

SOCIETY OF OUTDOOR RECREATION PROFESSIONALS

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Collective Strength: Working Together for Sustainable Recreation

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Our Vision

The Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals creates sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities for all.

Our Mission

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Our Values

- Collective Strength
- Sustainable Recreation
- People
- Community
- Collaboration
- Skill Development

Programs

- National Outdoor Recreation Conference
- Visitor Use Management Trainings
- Inclusive Spaces Training & Workshops
- Webinars
- Planning the Wild podcast
- Mentorship Program
- Technical assistance, resources and support



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Agency Agreements

- Outdoor Recreation Core Competencies (USFS)
- Recreation Training and Technical Assistance (USFS)
- SCORP Training and Support (NPS)
- Recreation Coalition Building in northern New Mexico (USFS)



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This framework was developed in partnership with the USFS.

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COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK

These competencies, grouped into buckets, are important skills for outdoor recreation managers and planners across the recreation workforce for the benefit of all programs, services, and activities.

LAND MANAGEMENT	RECREATION ACCESS	PROJECT MANAGEMENT	RECREATION MANAGEMENT	RECREATION PLANNING + VISTOR USE MANAGEMENT	PROGRAM + OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT	SPECIALIZED SKILLS
Historical Context of Public Lands Management	Accessibility Laws + Principles	Budgeting + Milestones	Conflict Resolution + Consensus Building	Community Context	Business Acumen	Contract Administration + Management
Interdisciplinary Collaboration	Information Access	Facilitation	Customer Service	Desired Conditions / Visioning	Management Intent	Human Dimensions Tools + Data
Land Management Jurisdiction + Policy	Physical Access	Implementation + Monitoring	Information Gathering + Management Application	Indicators + Monitoring	Operations and Maintenance	Grants + Agreements
Public Lands Law	Socioeconomic Access	Outreach + Public Input	Leadership	Management Strategies	Program Assessment	Site Design
Shared Stewardship	Welcoming + Belonging	Technical Writing	Professional Development	Scenery/Visual Resources	Safety + Risk Management	Special Uses + Permits
Tribal + Indigenous Relations			Public Speaking / Presenting	Site-Specific Policy	Operations + Maintenance	
				Visitor Preferences		

