counties and private companies to increase the accessibility of their recreation facilities.

Another example is the training that the Forest Service is providing its design professionals in partnership with Wilderness Inquiries and the University of Minnesota. And so are the partnerships that the Forest Service regions have created at the local level. In fact the Forest Service is working with every

segment of the outdoor recreation industry to improve all Americans' access to the great outdoors.

Now, I don't want to take all the credit for the Forest Service. Just as we have created partnerships with the private and non-profit sectors, so have our sister land management agencies. The Park Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, The Bureau of Land Management and the Army Corps of Engineers are all actively engaged in broadening access to our public lands.

I want to conclude on a personal note. Aside from my role as Assistant Secretary, I have a very good reason for caring about universal access. I have an xx month old daughter, Catherine, who travels a great deal by stroller. The degree of access available in a setting, and the amount of information available about that access, impacts my family and our options for enjoying the outdoors together.

I look forward to continuing the work begun by the Forest Service, PLAE, the American Recreation Coalition and our other partners here today. I am proud of the commitment that this agency and this administration have made.



# Access America's Great Outdoors National Forests Are for Everyone!



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With nearly 200 million acres of majestic mountains, deep rugged canyons, pristine high lakes, wild rivers, immense forests, and open meadows, the National Forest System provides the largest variety of outdoor recreation opportunities in the United States.

To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy recreation in national forests, the Chief of the USDA Forest Service has established an agency goal of "being the leading provider of accessible outdoor recreation opportunities in America."

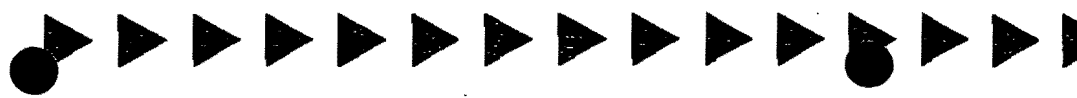


USDA/FPS 93-RN-2584-Created Butte Ski Resort

### Choices Are Important

Most outdoor recreationists have the freedom to choose the type of recreation activity they want, the setting they want it in, and the personal level of challenge they desire for a quality recreation experience. People are drawn to the national forests for different reasons. Some seek the solitude of the primitive backcountry; others, a rustic campsite nestled in the woods; yet others, a social setting with convenient facilities. *It's simply a matter of choice.*

Yet, for millions of Americans, choices for a desired recreation experience are limited. Historically, recreation facilities and programs were created by traditional design for the "average" person, which usually excluded people with disabilities. Thus, many people have become conditioned to viewing the great outdoors as inaccessible.





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### Expectations for Accessibility

Recreation uses and customer expectations have changed. Recreationists, land managers, and designers are recognizing that all people should have the opportunity to participate in outdoor recreation. In response to this, the Forest Service, in cooperation with other Federal agencies and non-profit partners, is developing the *Design Guide for Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation*. With this *Design Guide*, the Forest Service is breaking new ground in the area of accessibility by focusing on **universal design**, which is at the heart of access to outdoor recreation.



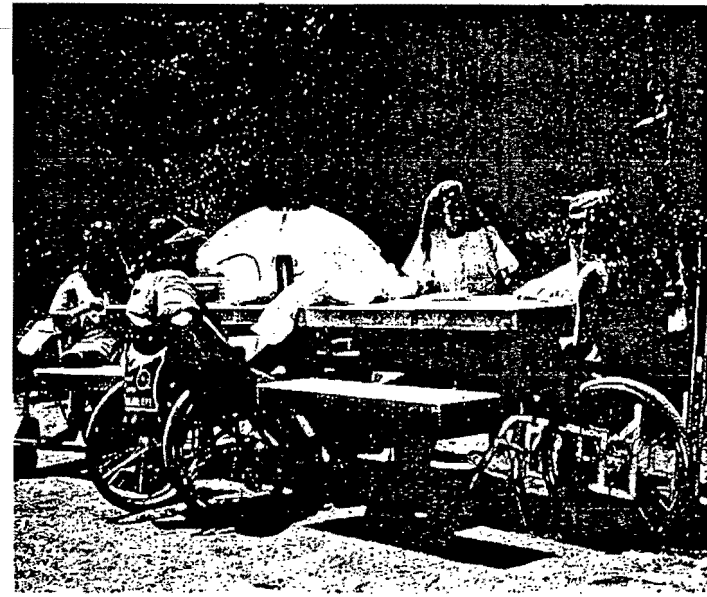
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### Universal Design/Removing the Barriers

Universal design is a relatively new approach that considers the needs of all users—children, the elderly, and people with mobility, sensory, cognitive, and temporary disabilities. In this approach, aspects and elements of accessibility are incorporated in the earliest planning stages and are designed to blend into the natural environment. The goal of universal design is to develop facilities, programs, and services that foster a sense of dignity, independence, and social integration for all visitors.



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The main premise of the *Design Guide* is to link customers' expectations, choices, and accessibility. Just as people seek different recreation experiences in the national forests, so do their expectations of accessibility vary. To ensure that a diversity of recreation settings and customer expectations are considered, the Forest Service uses the **recreation opportunity spectrum** (ROS), an innovative recreation management and planning tool that divides outdoor recreation settings and levels of accessibility into four broad categories: **urban/rural** (easy), **roaded natural** (moderate), **semi-primitive** (difficult), and **primitive** (most difficult).



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### The Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Matches Expectations and Settings

Because urban/rural settings are generally highly developed, people expect an easy level of accessibility to facilities and programs. For example, a visitor center and its displays and programs are to be fully accessible. Trails in such settings are likely to be paved, with only gentle slopes. Developments such as fishing sites and scenic overlooks would include handrails designed for both safety and accessibility.

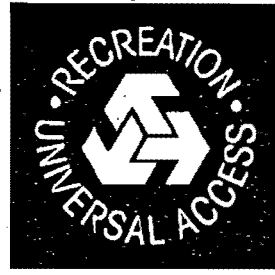


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Roaded natural settings are somewhat less developed than urban sites. People come here expecting a moderate level of accessibility. Rustic campsites nestled in the woods may have leveled surfaces; instead of asphalt, campers might find compacted gravel surfaces. Trails, too, may be of natural compacted material, and slopes may increase slightly. Handrails at fishing sites may be replaced by natural materials such as boulders, giving anglers a greater sense of adventure and of being "out on the water."



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**Semi-primitive settings** seldom offer developed features, and expectations of a **difficult** level of accessibility prevail. Campers are usually left to their own devices to pick out a relatively flat piece of ground for their tents. Trails, often in rugged terrain, are likely soil, narrower and steeper. Accessibility is a secondary consideration. Scenic overlooks and fishing sites occur as part of the natural environment.



David Scheel/FS 90-CS-0980/Wilderness Inquiry





At the far end of the spectrum are **primitive settings**, where preservation of the natural environment is the primary concern and accessibility standards are often not applicable, and the sense of personal risk and challenge is great. As a result, people expect the level of accessibility to be the **most difficult**. People access primitive areas by various means—canoes and kayaks, on foot and on horseback.

One important point to remember is that all developed structural elements—restrooms, water hydrants, picnic tables, and cooking units—when provided, will be designed to meet full accessibility standards at all sites.



