

# Bangtails Travel Planning Area

## A. Alternative Travel Area Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines

### Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternative 1

Alternative 1 is the “no action” alternative. There would be no changes to current management direction applicable to travel management.

### Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternatives 2 through 7-M

**GOAL 1: Summer Recreation Use.** Provide opportunities for pleasure driving, ATV, motorcycle and mountain bike use primarily, with lesser emphasis on a non-motorized road/trail system designed exclusively for hiking and horse use. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

**OBJ. 1-1a:** Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of summer recreation use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 6, but the miles of opportunity varies as displayed in the table below. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 12 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
<b>Pleasure Driving</b>							
Miles of Road	18	18	23	23	23	23	23
<b>Backcountry Roads (4x4)</b>							
Miles of Road	13	13	15	15	8	15	7
<b>ATV</b>							
Miles of Road	3	3	33	33	33	29	34
Miles of Trail	7	7	12	12	12	7	12
Total Miles	10	10	45	45	45	36	46
<b>Motorcycle</b>							
Miles of Road	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	4	4	4	0	0	0	14
Total Miles	5	5	5	0	0	0	14
<b>Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)</b>							
Miles of Road	42	42	52	52	52	52	54
Miles of Trail	36	36	36	36	36	36	37
Total Miles	78	78	89	89	89	89	91
<b>Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)</b>							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*
<b>Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)</b>							
Miles of Trail	36	0	0	0	26	26	26
<b>Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)</b>							
Miles of Trail	0	36	36	36	10	10	10
<b>Hiking (Use Emphasized)</b>							
Miles of Trail	36	36	26	26	26	26	26

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Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
<b>Hiking (Use Allowed)</b>							
Miles of Trail	0	0	10	10	10	10	10
* Use for this activity is not prohibited on any trails; use is either emphasized or allowed.							
** Use for this activity is prohibited on some trails.							

**OBJ. 1-1b:** Achieve the summer recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 1 through the route-by-route management decisions made through this Travel Plan. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for summer uses under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

**OBJ. 1-2:** Provide up to 5 miles of additional ATV/motorcycle and mountain bike connector routes. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 5, and 7-M. In Alternative 6 a similar objective would be included for mountain bike routes only.*

**GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use.** Provide opportunities for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

**OBJ. 2-1a:** Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of winter recreation use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 6, however the amount of opportunity varies as shown in the following tables. The column for Alternative 7-M is displayed for comparison only.*

**OBJ. 2-1b:** Achieve the winter recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 2 through the marked and groomed route management decisions made through this Travel Plan along with decisions made on the area available to snowmobiles. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for winter uses under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

Table II – 13 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
<b>Pleasure Driving (Plowed Road)</b>							
Miles of Plowed Road	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Snowmobiling</b>							
Miles of Groomed Trail	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Miles of Marked Trail	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Total Miles	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
<b>Cross-country Skiing</b>							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	26	26	26	26	10	26	26
Total Miles	26	26	26	26	10	26	26

Table II - 14 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
<b>Snowmobiling</b>							
Yearlong Closure							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	387	2409	2409	2409	0	2409	2409
Seasonal Closure <u>2/</u>							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Restrictions							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	16133	14111	14111	14111	16520	14111	14111
Net	16520	16520	16520	16520	16520	16520	16520

2/ Note: Seasonal restrictions are displayed under the route-by-route management section.

**OBJ. 2-2: Parking Facility.** Provide a parking facility to accommodate snowmobile transport vehicles along the first 2 or 3 miles of the Jackson Creek Road (#977). *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

**GOAL 3: Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Habitat.** Provide a road and trail system that results in contributed sediment levels that maintains Yellowstone cutthroat trout habitat at 90% of its potential habitat capability. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

In this Travel Planning Area, this goal is pursued through application of Forest-wide standards.

**GOAL 4: Other Resource Protection.** Provide a road and trail system that accommodates traffic consistent with protecting soil and watershed condition. *This goal applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

**OBJ. 4-1.** Repair damage to road and trail system and schedule maintenance to attain conditions that are non-erosive. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

**OBJ. 4-2.** Provide interpretive/educational signing along motorized routes and in affected areas, asking users seeking camp spots to stay out of wet, muddy and shrubby areas, and to keep vehicles (and campsites) a minimum distance (e.g. 50 feet) from lakes, ponds, rivers and streams. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

## B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

[See attached table.](#)

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