RECREATION-ADJACENT EXPERTISE

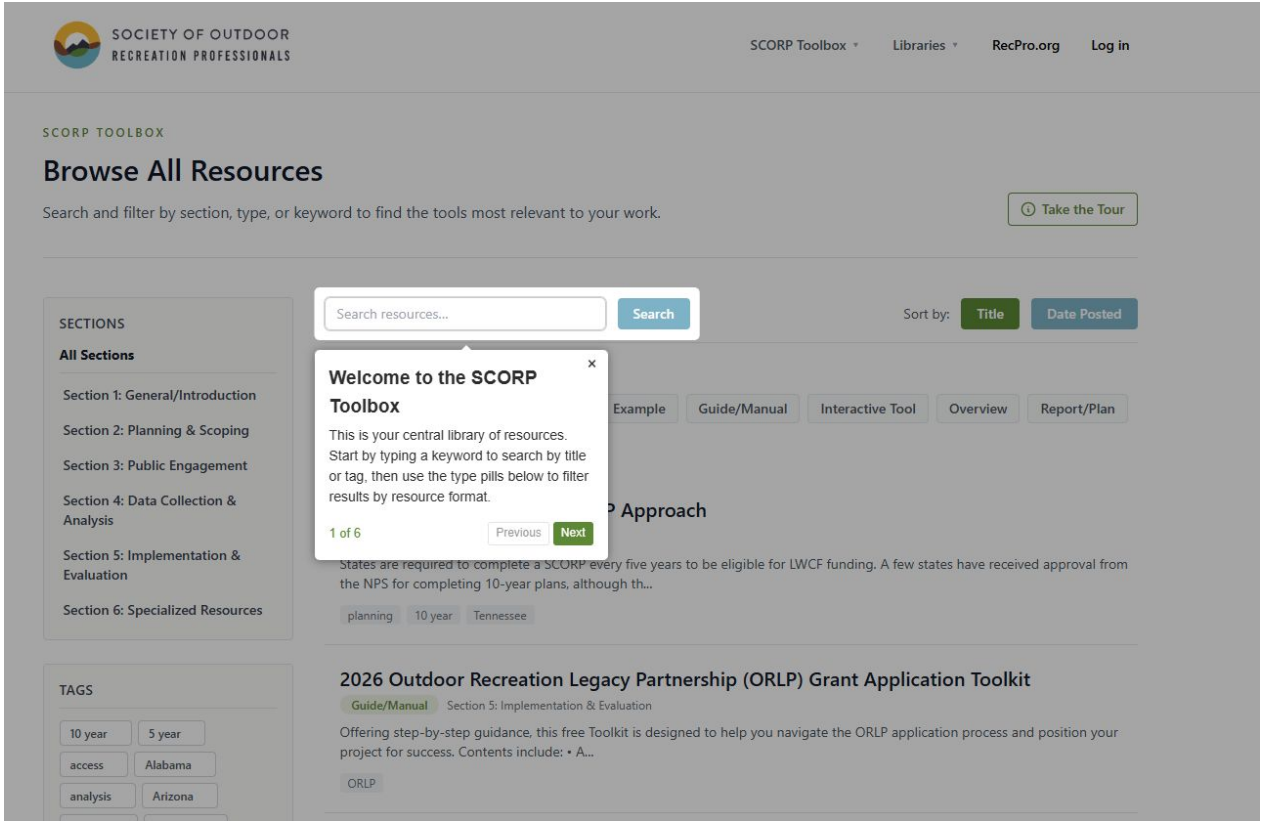
These topics, though relevant to recreation professionals, are specific fields of expertise that should be addressed and supported by trained professionals. Recreation professions should understand these topics, how they impact recreation systems, and when to defer to experts for information and decision-making support.

- Ecology/Recreation Ecology
- Engineering
- Historic/Cultural Management
- Interpretation + Education
- Landscape Architecture
- Personnel Management
- Social Science
- Tribal Relations
- Water Resource Management
- Wildlife Management

Example: Community Context

Core Competency	Entry level	Full-Performance Level	Expert Level
Community Context: Understand the unique characteristics and trends of a community to develop and enhance relevant recreation access, opportunities and associated benefits.	Identify and evaluate trend and community data for a specific project or planning area.	Collect community data from multiple sources, assess its importance and relevance, and make conclusions and recommendations related to recreation access, opportunities, and benefits for the project or planning area.	Provide guidance and recommendations within your organization on community context information collection and analysis approaches. Interpret and disseminate relevant research to ensure planners and managers have access to relevant information. Conduct research and/or identify policies to enhance recreation access, opportunities, and benefits.

SCORP Toolbox



Podcast - Season 3

- Episode 1: Shared Vision for Recreation and Trails
- Episode 2: Collective Impact Models for Recreation
- Episode 3: Planning Across Boundaries
- Episode 4: Using Data to Inform Collective Management
- Episode 5: Trail Rehab, Scenery and Restoration
- Episode 6: Expanding Capacity for Recreation
- Episode 7: Recreation Shared Stewardship



How to Engage

Activate your membership!

- Scan the QR code or visit recpro.app.neoncrm.com/forms/createaccount
- Fill out the information. **Be sure to sign up with your usace.army.mil email and specify your job title and organization as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to gain access to your agency membership.** You will create a login to use for future access to the website.

Professional development

- Attend webinars (free!) and other training opportunities such as Visitor Use Management and the National Outdoor Recreation Conference.
- Listen to our podcast Planning the Wild for ideas about recreation planning at www.recpro.org/podcast

Discussion Boards + Resource Library*

- Check out our discussion boards to discuss hot topics in the industry and share insights and perspectives.
- Find and share valuable resources on a wide range of topics! Over 1,000 resources are available with more added regularly.

Share your stories!

- We love to celebrate and showcase the incredible work of our members and their organizations. Scan the QR code to share your work.



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