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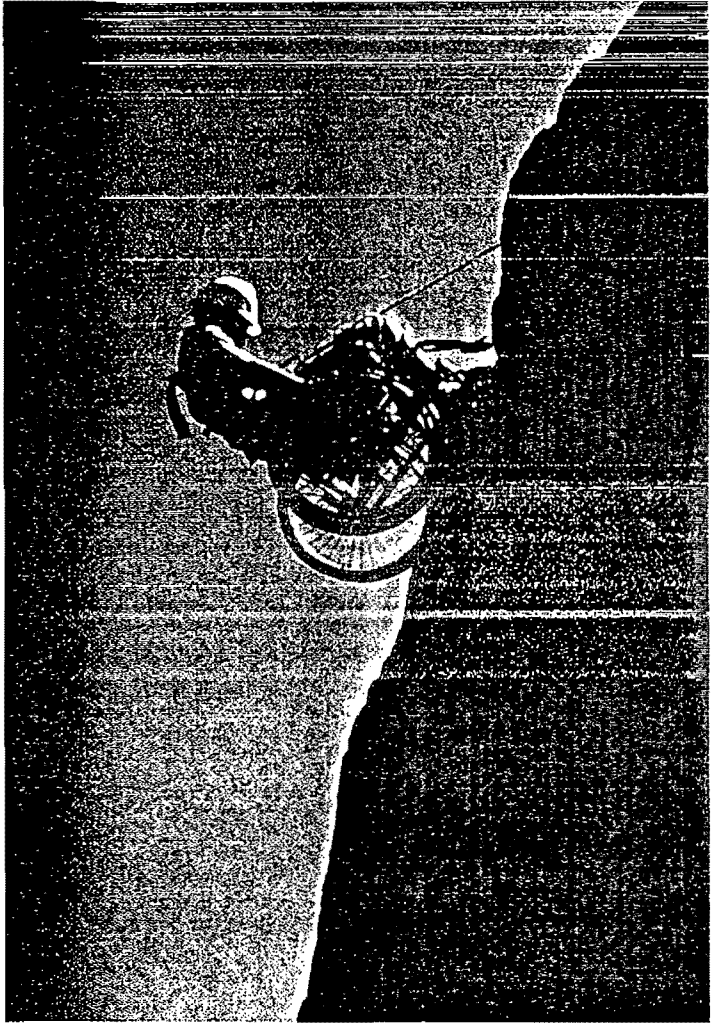
### Who Benefits?

We all do! Better than half the American population will benefit from campgrounds, restrooms, trails, and other visitor facilities and programs that are designed with access for all in mind.

- One in five Americans (43 million) experiences a disability.
- One in ten Americans (25 million) is temporarily disabled at any one time.
- Nearly one in three older Americans (11.2 million of the 30 million people over age 65) has a disability.

These numbers multiply. If one family member cannot participate, most likely the entire family will be affected. So it's clear that the initial figure of 43 million is actually just the beginning. The number of people directly benefitting from universal design can easily be multiplied three or four times. *Universal design just makes good sense.*

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**DAVID UNGER** is the associate chief of the USDA Forest Service. Since joining the agency in July 1987, he has held the position of associate deputy chief for the National Forest System and was named acting chief of the agency in November 1993. Mr. Unger also served for five years as associate chief of the Soil Conservation Service. Prior to his arrival at USDA, he served 14 years with the National Association of Conservation Districts. He was the director of the Pennsylvania State Soil and Water Conservation Commission and served as chairman of the National Watershed Congress. A native of Michigan, Mr. Unger has a bachelor's degree in earth sciences from Antioch College, a master's degree in political science from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University.

**JOE MEADE** reported to the USDA Forest Service's National Headquarters in Washington, DC in 1990 as the agency's national accessibility program leader on the Recreation, Cultural Resources, and Wilderness Management Staff. His responsibility is to establish a national access initiative, including design standards, direction, and policy. Mr. Meade currently serves on the agency's highest level management team, the Chief and Staff. He is a member of the USDA Secretary's Advisory Committee on Disability Issues. Before joining the national office four years ago, he was the public affairs officer for the Ochoco National Forest, Pacific Northwest Region. Mr. Meade has served on numerous state and federal commissions and received the Presidential Award as the USDA's National Disabled Employee of the Year in 1986. Mr. Meade enjoys horseback riding, camping and snow skiing with his family.

**RUTH DOYLE** is on detail to the Washington office of the USDA Forest Service to work on the national accessibility program. She assisted in the development of national guidelines for incorporating universal design into the outdoor recreation environment and in the production of Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation: A Design Guide. She is also coordinating the development of a companion document to the Design Guide, a catalogue of products and details that will help solve the problem of where to find products that meet universal design guidelines. A major emphasis of her work is also the redrafting of national policy and directives to ensure that universal design is addressed in all departments of the National Forest System. Ms. Doyle is a registered landscape architect. She received her M.L.A from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

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Partnerships:

The USDA Forest Service has developed several partnerships related to universal access which demonstrate the agency's commitment to providing facilities, programs and services that foster dignity, independence and social integration for all visitors. One example of this is the Universal Design Short Course. In this partnership, the Forest Service teamed up with Wilderness Inquiry, Inc., a non-profit travel organization serving people with and without disabilities on wilderness adventures throughout the world, and the University of Minnesota, a Big Ten land-grant university. The short course offers an intensive exposure to universal design and presents guidelines on integrating it into the outdoor recreation environment.

The Forest Service has also established a partnership with Wilderness Inquiry, Inc., and America Outdoors an association of trade outfitters. Through this challenge cost share agreement, the outfitter industry and the Federal public land management agencies are developing a handbook to assist outfitters and guides in providing universal access to their programs and services.

Currently the American Ski Federation (AFS) has joined forces with the USDA Forest Service to collaboratively develop access guidelines for the ski industry. This effort reflects not only a legal response to requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, but also the industry's view that providing accessible facilities makes good business sense. Developing guidelines together will create workable solutions which focus on quality customer service.

Quickie Designs, a manufacturer of ultra-light outdoor recreation sport equipment for people with mobility disabilities, has partnered up with the USDA Forest Service and Wilderness Inquiry with state-of-the-art technology for accessing America's Great Outdoors.

These examples of partnerships serve to underscore the fact that agencies do not need to have or develop expertise in every area. However, they do need to know where to find specific skills and how to develop effective partnerships that will make the best use of that expertise.





### Surveys and Transition Plans:

All the national forests are completing surveys of developed recreation sites and facilities to identify barriers to access. Many forests are now in the process of developing transition plans which will identify their plans, priorities, and cost estimates for removing the identified barriers.

### Public Information:

Regional offices are currently developing a directory of recreation areas, sites, and facilities that incorporate the concepts of universal design as a means of informing the recreating public about accessible recreation opportunities. Several forests, particularly the Gallatin National Forest in the Northern Region are working with one of our national partners, Beneficial Designs, to inventory and rate existing trails for accessibility. Collected data is included in a pamphlet that is available at trailheads, ranger district offices and other public information areas. This system allows each person to make an informed decision on whether or not he/she has the interest, ability, and skills to proceed along a particular trail.







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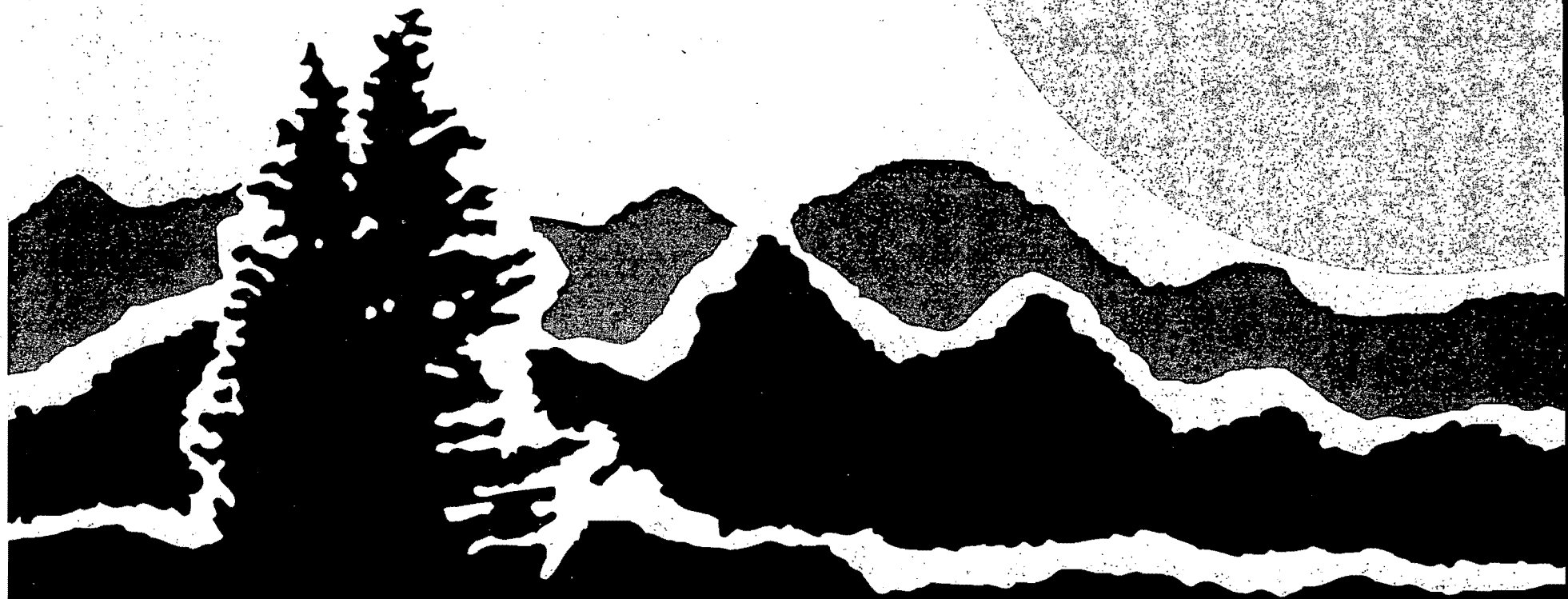
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*Canoe the Everglades*

