# Implementing a Transition Plan





#### How to make a Transition Plan

- I. Make a Self Evaluation
  - A. Make an assessment of Trails, Facilities, and Access Routes
  - B. Quantify Barriers Discovered
- **II.** Prioritize Improvements
  - A. Sites easiest to make Accessible (low hanging fruit)
  - B. Most used/ visited features
  - C. Most significant features in site
  - D. Provide equitable options geographically
- III. Establish a Method to Remove Barriers
  - A. Solution for each barrier
  - B. Follow best practices (Forest Service website, ABA guidelines)
- IV. Create a Timeline
  - A. Examples of Timelines
  - B. Funding Ideas
- V. Summary

### Self Evaluation: Assess Trails

Universal Trail
Assessment Process
(UTAP)



High Efficiency Trail
Assessment Process
(HETAP)

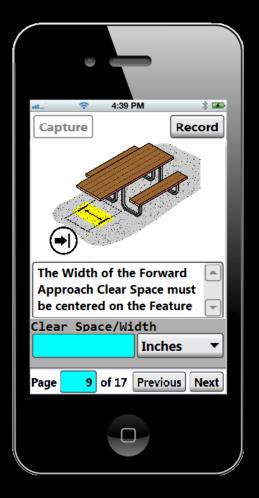


### Self Evaluation: Assess Facilities

Make assessments on all facilities and check them with the appropriate accessibility guidelines



Developed
Outdoor
Recreation
Assessment
Process



### Self Evaluation: Access Routes & ORAR



-Surface types (paved & natural surface paths)

