§ 8223.0–5 Definitions.

(a) Research natural area means an area that is established and maintained for the primary purpose of research and education because the land has one or more of the following characteristics:

(1) A typical representation of a common plant or animal association;

(2) An unusual plant or animal association;

(3) A threatened or endangered plant or animal species;

(4) A typical representation of common geologic, soil, or water features; or

(5) Outstanding or unusual geologic, soil, or water features.

(b) [Reserved]

§ 8223.0–6 Policy.

Areas established as research natural areas shall be of sufficient number and size to adequately provide for scientific study, research, and demonstration purposes.

§ 8223.1 Use of research natural areas.

(a) No person shall use, occupy, construct, or maintain facilities in a research natural area except as permitted by law, other Federal regulations, or authorized under provisions of this subpart 8223.

(b) No person shall use, occupy, construct, or maintain facilities in a manner inconsistent with the purpose of the research natural area.

(c) Scientists and educators shall use the area in a manner that is non-destructive and consistent with the purpose of the research natural area.

§ 8224.0–1 Purpose.

This subpart provides procedures for the management and use of public lands that have ecological or other natural history values of scientific interest.