*Dogsled the Boundary Waters*

*Horsepack the Rocky Mountains*

*Kayak Lake Superior*

*Paddle the Desert Southwest*

*Raft the Grand Canyon*

*And More...*

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## PART VI: TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS OF UNIVERSAL DESIGN

The sixth section of the course emphasizes specific application of the concepts and skills learned in the first half of the course. Issues of retrofitting and transition planning are covered, as well as safety and risk management. The primary focus of this section, however, is on design charettes. Participants work in integrated teams to develop solutions to real design problems at various sites in the Twin Cities, culminating in the presentation of each design solution to a jury of site managers, consumers, design experts, and peers.

### Sample Sessions

- Site Planning and Universal Design
- Retrofitting Existing Recreation Sites: Real Problems, Real Solutions
- Transition Planning
- Integrating Architecture and Landscape Architecture
- Risk and Safety Considerations Across the ROS
- Group Projects: Design Charettes

## PART VII: TAKING IT HOME

The course concludes with a presentation of ideas and materials participants can use to take the principles of universal design back to their home regions or agencies, with the hope that participants can serve as trainers in their home environments. This section also includes a trade show displaying adapted equipment and materials for use in outdoor recreation settings.

### RESOURCES

*Universal Design and the Outdoor Recreation Environment*, sponsored through the University of Minnesota incorporates the expertise of a variety of specialists:

- ✓ Researchers and educators from the University of Minnesota who are leaders in the fields of recreation, park and leisure studies, landscape architecture, and social integration.
- ✓ USDA-FS staff with extensive experience in research, recreation management, disability issues, landscape architecture, and customer service.
- ✓ Wilderness Inquiry staff with extensive experience in leading groups of persons of varying abilities and facilitating the process of physical and social integration.
- ✓ Architecture and facility consultants with expertise in accessibility issues and the ADA guidelines and who specialize in outdoor education facilities.
- ✓ Persons with disabilities experienced in presenting on disability awareness, changing attitudes, program access and other issues.
- ✓ Physical and occupational therapists and certified therapeutic recreation specialists with significant training in inclusive leisure and recreation programming.

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(Partial List)

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#### Wilderness Inquiry

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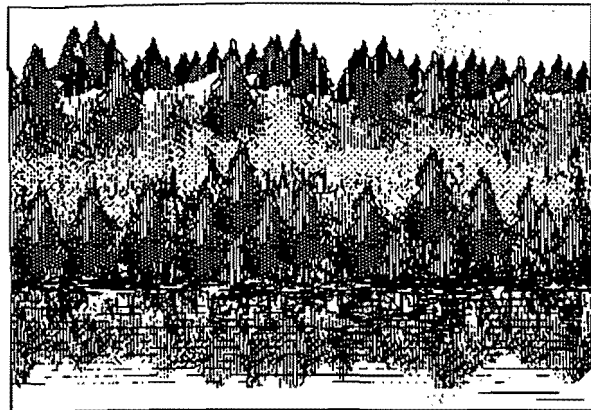
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## Universal Design & The Outdoor Recreation Environment



# NEW DESIGNS FOR A NEW CENTURY



## CURRICULUM DESCRIPTION

*Universal Design and the Outdoor Recreation Environment* is divided into seven curriculum modules, designed to lead participants systematically through the concepts and skills needed to understand and utilize universal design principles. Participants in the course will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in Universal Design through individual and group design projects. The course includes numerous site visits both near the Twin Cities and throughout Minnesota, including a weekend field visit (required) to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Specific components of the course include the following:

### PART I: INTRODUCTION AND KEY CONCEPTS

The first part of the course focuses on an introduction to the major themes and concepts of *Universal Design and the Outdoor Recreation Environment*. Opening sessions also include an overview of the curriculum, teambuilding, and a keynote address.

#### Sample Sessions

- Universal Design and the Outdoor Recreation Environment
- Integrated Programs in Outdoor Environments
- Socially Inclusive Recreational Environments

### PART II: REMOVING ATTITUDINAL BARRIERS

The objectives of the second section of the course are to develop a common understanding of the needs and interests of persons with disabilities and to introduce the concept of functional impairments.

#### Sample Sessions

- Removing Attitudinal Barriers
- Functional Impairment vs. Disability: A New Perspective
- Real Lives, Real Experiences: Outdoors- persons With Disabilities Speak Out

### PART III: UNIVERSAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The third part of the course is designed to help the student understand the legal rationale for Universal Design, the conceptual framework for insuring equal program participation, and the applications of Universal Design for interpretive services.

#### Sample Sessions

- Universal Design Applied to Programs and Services
- A Model for Program Participation
- Identification of Programmatic and Equipment Adaptations
- The Medium for the Message: Universal Designs for Interpretive Services

### PART IV: INTRODUCTION TO UNIVERSAL DESIGN

Part IV presents a comprehensive overview of the *Design Guide for Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation* and its relation to the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS), benefits-based management, and customer expectations. Students learn how to use the *Guide* in conjunction with benefits-based management and the ROS as a planning and design tool, covering the technical specifications of levels of access and the links between the *Design Guide* and the ROS.

### Sample Sessions

- The *Design Guide for Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation*
- The Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) and Levels of Access
- Benefits-Based Management (BBM)

### PART V: FIELD APPLICATION OF UNIVERSAL DESIGN IN PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Section V provides participants with an opportunity to experience first-hand the fundamental principles of Universal Design, to analyze examples of program, facility, and equipment adaptations that provide for full participation, and to experience alternative design considerations and means of access. In addition to site visits to national, state, and county forests and parks, participants go on a three-day integrated outdoor recreation experience with persons with disabilities in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). The trip enables participants to develop a heightened awareness of the capabilities and needs of diverse user groups, as well as a more complete perspective of the ROS.

#### Sample Sessions

- Traveling Across the ROS: Visits to Urban, Roaded-Natural, Semi-Primitive, and Primitive Recreation Sites, including Gooseberry State Park, Sawbill Lake Campground, and the BWCAW.
- History of the BWCAW: The Voyageurs
- Three-Day Integrated Field Experience



The U.S.D.A. Forest Service and MIG Communications, in conjunction with the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, Wilderness Inquiry and Paralyzed Veterans of America have developed guidelines for *Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation*. This design guide presents a comprehensive approach to incorporating universal design into the natural environment, relating outdoor recreation settings and customer choices to visitor expectations for social integration, a sense of independence, and dignity.

