

This document does a good job of explaining the breakdown of this plan.

Outfitter and Guide Management Plan

Comparison of the Alternatives

Our 3 different options:

Service Days		①	②	③
Type of Use		No Action	Proposed Action	Alternative B
		Service Days	Service Days	Service Days
Current Pool	Current Allocated Priority Use	20,632	21,000	21,000
	Youth Activities and Shuttle Services (new priority use) ^b	22,000	22,000	22,000
	Temporary Use Pool (only for temporary permits)	2,000	2,000	2,000
Additional New Pool	Priority Use Pool			
	Priority Use Pool (only for priority use permit)	-	22,000	22,000
	Est. Initial Priority Use Allocated Increase ^a	-	5,627	4,171
	Pool Balance (after initial allocation)	-	16,373	22,000
	Total Service Days	44,632	67,000	71,171

Allocated increase comes from the new pool

Allocated increase doesn't come from new pool

^a The estimated "initial allocation increase" would come from the priority use pool for the Proposed Action but would not for Alt. B.

^b "Youth activities and shuttle services" refers to activities previously authorized by a temporary permit, under the authority of another type of permit, or through other agreements. These activities fall within the category of priority use. The only change would be administrative thus they have included in the total for all alternatives.

Proposals	
Proposed Action	Alternative B
Geographic Compartments will be used in evaluating proposals. Proposals may be accepted for use in any compartment if it is or can be modified to be consistent with the compartment objectives and would not contribute to identified natural or social resource concerns.	Same
Service Day Pools will be used to provide opportunities for more commercial outfitting and guiding opportunities.	Same

These are the fine print! Located in the Environmental Assessment

Proposals	
Proposed Action	Alternative B
Design Elements will be used to keep any short-term effects of the proposed action and activities within acceptable and predictable bounds. Some design elements will be applied to specific activities and/or distinct areas; others are designed to be applied to the Sawtooth NRA as a whole. A comparison of design elements by alternative can be found in Appendix A of the EA.	Same
The Proposal Evaluation Checklist will be used to ensure statutory and regulatory requirements will be met, and Forest Service and unit policy are followed. Prior to accepting a proposal, an interdisciplinary team of resource specialists will review the proposal to ensure consistency with this proposed action and other relevant planning decisions.	Same
Proposals will be accepted only during an open season prior to proposed season of operation. March 1 - April 15 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 15	Same

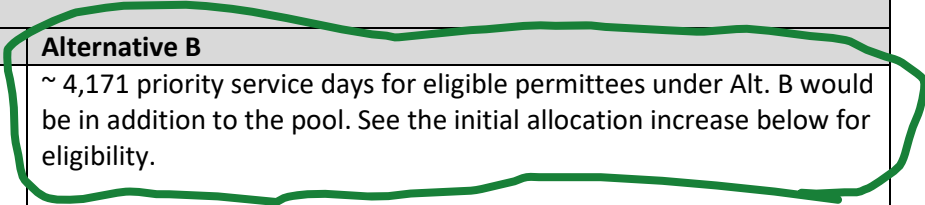
Additional New Pool explained:

Service Day Pools	
Proposed Action	Alternative B
Service Day Pools will be used to provide opportunities for more guided service days, opportunities for new guided activities, new operating areas, and new permits. Additionally, pools will be used to <u>monitor and manage the amount of guided use annually and at 5-year intervals.</u>	Same
~22,000 priority use service days would be allocated to qualified entities for ongoing youth activities and shuttle services. These service days will be held in a separate reserve solely for this purpose.	Same
An <u>additional 22,000 priority service days</u> will be available in a pool for short-term and long-term priority use. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12,000 service days for summer use 10,000 service days for winter use 	Same
No more than <u>15% (3,300 days)</u> of the original 22,000 priority use pool may be added to the pool in any <u>5-year period.</u>	Same

This makes the "pot" feel even smaller in order to add new service days!

Service Day Pools	
Proposed Action	Alternative B
Initial allocation increase: ~ 5,627 priority service days would be taken from the pool to accommodate requests from eligible permittees to address the current demand. See the initial allocation increase below for eligibility.	~ 4,171 priority service days for eligible permittees under Alt. B would be in addition to the pool. See the initial allocation increase below for eligibility.
Pool days may be used for long-term priority use allocated to an existing or new outfitter for up to 10 years.	Same
Pool days may be used to <u>increase a permittee's long-term priority use allocation once every 5 years.</u> To be eligible, permittees must demonstrate the need by utilizing short-term priority use <u>3 of the 5 years.</u>	Same
No more than 75% of the pool may be used for long-term priority use in any 5-year period. This ensures some days remain available for short-term seasonal needs.	Same
No more than 20% of a permittee's allocation may be authorized for short-term/seasonal priority use.	Same
No short-term/seasonal priority use is allowed in wilderness.	Short-term/seasonal priority use is allowed in wilderness but is limited to 200 service days total per season.

***These additional days are not given out right away. They must be acquired over 5 year intervals.



Initial Allocation Increase	
Proposed Action	Alternative B
To meet the existing demand, eligible priority use permit holders will have a <u>one-time opportunity to request</u> an initial increase of up to 50% of their current allocation of service days.	The initial increase would be equal to the highest actual use reported in the past 5 years <u>(2016 – 2020).</u>
To be eligible, permittees must show <u>actual use at or above their allocation for 3 of the past 5 years.</u> Permittees with use below their service day allocation during this time period will retain their current allocation.	Eligibility would be based on the highest actual use reported in the past 5 years (2016 – 2020). As with the Proposed Action, permittees with use at or below their service day allocation during this time period will retain their current allocation.
<u>All new service days will be split by season.</u>	Same
If applicable, adjustments will be made to split existing service days by season, wilderness/non-wilderness, district or forest. This adjustment will reflect historic use.	Same

This is pre-pandemic BEFORE we all saw and continue to see an increase in usage across the boards.



Initial Allocation Increase	
Proposed Action	Alternative B
Service days used for the initial allocation increase will come from the priority use pool. Once approved, the service days would be removed from the priority use pool.	Service days would NOT come from the pool.
The total number of priority use service days that may be allocated as a result of this opportunity is expected to be approximately 5,627.	The total number of priority use service days that may be allocated as a result of this opportunity is expected to be approximately 4,171.

Temporary Permits	
Proposed Action	Alternative B
2,000 service days are maintained in a pool for temporary permits.	Same
No more than two temporary permits may be issued to any one holder within a 5-year period.	Same