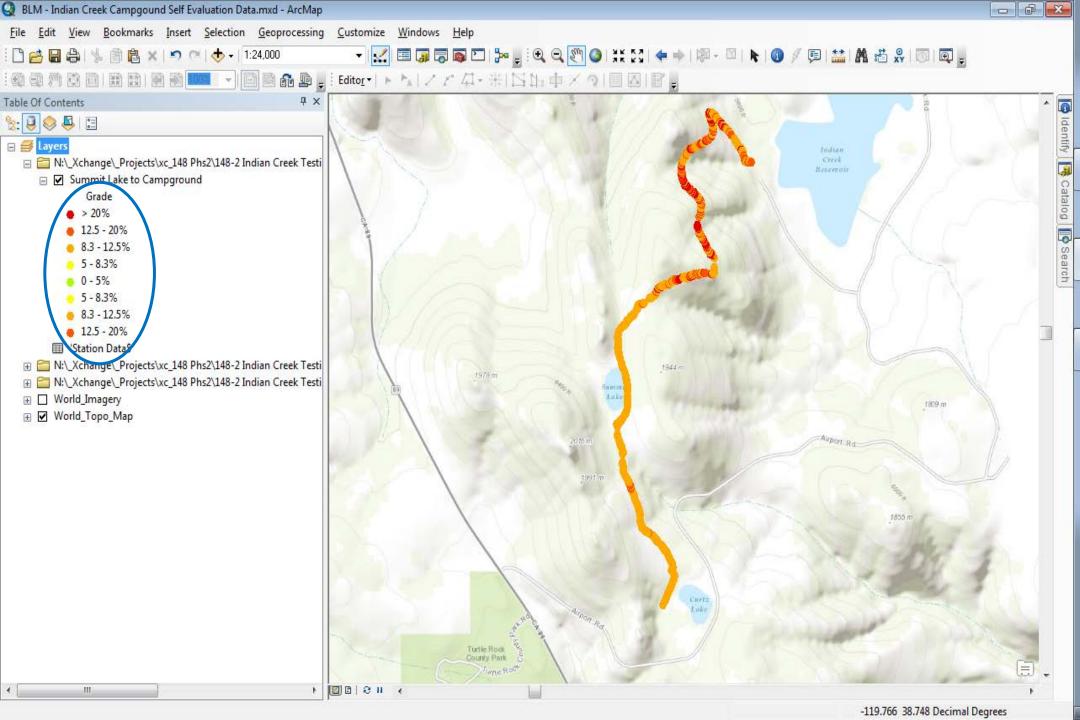


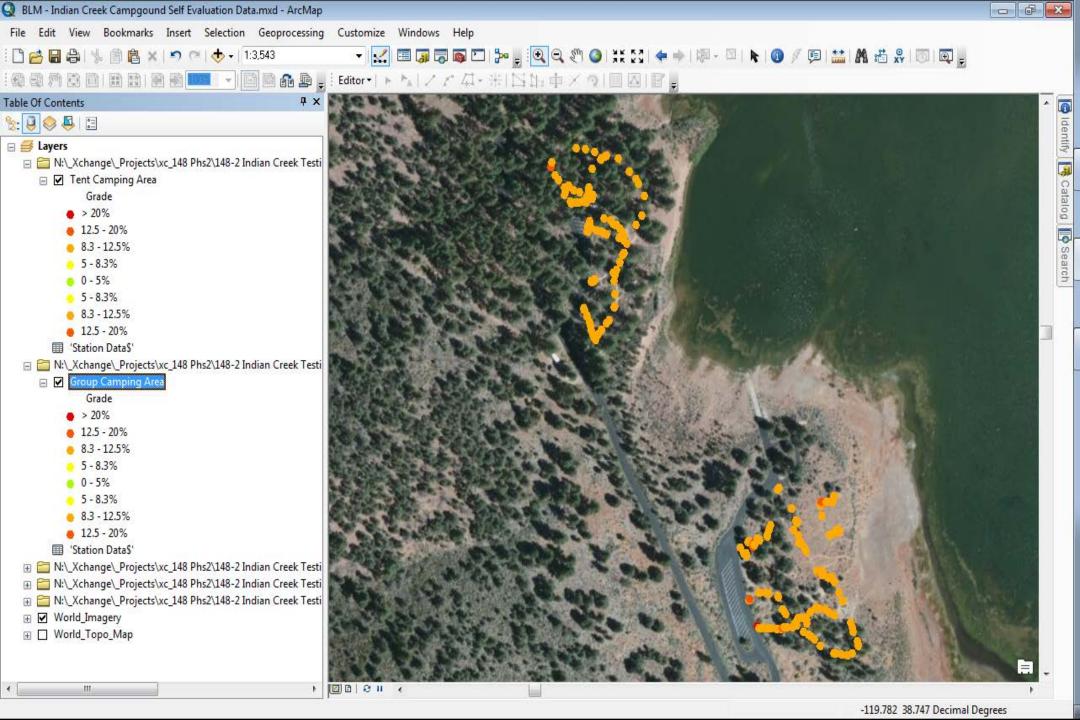
# Self Evaluation: Quantify Barriers Discovered

