

ARARA 2007 Field Trip Selection

The field trips were scheduled in three passes using the following process:

1. Field trip applications were ordered by date (post mark or email) and ordered within date by post then email. The ordered applications were assigned sequential group numbers.
2. Each group was assigned two random numbers used to order the groups for trip selection. One random number was used for the primary trip assignment. The other was used for the secondary trip assignment. The use of two random numbers put all applications on an equal footing for selecting trips.
3. Any application that was received before April 1 was returned to the requestor for submittal during the window. Any application received after April 30 was assigned a group number starting at 100 to designate they were on the wait list.
4. Primary and secondary trip assignments were made for all groups received within the April 1 - April 30 window.
5. After the primary and secondary trips were assigned, trips were assigned to the wait list groups.
6. If it was beneficial in providing a second trip, the selected day was changed. Any changes were based using the requester's trip selection. No changes were made using a trip not on the requester's application.
7. When trip names and trip numbers were inconsistent, the trip name was used.
8. Trip selections were limited to the first six listed.

The most popular field trips are

1. Bear Gulch
2. Weatherman Draw et al.
3. Bruner Ranch

These trips filled in the first selection pass.

There weren't enough available trips for everyone to get a second trip. All of those who were not scheduled for second trips self-limited their choices in one or more of the following ways:

1. Having all their selections being on same day,
2. Limiting themselves to two of three trips,
3. Using most of their selections on the most popular