

Big Sky 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 a variety of opportunities for summer recreation use with a mix of motorized and non-motorized opportunities. *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, however, the amount of opportunity varies as shown in the table below. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 20 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
Pleasure Driving							
Miles of Road	5	5	17	17	17	17	17
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	12	12	1	1	1	1	1
ATV							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	9	9	24	24	24	0	25
Total Miles	9	9	24	24	24	0	25
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	0	6	5	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	0	6	5	0	0	0	0
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	17	17	2	2	2	2	2
Miles of Trail	49	49	57	57	57	43	57
Total Miles	66	66	59	59	59	45	59
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	0**	0**	0**	2	0**
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	49	49	35	35	23	23	35
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	14	14	26	26	14
Hiking (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	49	45	57	57	57	49	58

Table II – 20 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
Hiking (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	4	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*
* 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 an ATV/motorcycle connector trail from the Buck Ridge Trail into the First, Second and Third Yellowmules as a replacement opportunity for eliminating motorized use on the Buck Creek Trail. *This objective applies to Alternative 3, 4, 5 and 7-M.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for cross-country skiing and snowmobile use. *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 table below. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 21 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
Pleasure Driving (Plowed Road)							
Miles of Plowed Road	13	13	14	14	14	14	14
Snowmobiling							
Miles of Groomed Trail	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Cross-country Skiing							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Miles of Marked Trail	22	22	25	25	25	25	25
Total Miles	22	22	26	26	26	26	26

Table II - 22 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Snowmobiling							
Yearlong Closure							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	449	449	4,204	7,300	7,300	7,300	4,204

Table II - 22 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Seasonal Closure <u>2/</u>							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	8,057	8,057	8,057	8,519	8,519	8,519	8,057
No Restrictions							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	9,292	9,292	5,537	1,979	1,979	1,979	5,537
Net	17,798	17,798	17,798	17,798	17,798	17,798	17,798
<u>2/</u> Note: Seasonal restrictions are displayed under the route-by-route management section.							

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.*

GOAL 3: Trail Administration. Eliminate Forest Service administration of urban park-like trails in this Travel Planning Area. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 3-1: Transfer road and trail easements to the Big Sky community. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

[See attached table.](#)

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