In addition to the publication of the design guide, we have developed a training program to introduce professionals to the concepts, principles, and methods of universal design as it applies to the outdoor environment. The goal of the course is to re-tool design professionals, establishing new designs by integrating quality universal design into all new construction and reconstruction projects, as well as sites and activities managed under permits. The target audience for this training includes Accessibility Coordinators, Landscape Architects, Architects, Engineers, Recreation Planners, and Resource Managers.

The University of Minnesota, a major Land Grant University with outstanding credentials in Landscape Architecture, Architecture, Outdoor Recreation and Leisure Studies, the University's Institute on Community Integration, and Forest Service professionals have joined forces with Wilderness Inquiry, Inc., an international leader in integrated adventure travel, to offer this comprehensive universal design course.

We encourage you to take this in-depth course as part of the nationwide effort to make recreational opportunities universally accessible.



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The enclosed represents but a few examples of the universal design initiatives being implemented throughout the Forest Service. This report is not meant to be all inclusive. For specific information about a particular region or national forest, please contact the regional accessibility coordinators. A complete listing of the coordinators is included below.

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LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST -- PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION  
UNIVERSAL DESIGN PROGRESS REPORT  
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES S.E.P., "A" TEAM**

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**RECRUITMENT:**

Youth development scholarship established for graduate of the summer youth programs on the Los Padres

Participation in career fairs at schools, industry, other locations

Assist California Department of Rehabilitation with placement efforts

Support Natural Resources Conservation School

Developed working relationships with 3 State Rehabilitation offices and shared how to use Regional Outreach Data Base

Emphasis in Human Resource Programs for opportunities for youth and disabled.

**RETENTION:**

Work toward fleet vehicles that are adaptable to persons with disabilities.

Facilitate Windmills Training sessions in partnership with State Rehab Offices

Expanded Persons with Disabilities Key Contact List

Reviewed fire camps for access and opportunities for expanded participation by people with disabilities

Developed experience opportunities on each unit of the Forest that could lead to employment or skill development

New emphasis on holding ourselves accountable for gains in employment and our behavior.

**DEVELOPMENT:**

Support attendance of representative at National Deaf Conference.

Develop transition plans for making fire camp more accessible

Support constituents through assistance and review of development plans.

**ADVOCACY/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Outreach at Abilities Expo, San Jose Expo, others.

Create list of accessible hotels, meeting places for Forest use.

Continue to add to video library on subjects of interest and addressing issues of people with disabilities

Forest volunteer, Barry Stotts, gained national recognition for efforts in assisting in self evaluation efforts.

Write newsletter articles to further increase awareness of issues of people with disabilities.

New emphasis being developed in increasing sensitivity and awareness of employees on the issues of people with disabilities.

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE:**

"Pilot Forest" for Region, testing access programs and tools.

Complete self evaluation of all Administrative sites, recreation sites

Complete Interpretive trails at Pino Alto, McGill (Exploration Trail).

New construction illustrates "Universal Design"

Participated in Wilderness reviews assuring that issues of people with disabilities are included in our planning efforts.

All Forest offices have TDDs installed.

New emphasis on the expansion and nurturing of partnerships internal and external.

#### ***Defining the "A" Team***

Defining the Los Padres "A" Team is at times difficult because it is an ever expanding, changing, volunteer group. The "A" stands for access, but not as we would normally view access. The big "A" is an all encompassing meaning to access. It includes five areas of focus: recruitment, retention, development, advocacy/communications, and public service. It is universal in that it encompasses everything we do, who we do it with, and how we do it. We began as an employee (all employee) group and have evolved into a community resource and advocacy group.

The commitments that help define the "A" Team are simple, foremost a commitment to meet individual needs, and a commitment to a well understood vision with forestwide support. The vision is simple - Los Padres N.F. is accessible to everyone and people set their own limitations.

#### ***Community Participation***

In order to accomplish our vision we soon discovered we needed additional support, both from within our agency and from our local community. After all we could hardly begin to insist on providing services and employment if there did not appear to be a market for them. We need support to match our vision. This also meant giving up control and sometimes the leadership.

Outreach began within our community with the California State Department of Rehabilitation and focussed on asking what we can do to help them. It was only later that it was discovered that they would also be helping us. We held our "A" Team meetings at local Rehab offices and found folks interested in what we were trying to accomplish. Friends invited others to see what was going on and others invited others. The focus was always on what can we do to help.

Soon participants included individuals, Independent Living Centers, Community Access Network, private sector consultants and others. Although much of the interest was initially on employment access, attention soon included recreation and other programs offered by the Forest. For many of the participants this was the first contact with any opportunities on their National Forests. Now, fully enrolled as part of the group, questions and the demand for greater agency support became apparent. The "A" Team needed guidelines and support from not only the Los Padres but from all the Forest Service.

These demands from the group led to the Los Padres becoming a Pilot Forest in testing guidelines for accessibility in recreation areas and leadership in implementing those guidelines. We honestly believe that the development of the America's Great Outdoors program and the completion of the Universal Access design guide is because we needed it and asked for it.

The results so far reach into all areas of our vision and include each of our focus areas. Exploration Trail is an easy access interpretive trail among tall Jeffrey Pines that was built out of strong community participation including Telephone Pioneers, Boy Scouts, numerous individuals, local business and Forest employee volunteers. Pino Alto trail and picnic ground, an easy access interpretive facility, was just completed out of over 15,000 hours of volunteer participation. Reyes Creek provides moderate access to streamside fishing and was completed out of internal and external partnerships. Employment opportunities and competition, including persons with disabilities, on the Los Padres has increased. Overall awareness and sensitivity to issues of people with disabilities has improved throughout the community as a result of the "A" Team. People are being supported.

### ***Individual Support***

Within our communities, the "A" Team is known as advocates for people with disabilities and supporters of individual dignity. We are known as willing partners who offer support to individuals and look for ways to make their Forest more accessible for everyone. Within our Forest, employees also see the support for individuals and that is one of the strongest reasons that people join our team. Individuals also see the success of the "A" Team as a way that they can make a difference and be more successful. When employees see accomplishments such as the inclusion of people with disabilities in fire suppression activities, they know that the Los Padres is becoming more accessible for all people.



**USDA FOREST SERVICE  
REGION 9 - EASTERN REGION  
UNIVERSAL DESIGN PROGRESS REPORT**

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Illinois

Shawnee NF

Oakwood Bottoms Greentree Res.: Picnic Unit, Fishing, Toilet.  
Johnson Creed: Picnic Unit, Camping, Fishing, Toilet.  
Lake Glendale: Picnic Unit, Fishing, Toilet, Concession.

Indiana and Ohio

Wayne-Hoosier NF

Athens, OH - 3 Accessible Toilets at ORV Trailheads (*Caution: Parking Lot has 1 1/2" gravel*)

Michigan

Hiawatha NF

Little Bay de Noc Recreation Area: All Campsites, Toilets, and Day Use Area.

Camp 7 Lake Campground: 7 Campsites, Toilets, Trails, Fishing Pier and Boat Access.

Pete's Lake Campground: Several Campsites, Toilets and Picnic Area.

Lake Michigan Campground: Two Campsites and Toilets.

Breevort Lake Campground: All Sites, Toilets, and Boat Launch.

Lake Huron Boat Launch.

AuTrain Bay Boat Launch.

Carp River Pier and Toilet

Sand Dunes Trailhead Cabin.

The following Admin. Sites:

St. Ignace Ranger Dist. Office.

Rapid River \* \* \*

Sault St. Marie \* \* \*

Munising \* \* \*

Ottawa NF - Accessibility Coordinator: Sherri Schwenke

Henry Lake Campground: Fishing Pier/Access Trail, Toilet

Potawatami & Gorge Falls: Trail, Overlook, Toilet.

Black River Harbor Day Use Area: Most Trails, Toilet.

Nesbit Lake Group Camp: One cabin is barrier-free.

Admin. Sites: Sup. Office, Bessemer, Iron River, Ontonagen, Watersmeet (parking/access).

