

Gardiner Basin 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 summer recreation use with an emphasis on hiking/horseback riding of area trails and providing passenger vehicle access for firewood gathering and trailhead access on area roads. *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. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 72 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	13	13	15	13	13	13	13
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	22	22	20	22	22	22	23
ATV							
Miles of Road	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	37	37	25	25	25	25	25
Miles of Trail	14	14	3	3	3	3	3
Total Miles	51	51	28	28	28	28	28
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	1	1	0**	0**	0**	0**	10
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	16	16	13	12	16	16	12
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	3	4	0*	0*	4
Hiking (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	16	16	16	16	16	16	16

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Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Hiking (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	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 loop routes for mountain bike use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 3 through 6, but the number and location of routes vary by alternative.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide limited opportunities for snowmobile use on area roads and cross-country skiing on select trails. *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 – 73 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	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Snowmobiling							
Miles of Groomed Trail	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Cross-country Skiing							
Miles of Groomed Trail	16	16	22	22	15	15	15
Miles of Marked Trail	7	7	0	0	7	7	7
Total Miles	23	23	22	22	22	22	22

Table II - 74 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	12,010	12,010	12,856	12,856	12,856	12,856	12,856

Table II - 74 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Restrictions							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	11,276	11,276	10,430	10,430	10,430	10,430	10,430
Net	23,286	23,286	23,286	23,286	23,286	23,286	23,286

2/ 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: Fisheries. Provide habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in Darroch Creek and Little Trail Creek. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

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

B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

[See attached table.](#)

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