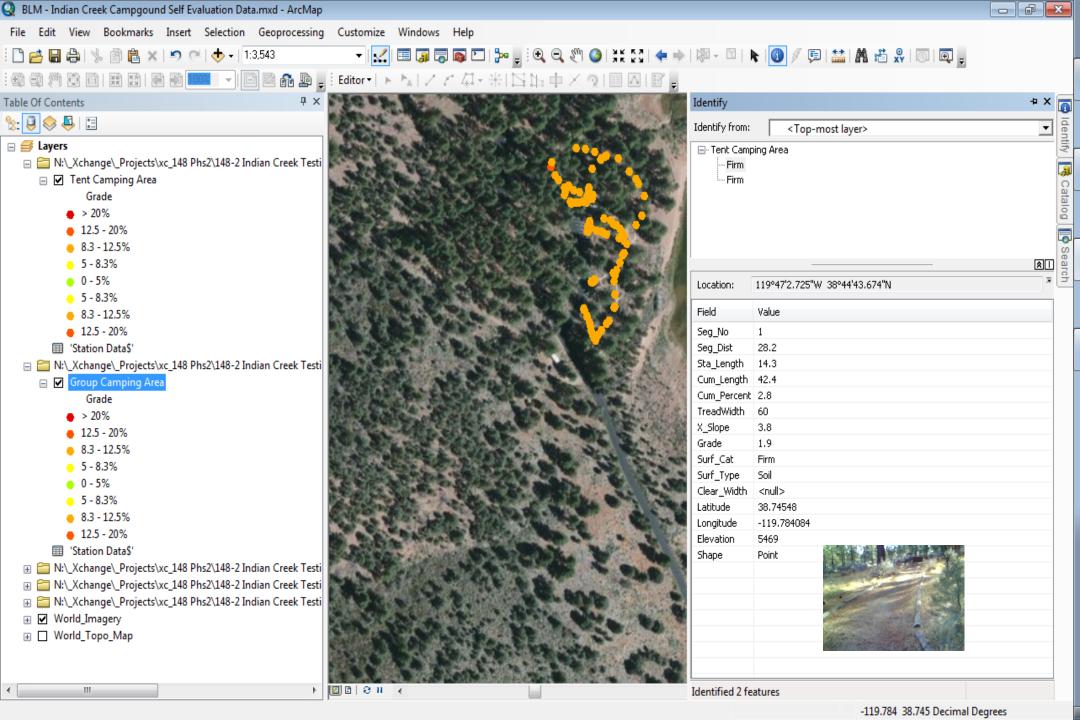


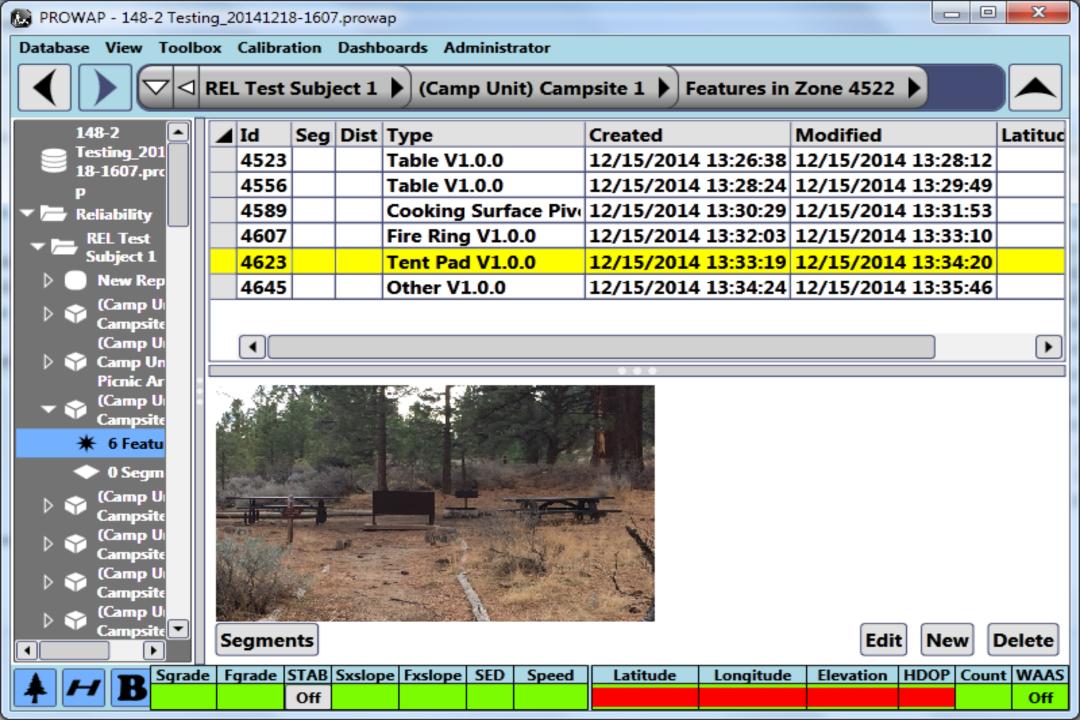


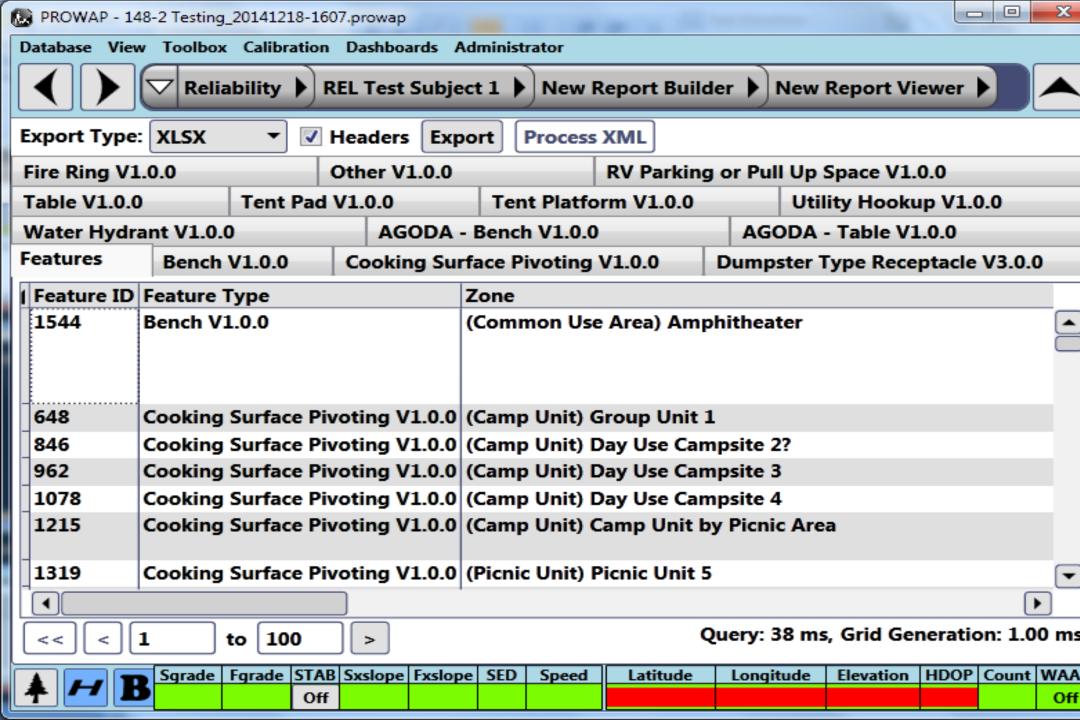


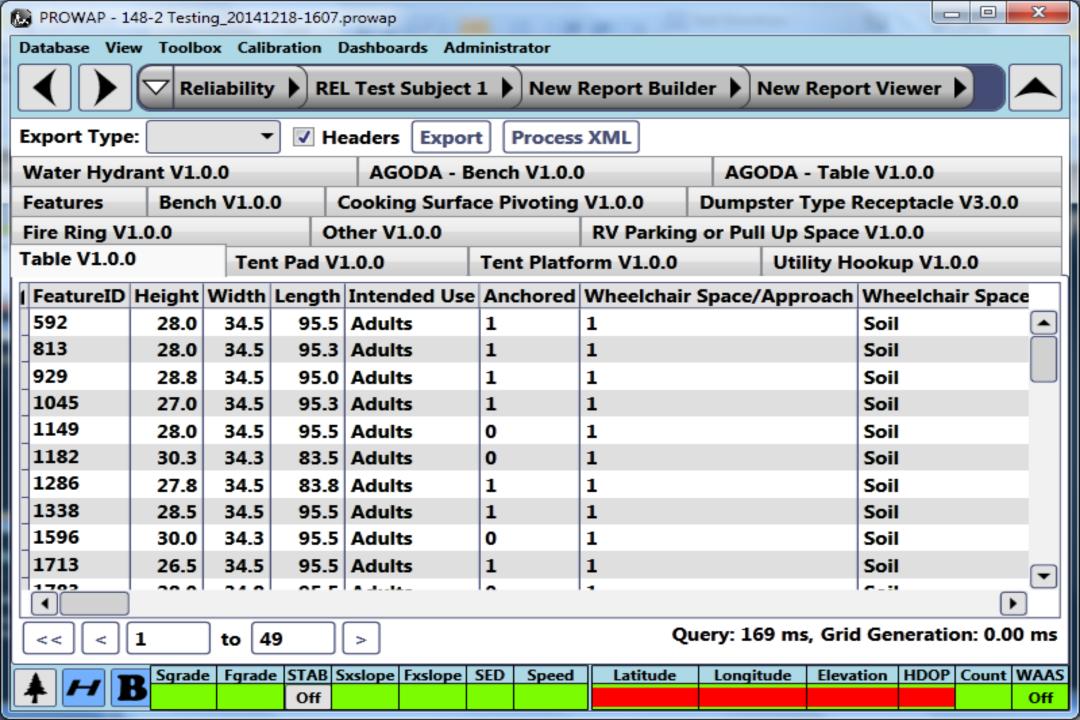


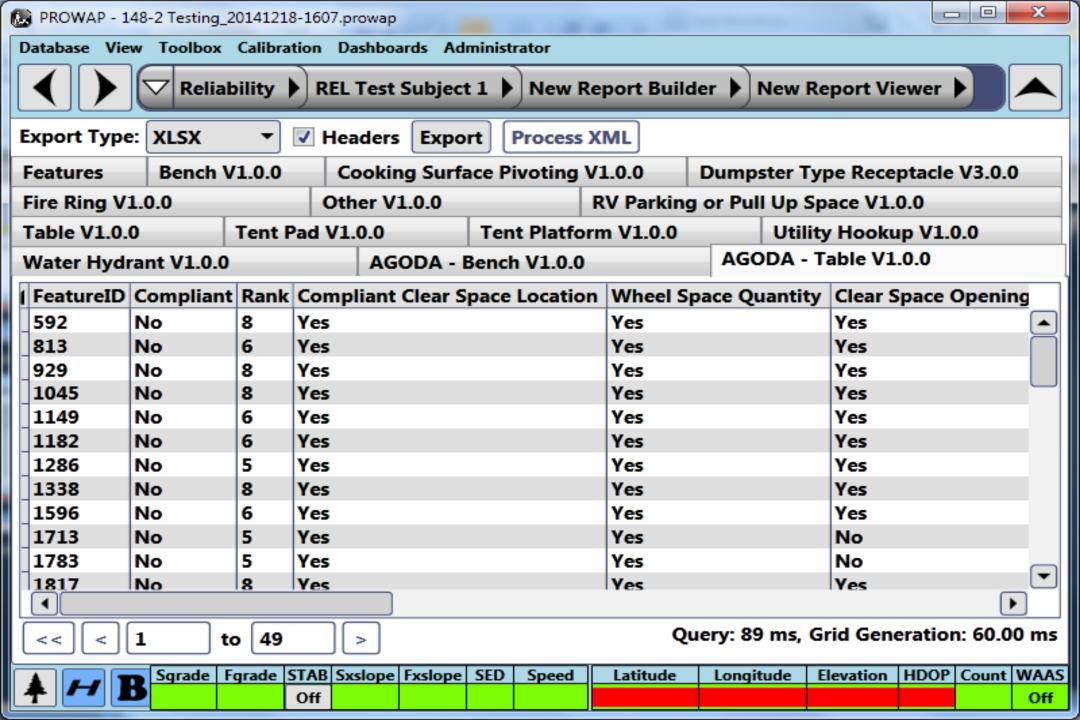






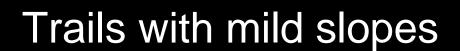






### Prioritizing: Sites Easiest to Make Accessible

Sites with some accessible facilities





Barriers that can be removed with little capitol investment

Features that can be improved with little staff time

### Prioritizing: Sites Most Used/ Visited

Facilities that receive high volumes of visitors

Popular trails or scenic views

Access Routs that connect multiple features

Trailheads





### Prioritizing: Significant Features

Questions to ask:

What is the reason the facility exists?

What is the experience provided?

What programmatic access needs to be provided?

What access routes are provided?