## MISSOURI

### Mark Twain NF

All District Offices have TDD service.

Council Bluff Recreation Area (Accessible beach, Toilets, Camping, Picnic.

Float Camp Picnic Area (Restrooms)

Fourche Lake Campground (Accessible fishing, camping, restrooms, and paved path.)

Lane Springs Recreation Area (Restrooms)

Markham Springs Recreation Area (1 Toilet, 1 Bridge)

Mill Creek Recreation Area (Restrooms)

Pine Ridge Recreation Area (1 accessible picnic site, Toilets.

Pinewoods Lake Recreation Area (Accessible fishing, trail, restrooms, picnic area, camping.)

Potosi District Ranger Office

Riverton West Recreation Area (Restrooms, Path)

## NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MAINE

### White Mountain NF

#### Day Use Facilities:

Covered Bridge Fishing Access: Parking, paved paths, toilet, fishing platforms.

Crawford Path Trailhead and Scenic Vista: Parking, Toilet.

Gilead Picnic Area: Picnic unit, toilet.

Kancamagus Scenic Byway: Several paved parking areas & paths.

Russel/Colbath House Historic Site: Compacted gravel parking and trails, toilet.

Rail 'n' River Interpretive Trail: (at above Historic Site) 3/4 mile, compacted gravel surface.

Rocky Gorge Scenic Area: Paved Parking and paths, Toilet.

Wilderness Trailhead: Paved parking and path to fully accessible Visitor Information Center, Toilets, compacted gravel path to 6' wide suspension bridge.

South Pond Picnic Area: Paved parking, compacted gravel path to beach and bathhouse, toilets, compacted gravel trail (1/4 mile) with 2 fishing access points.

Zealand Picnic Ground: Toilet.

Saco Visitor Center: Paved parking and paths, Restroom, short nature trail. TDD available, (603) 447-1989.

#### Campgrounds:

Dolly Copp: Visitor Information Center, several accessible toilets with nearby sites.

Sugarloaf I: Designated sites, toilets.

Sugarloaf II: Designated sites, toilets.

Basin Campground: Designated sites, toilets.

Blackberry Crossing: All sites level, on compacted gravel, toilets.

Cold River: 2 designated sites, Modified pit toilets.

Hancock: 33 sites level, on compacted gravel, 3 toilets.

Hastings: 2 designated sites, toilets.

Access to recreation opportunities is an on-going process on the White Mountain National Forest. For information in additional barrier-free sites/programs, contact Forest Supervisor's Office at (603) 528-8721 or TDD (603) 528-8722.

Sign language interpreters are provided at Forest Service meetings and recreation programs with advance notice.

White Mountain National Forest information is also available in large print type from the Supervisor's Office in Laconia, New Hampshire.

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Allegheny NF

Twin Lake Recreation Area: Fishing, Swimming, Camping, and Picnicking.

Kiasutha Picnic Area: Toilet building.

Dewdrop Recreation Area: One Campsite, Shower Building.

Red Bridge Bank Fishing Area: Fishing piers.

Jakes Rocks Picnic Area: Toilet building, Drive-by overlooks, Picnic tables.

Rimrock Picnic Area: Toilet building, picnic tables

Kinzua Point Information Center: Information, Interpretive materials, overlook, toilet building.

Kinzua Wolf-Run Marina: Toilet facility, restaurant.

## VERMONT

### Green Mountain NF

TDD located in Supervisor's Office, Rutland.

(802) 773-0324

Brochure and cassette tape in accessible facilities available.

#### **Manchester District:**

District Office - Office entry accessible.(needs improvement)

White Rocks Recreation Area: Picnic area. Toilet is not accessible

Greendale Campground: Toilet, Some campsites on gentle terrain.

Hapgood Pond Recreation Area: Fishing access site. Toilets and bathhouse are not accessible.

#### **Middlebury District:**

District Office - Toilet, Office entry accessible.(needs improvement)

Robert Frost Trail: 1/4 Mile Interpretive trail, toilet.

Robert Frost Wayside: Picnic Area, Toilet.

Moosalamoo Campground: Campsites, Toilet.

#### **Rochester District:**

District Office - Toilet, Office entry accessible.(needs improvement)

Mt. Horrid Overlook: Scenic view, Interpretive Site.

Texas Falls Recreation Area: Picnic Area, Fishing access, toilets. Falls view is not accessible.

#### **Finger Lakes District:**

District Office - Toilet, Office entry accessible.(needs improvement)

## WEST VIRGINIA

### Monongehela NF

Cranberry Mountain Visitor Center (in part)

Seneca Rocks Visitor Center

Seneca Shadows Campground

Highland Scenic Highway (Scenic Byway): Overlooks, picnic shelters, and boardwalk.

Stuart Recreation Area, including beach.

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Nicolet NF

Elvoy Spring Pond Fishing Pier  
Briss Lake & Haymeadow Impoundment (partial)  
Franklin Nature Trail (partial)  
Continental Divide (interpretive sign)  
Military Road (interpretive sign)  
Franklin Lake Campground: Toilets, Sites, lake & beach access.  
Eagle River, Laona, and Lakewood RD Offices (main floors)  
Fisher (interpretive sign)  
Footprint on the Glacier (interpretive sign)  
Wheeler Lake Beach - Visitor Display Area.  
Bass Lake Beach  
Boulder Lake Campground  
Green Lake Beach  
Boot Lake Campground  
Laura Lake Campground  
Pine Lake Boat Landing.  
Numerous other hunting areas, hiking trails, dispersed camping areas,  
mainly due to flat topography, not by special design.

# FACTS

## Bureau of Reclamation

### BACKGROUND

The Department of the Interior is concerned about providing visitors equal opportunities to experience our Nation's facilities and natural resources. The Bureau of Reclamation, an Interior agency, is developing a computerized system that will provide Federal agencies a means to manage information on the accessibility of facilities under their stewardship. ADMS will be the first nation-wide computer program specifically designed for this purpose.

Twenty-one Federal agencies are cooperating in the development of ADMS. Interior agencies include the Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Geological Survey, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Equal Opportunity, Office of Information Resources Management, and the Fish and Wildlife Service. Other agencies and offices include the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Department of Justice, Smithsonian, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Corps of Engineers.

### ADMS AS A MANAGEMENT TOOL FOR GOVERNMENT

ADMS meets the Administration's goals for government renewal and reinvention. It enables many agencies to share a common resource, avoiding duplication of effort in funding and staffing for meeting program requirements.

ADMS enables federal entities to meet accessibility mandates. It provides managers with consistent and thorough methods to evaluate programs and facilities and implement changes where needed. ADMS fiscal management capability will provide a consistent means to prepare budgets, work plans and accurate justifications for funding.

The complaints tracking process will be greatly improved, enabling managers to reference and resolve complaints in shorter time frames; thereby improving government's response to its constituents. Information stored in government file systems will be made available for public access, making this information useable and readily accessible to the public.

### PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

ADMS brings government and private industry together to make information on federal programs, facilities and resources available to the public.



**ON THE ROAD TO ACCESSIBILITY**

## **1-800-ASK-ADMS**

An important feature of the ADMS system is public access to the information. ADMS will make it easier for the public to get information on programs and facilities about Federal lands. Key to the ADMS system, is making the information available to the public in the most viable way.

With ADMS, information about accessible facilities will be just a phone call away. A 1-800 number will be established to provide information about accessible opportunities available on public lands.

ADMS is negotiating with Telephone Pioneers of America for support of the public access portion of the system. ADMS seeks other non-profit partners to share in this effort.

## **BENEFITS TO AMERICAN PEOPLE**

ADMS will unify the information it receives from all Federal agencies, providing a common database of information for the American people. ADMS is the common language, that can serve to unite Federal agencies and the information they store on the accessibility of facilities, programs and activities under their management.

Millions of Americans nationwide will benefit from this central source of information on the accessibility of federal programs and facilities across the country. This will truly provide every American an equal opportunity to have direct access to information on our nations programs, recreational opportunities and facilities.

