

## Requesting a Reduced Area 6(f)(3) BOUNDARY MAP for a Lesser Unit

- The area to be included within the 6(f)(3) BOUNDARY MAP will be the entire PARK, OPEN SPACE, or recreation area except in unusual cases where it can be shown a LESSER UNIT is clearly a self-sustaining public outdoor recreation resource.
- A LESSER UNIT will be considered only when there is a larger PARK where logical management units exist that result in smaller self-sustaining public outdoor recreation areas.
- To be a logical management unit and self-sustaining means the smaller area stands-alone for its operation and maintenance and does not rely on the larger PARK for access to it.
- NPS makes the final determination for whether a LESSER UNIT can be used for the 6(f)(3) BOUNDARY MAP.

Examples of smaller units of a larger PARK that could have a 6(f)(3) BOUNDARY MAP that does not include the entire PARK that could be approved by NPS:

- A subunit of a large regional PARK that has its own name, access and assigned PARK staff.
- A subunit of a PARK that is operated and maintained by a concessionaire separately from the rest of the PARK and still has its own public access not dependent on the larger PARK.
- A subunit of a larger PARK that is geographically separate from the larger PARK with no connectivity to the larger PARK and still has its own public access not dependent on the larger PARK.

### Source:

NPS *LWCF State Assistance MANUAL, effective October 1, 2008, Chapter 6.B.5*. See NPS web site at: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/lwcf-manual.htm>. See Definitions for the link to the NPS LWCF manual.

### **Process to request a LESSER UNIT, which can only can be used for a new 6(f)(3) BOUNDARY MAP:**

1. Provide a copy of the proposed 6(f)(3) BOUNDARY MAP showing the boundary of the LESSER UNIT. The 6(f)(3) BOUNDARY MAP must include entry for the public to get to the lesser unit.
2. Provide a map of the entire PARK showing the location of the LESSER UNIT.
3. Explain how the LESSER UNIT is clearly a self-sustaining public outdoor recreation resource. For example, NPS approved a 6(f)(3) BOUNDARY MAP with a LESSER UNIT for a large regional PARK that has separately named sub-units which are not contiguous with each other. These sub-units are also separated by a six lane highway, private businesses and residences with no linkage other than public roads.

4. Explain how the LESSER UNIT is a logical management unit. This would be shown by describing how its operation and maintenance is separate from the larger PARK and how it does not rely on the larger PARK for its entry.
5. Explain why the entire PARK should not or cannot be placed under 6(f)(3) protection.

If a viable reason cannot be given, it is likely that NPS will require the entire PARK to be covered by the 6(f)(3) BOUNDARY MAP.