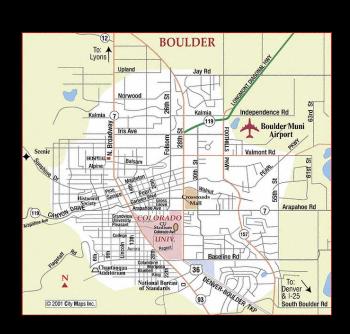
### Prioritizing: Equitable Options Geographically

Ensure that there are accessible sites spread throughout an area

Plan to make at least one of each type of facility

accessible in an area

Select sites that have the potential to serve the highest number of users



### Establishing a Method: Solutions for Each Barrier

Create standard solutions for similar issues

Provide alternative experiences

Think outside the box

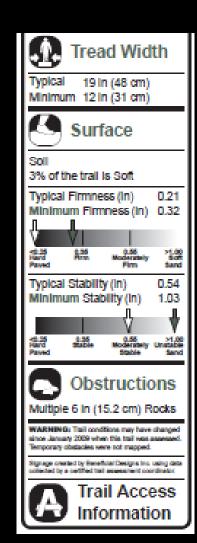




### Establishing a Method: Solutions for Each Barrier

Display objective information and let the user decide what is accessible







#### Ruins Loop

Fort Churchill State Historic Park

Length 0.6 mi (1.0 km)



Hikers



Bikes



Dogs OK



Equestrians



No Motorized Vehicles



Grade

Typical Grade 2.6%

8% of the trall is 5% to 12%

23 ft (7 m) is 12% to 17% 8% grade is a standard ramp



Cross Slope

Typical Cross Slope 5.9%

13% of the trall is 10% to 15%

455 ft (139 m) is 15% to 28% 8% grade is a standard ramp

### Establishing a Method: Follow Best Practices



ABA Guidelines for Trails and ORARs

Appropriate accessibility guidelines per state

Consider following US Forest Service model & replace with, or install only accessible features





# Timeline: Examples

Five year target: Facilities



Add accessible features to 40% of all campsites and make 20% of all campsites fully accessible



### Timeline: Examples

Five year target: Trails

Upgrade trail to most outstanding feature of the park to be fully accessible per appropriate accessibility guidelines



# Timeline: Examples

Five year target: Access Routs

Ensure all ARs and ORARs have surfaces that are firm and stable



# Timeline: Examples

Five year targets:
Pre-existing Issues

Correct all access deficiencies in built facilities per applicable guidelines





## Timeline: Funding Ideas

You Tube
Linked in.

Social Media Campaign

Delegate to outside advocates (boy scouts, trail groups, etc)

Outside funding and grants

Complete through current funding/budgets



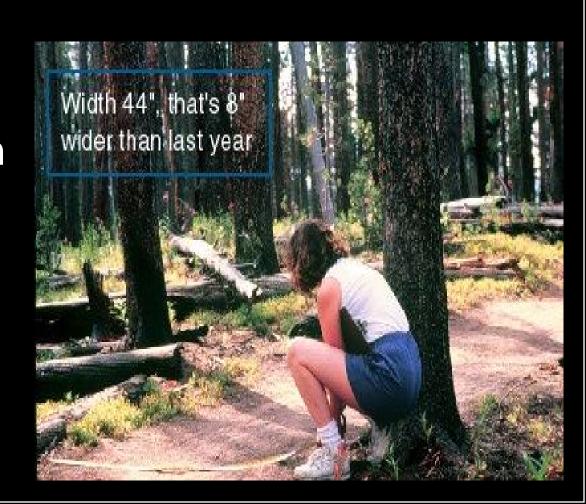
### Summary: Land Manager Benefits

Increased user safety and satisfaction

Provide more recreation opportunities

Monitoring of environmental impact

Asset Management



### Summary: Land Manager Benefits

Identification of work priorities

Enhanced planning & budgeting of projects

Provides information for GIS



### Summary: Land Manager Benefits

F244.2.1 Alterations and Additions **EXCEPTION:** Where an entity is implementing a transition plan for program accessibility that designates specific camping units to provide mobility features. The entity shall not be required to comply when altering individual elements within camping units that are not designated to provide mobility features.

#### Summary: User Benefits

Consistent information

Increased independence, safety, opportunities and enjoyment

Responsible and informed facility selection

Knowledge of actual conditions



#### Information available...





...Plan accordingly

People with Disabilities



Users with limited experience

### **Everyone benefits!**



Adults who are older or less fit





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