Through its partnership with private industry, ADMS will provide a link in the electronic superhighway. This will enable government to deliver data, from coast to coast, to the American public via the telephone or computer screen. There is no better way for government to serve the public than through immediate access to information about its programs and facilities.

ADMS goal is to make America's programs, facilities, and natural resources accessible to people with disabilities. By creating a common database we can allow government to evaluate the present and plan for the future. Without this common pool of information, we cannot coordinate the diverse efforts underway within the Federal government to achieve accessibility. We must speak the same language, use the same tools and evaluate our programs with the same guidelines.



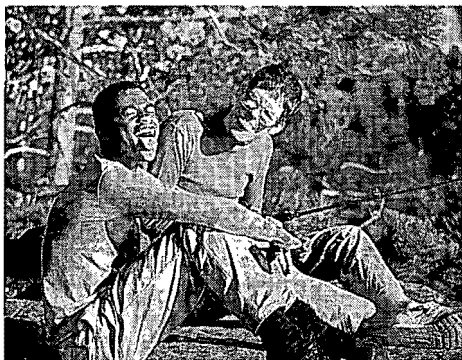
# Wilderness Inquiry *At a Glance*

*Wilderness Inquiry's mission is to empower people to reach beyond perceived limitations to achieve what they never thought possible. We integrate people with and without disabilities in experiences that inspire personal growth, instill confidence, and enhance awareness of the natural environment.*

Each year more than 2,500 people with and without disabilities participate on Wilderness Inquiry's socially integrated outdoor activities.

These experiences remind us all of the power of positive attitude. Participants learn to think in terms of possibilities instead of limitations.

Your tax-deductible contribution allows us to continue serving hundreds of people in financial need--people who otherwise would not benefit from the experience. We want to introduce you to a few of these people...



*Shared adventures build new friendships*

## Deanne

Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1981, Deanne wasn't sure she'd have the stamina to paddle all day. She was also concerned about getting around outdoors in her wheelchair. She wrote:

*"I haven't been camping in years. I don't know how to do it as a 'disabled' person."*

Deanne participated on a 5-day canoe trip on the Namekagan River in Wisconsin. Because of her positive attitude and the help of others, Deanne accomplished what she set out to do. She said the best part of her trip was the people. In reflecting on her trip, Deanne commented:

*"I learned I can still do things despite my disability. The experience has given me confidence to try new things."*



*Attitude is more important than ability*

## Justin

Justin, age 14, has cerebral palsy and mental retardation. Because of his disability, Justin is not able to participate in most "traditional" recreational activities enjoyed by other kids his age. This makes it difficult for Justin to make friends, learn social skills, and develop self-esteem.

Last winter Justin participated on a Wilderness Inquiry trip. When the group went skiing, he joined them in a special sled designed for people with mobility impairments. He also helped to build a snow shelter, and learned how to stay comfortable in winter weather.

On this trip, Justin enjoyed activities with nondisabled kids as an equal. He was able to make friends and learn new skills. Justin's mother said:

*"It's important to Justin to be able to participate with other kids. He knows when he's not accepted and that's hard for him. The Wilderness Inquiry trip was one of the best experiences of Justin's life in terms of building his self-esteem and being accepted by the other kids."*

## Mark

Mark, age 35, has many long-term health complications resulting from diabetes. He is legally blind, hearing impaired, and has had two kidney transplants. Both of his legs have been amputated below the knee. Despite these problems, Mark has worked hard to stay positive about life and active in meaningful pursuits. Mark decided to try a St. Croix River trip with Wilderness Inquiry. Before the trip left, he started to doubt whether he could do it. But with encouragement Mark decided to take the plunge. The trip proved to be a profound experience for Mark:

*"As we canoed the whole world seemed to open up, it effected my entire soul beyond words. The trip was challenging, and there were times I wanted to quit. But when I came home, I felt good telling people that I had been to the wilderness. It boosted my self-esteem enormously. Because of my WI trip, I don't let limiting attitudes bother me. It has made me say 'I can do this' a lot more often."*



*Wilderness Inquiry serves people of all ages and abilities*

For information on Wilderness Inquiry's program activities call (612) 379-3858 and ask for a schedule of events.

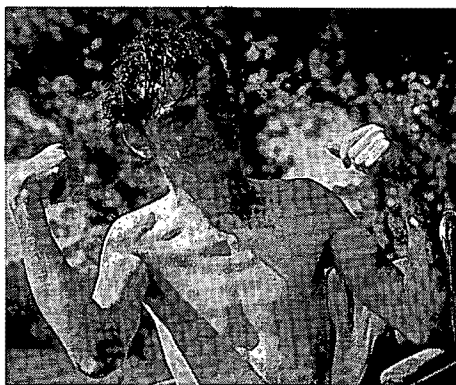
# Your support...

Wilderness Inquiry is about people learning, sharing, and growing together. We think you'll agree that changing people's lives for the better is worthy of your support.

## ...Socially integrates people

One of the distinguishing features of Wilderness Inquiry is that each adventure includes people with a variety of disabilities traveling alongside those without disabilities. People served include those with mild, moderate and severe physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities on every activity we do. People served include those with:

- |                     |                    |                     |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Alzheimer's Disease | Head Injury        | Parkinson's Disease |
| Arthritis           | Hearing Impairment | Polio               |
| Autism              | Heart Problems     | Quadriplegia        |
| Cancer              | Mental Illness     | Spina Bifida        |
| Cerebral Palsy      | Mental Retardation | Spinal Cord Injury  |
| Diabetes            | Multiple Sclerosis | Stroke              |
| Epilepsy            | Muscular Dystrophy | Vision Impairment   |
| Fredricks Ataxia    | Paraplegia         | Other disabilities  |



## ...Creates positive lifestyle changes


Wilderness Inquiry trips can be an important catalyst for positive lifestyle changes. Results of a study conducted by the University of Minnesota show positive changes among participants in the following areas:

- Improved independent living skills
- Enhanced interpersonal relationships
- More likely to seek employment
- Increased adaptability
- More likely to obtain an education
- Reduced stereotypes about people with disabilities

Contributions are  
tax-deductible

## ...Provides cost-effective programs

We stretch each dollar by relying on volunteers and staff who care deeply about what they do. Wilderness Inquiry meets or exceeds all of the financial standards set by the Charities Review Council. Nearly 80% of our annual budget goes directly to program services. Complete financial statements are available on request.

