## Drone Classification Additional Notes October 23, 2023 - December 29, 2023

## **Values**

The classifications and conditions were developed using 4 values:

- Resource Protection
- Operational & Recreation Management.

- Land Use Designations
- Public Safety

## **Definitions**

Park areas will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in the drone map classification criteria table below and given one of the following classifications:

<u>Prohibited (RED)</u>: Areas that reflect a high degree of sensitivity relating to the natural, cultural, or scenic resources or pose a risk to public safety will be closed to takeoff or landing. Exceptions for special circumstances such as commercial filming can be made through an authorized special use permit.

<u>Conditional (YELLOW/ORANGE)</u>: Areas that contain some of the same values as restricted areas but have seasonal variability or when limited drone activity doesn't create a negative impact to resources or public safety.

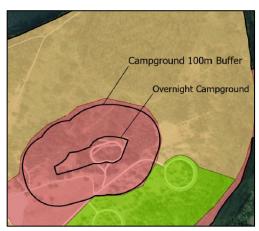
<u>Open (GREEN)</u>: Areas that pose little to no negative threat to park resources or public safety.



Graphic 2: This is the legend that will be on the maps.

## **Classification Criteria Notes**

- The maps will only apply to the take-off and landing of drones, flight regulation is under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) jurisdiction.
- Prohibited areas include a 100-meter buffer zone for resource protection. See Graphic 3.
- Small areas under 2-acre thresholds that are surrounded by prohibited areas will also be classified as prohibited.
- Seasonal nesting seasons for conditional area will be consistent statewide for each species.



Graphic 3: Prohibited areas include a 100-meter buffer zone for resource protection.