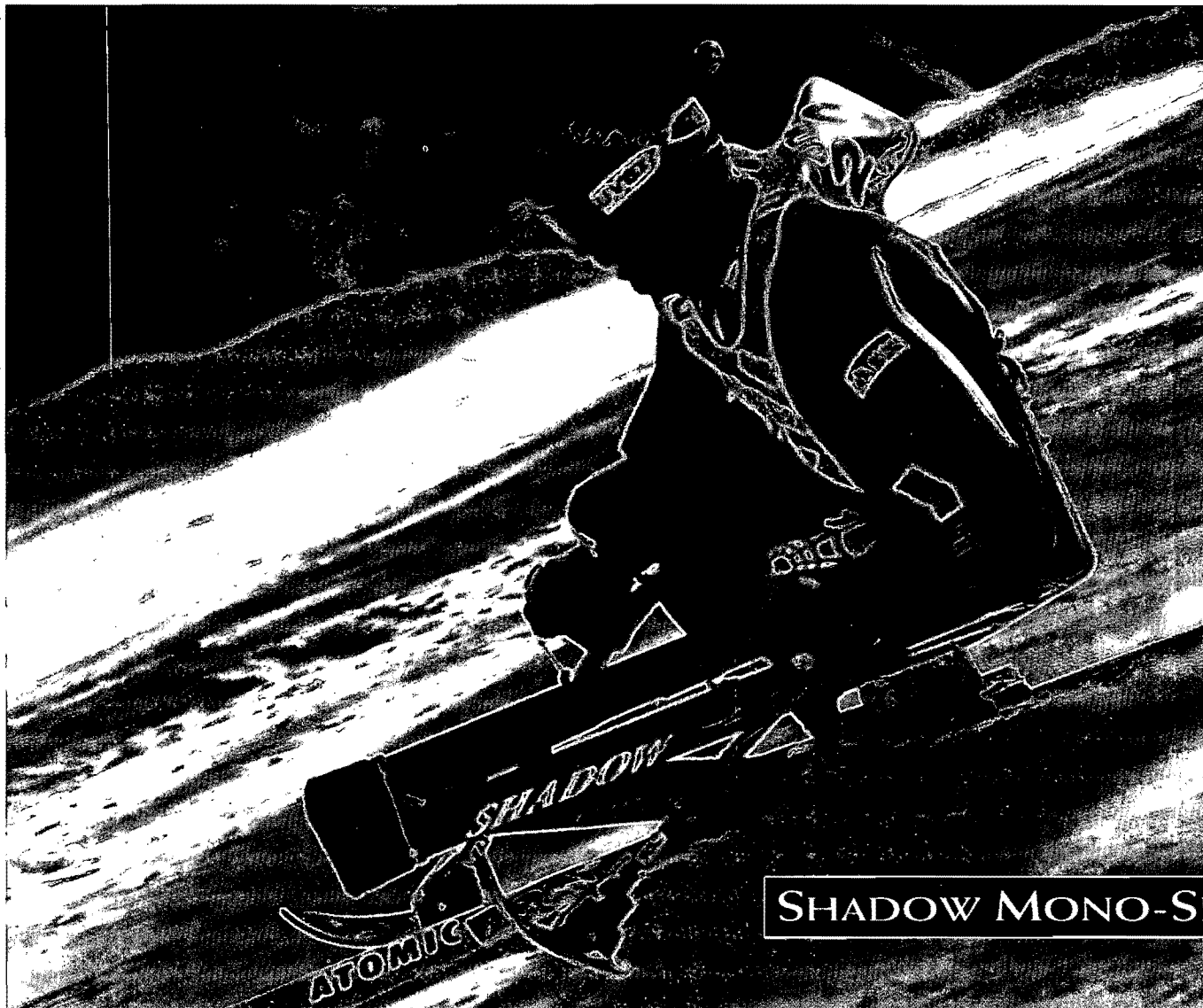
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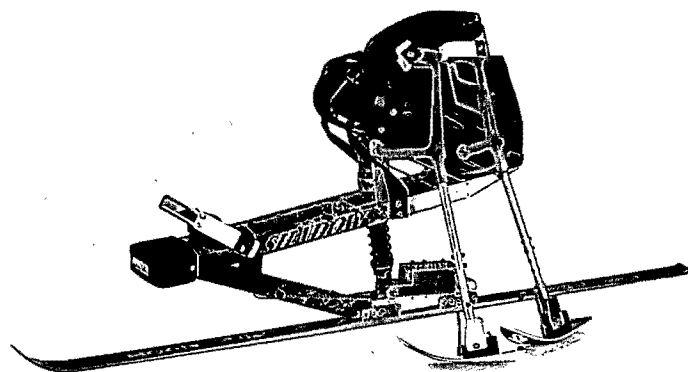
# SKI THE WORLD



## SHADOW MONO-SKI

The best skiers in the world have one thing in common – the Shadow Mono-Ski by Quickie. Shadow skiers took home 13 medals at the 1994 Paralympics in Lillehammer, Norway. But you don't have to be a championship skier to enjoy what the Mono-Ski has to offer. The Mono-Ski offers the freedom of self-loading and the convenience of independent skiing. Its specially designed shock absorbers provide a smooth, stable ride, while the adjustable boot seating system gives you the control to keep running down the fall line.

GET OUT THERE and ski it for yourself.



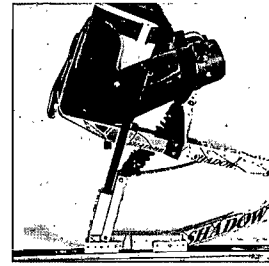
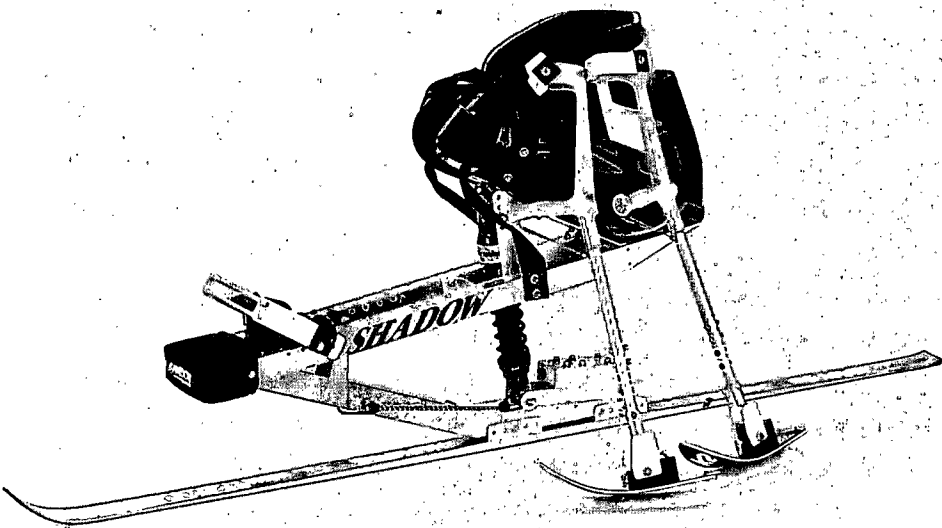
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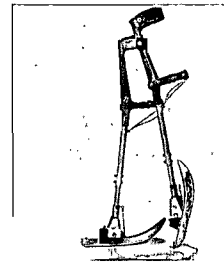
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# SHADOW

# MONO-SKI



Self-loading lift lever provides independence on and off chair lifts.



Adjustable-height outriggers feature ski or pole positions. Also available in stand-up skier sizes.

## SHADOW MONO-SKI SPECIFICATIONS

**TOP TUBE:** 1 3/4" square 6061-T6 aluminum

**DOWN TUBE:** 2" square, .083" wall, high-strength steel

**BOOT SHELL:** High-density polyethylene, vacuum formed, flexible, high resistance to cold, 4-piece shell, adjustable

**BOOT LINER:** Dual density, sandwiched closed cell foam

**SHOCK:** Speed sensitive, variable dampening, available in light, medium or heavy

**LOADING:** Self-loading/unloading lifter kit standard

**UPPER BACK SUPPORT:** Rigid, high-strength polyethylene, height-adjustable with chest strap, allows easier skiing for high level injury users.

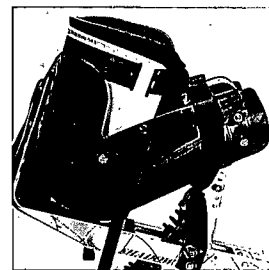
**WEIGHT:** 38 pounds

**FOOTREST:** 8" or 10", height- and angle- adjustable, with multimounting positions

**STRAPS:** Evacuation strap, safety strap, leg straps, seatbelt, knee and foot straps, boot lift straps

**OUTRIGGERS:** Adjustable height, 2-position ski tip, lightweight, aluminum shaft

**ACCESSORIES:** Boot Gator, T-bar support for knees, traveling bag for Mono-Ski, pommel/T-bar tow with quick release



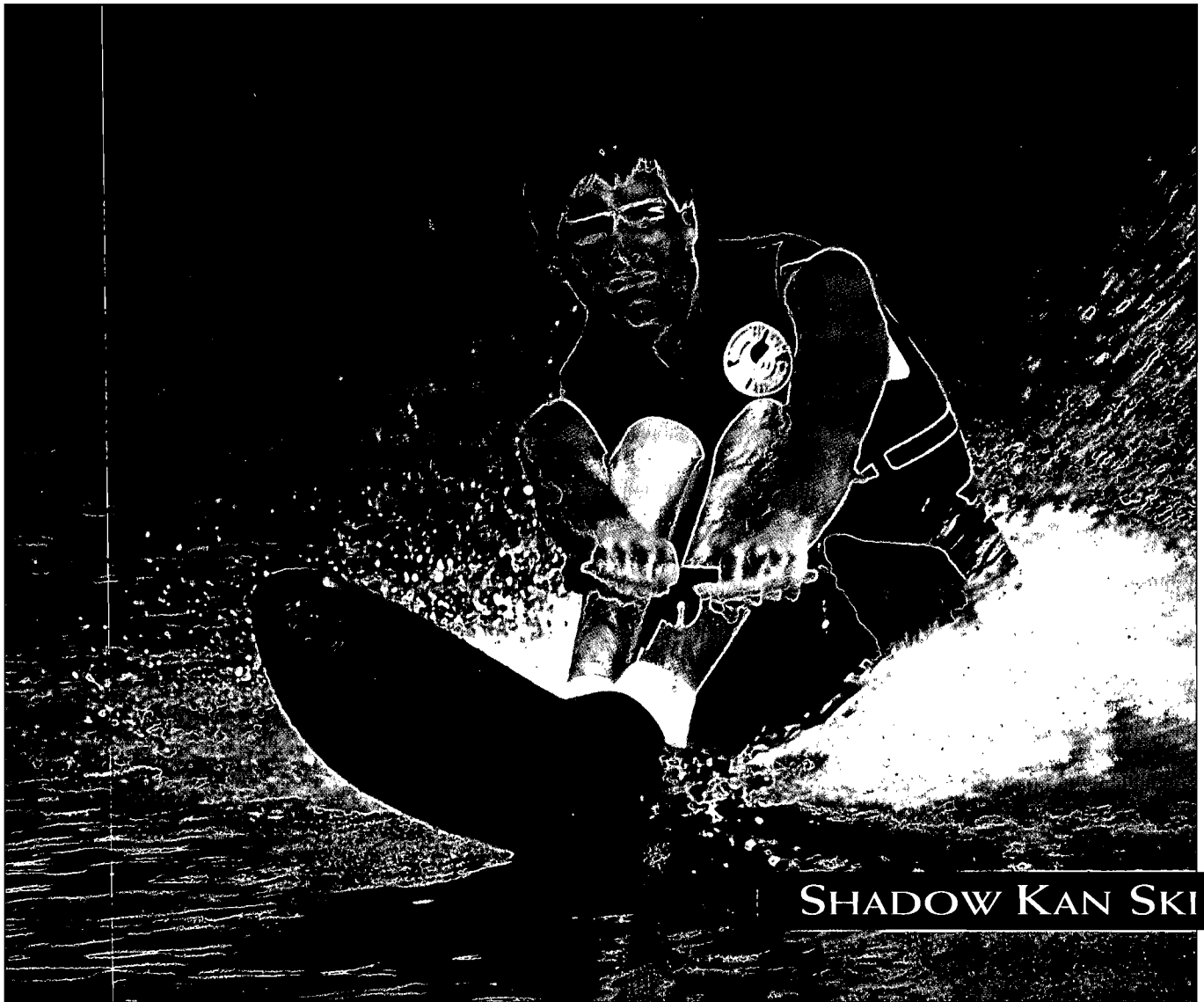
Adjustable boot seating system allows you to customize the fit for your body and skiing style.



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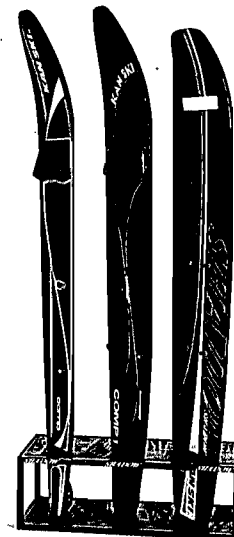
# SKIING IS BELIEVING



SHADOW KAN SKI

Water skiing is now within your reach thanks to the Shadow Kan Ski. Constructed with today's most advanced materials and sophisticated design techniques, the Kan Ski offers superb aquadynamics. Numerous athletes have become world record-holders, and people with a wide range of disabilities have learned to ski successfully with the Shadow Kan Ski. With three different boards to choose from, you can pick the ski that best suits your ability.

GET OUT THERE and discover why skiers around the world use the Shadow Kan Ski by Quickie.



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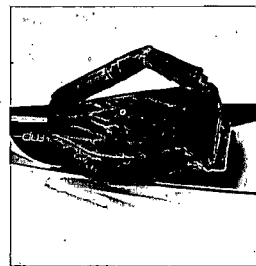
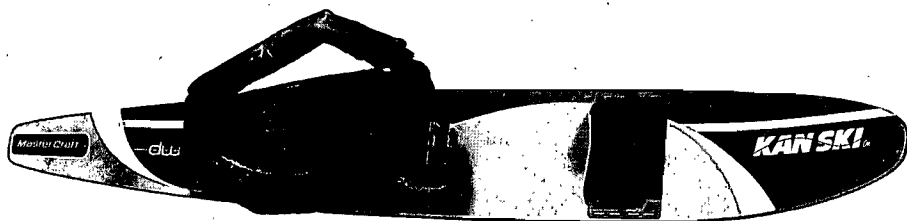


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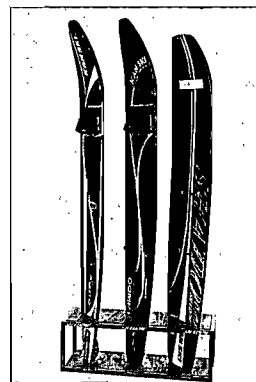
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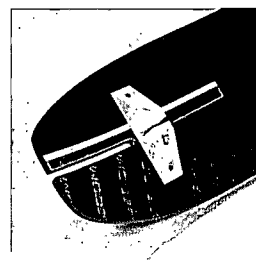
# KAN SKI



Cage is custom-built to user specifications and features para or amputee adjustable upholstery.



Pick the Ski for You!  
Quickie offers three different Shadow Kan Ski models. The Freedom board for beginners, the Comp 1 for intermediate skiers and the Super Comp for advanced skiers



Freedom notch and block system provides easy starts for beginners or skiers with limited grip. Ideal for first-time skiers and ski schools.

## SHADOW KAN SKI SPECIFICATIONS

### **FREEDOM**

**USER:** Beginner or Quad skier

**USAGE:** Learning/Recreational

**BOARD DIM:** 6' 7" x 15" wide

**BOARD COMP:** Foam core wet-wrapped graphite fiberglass

**DESIGN:** Rope guide notch & block, stabilizing tunnel, dual fins

### **COMP 1**

**USER:** Intermediate skier

**USAGE:** Recreational/Competition

**BOARD DIM:** 6' 10" x 13" wide

**BOARD COMP:** Foam core wet-wrapped graphite fiberglass

**DESIGN:** Rocker design with jet fin and cheater

### **SUPER COMP**

**USER:** Advanced skier

**USAGE:** High Performance/Competition

**BOARD DIM:** 6' 10" x 11" wide

**BOARD COMP:** Foam core wet-wrapped graphite fiberglass

**DESIGN:** Competition rear bevel, concave bottom, jet fin with cheater

### **ALL MODELS:**

**CAGE FRAME:** 7/8" 6061-T6 aluminum

**CAGE HEIGHTS:** Short, medium or tall

**CAGE WIDTHS:** 13" - 17"

**POSITIONING:** 4" adjustability, fore and aft

**UPHOLSTERY:** Cordura material, paraplegic or amputee, adjustable

**SIDE RAILS/KNEE BAR:** Foam padded with packcloth cover, adjustable knee bar available

**FOOTPLATE:** Stamped aluminum with neoprene cover and strap, 2" adjustability fore and aft

Specifications subject to change without notice.



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