

Hyalite 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 both motorized and non-motorized summer recreation use with emphasis on family-oriented hiking, biking and pleasure driving. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 5, and 7-M. Alternative 6 would not provide much opportunity for motorized recreation in favor of reducing open motorized route density.*

OBJ. 1-1a: Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of summer recreation use. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of opportunity varies between alternatives as shown in the following table. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 80 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	24	24	25	25	25	25	25
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	11	11	18	18	17	8	17
ATV							
Miles of Road	10	9	12	12	12	12	12
Miles of Trail	16	13	5	5	5	5	5
Total Miles	26	22	17	17	17	17	17
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	41	41	28	32	32	32	33
Miles of Trail	25	24	30	29	21	21	19
Total Miles	66	65	58	61	53	53	52
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0**	0**	0**	1	1	5
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	25	21	3	3	18	18	8
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	3	13	13	7	7	17

Table II – 80 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 Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	25	22	27	27	18	18	18
Hiking (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	3	0*	0*	7	7	7
* 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 a system of 2 to 6 mountain bike loop trails linking Hyalite Canyon to the Bozeman Creek and Cottonwood Creek drainages. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 1-3a: Provide a paved trail from the mouth of the canyon to the reservoir to accommodate biking, roller-blading, etc. and remove the non-motorized traffic from Hyalite Road. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 3 and 4. This objective is not included in Alternative 2 because this alternative is designed to be similar to the no action alternative and there would be little investment in new trails. Alternatives 5 and 6 exclude the idea of a new trail in favor of maintaining better riparian habitat on the west side of Hyalite Creek.*

OBJ. 1-3b: Widen the Hyalite Road from the mouth of the canyon to the reservoir to accommodate biking, roller-blading, etc. *This objective is applicable to Alternative 7-M.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide for a variety of winter recreation opportunities with an emphasis on family-oriented cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. *This goal is applicable 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 is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of opportunity varies between alternatives as shown in the following table. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 81 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	2	9	13	6	11	9	9

Table II – 81 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
Snowmobiling							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	1	0	0	0	12
Total Miles	0	0	1	0	0	0	12
Cross-country Skiing							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	2	0	7	0	2	0
Miles of Marked Trail	40	33	34	36	37	36	41
Total Miles	40	35	34	43	37	38	41

Table II - 82 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	379	379	19,279	20,281	20,281	20,281	16,490
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	19,902	19,902	1,002	0	0	0	3,791
Net	20,281	20,281	20,281	20,281	20,281	20,281	20,281

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.*

OBJ. 2-2: Improve winter passenger vehicle access through the Hyalite Canyon to access winter recreation opportunities including cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice climbing and fishing. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 2-3: Provide loop trails for family-oriented day-use skiing. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 2-4: Provide ski trail connectors to the Bozeman Creek and Cottonwood Creek drainages for more advanced skiers. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

STANDARD 2-5: Use of sand or salt (NaCl) on the Hyalite Road is to be prohibited. *This standard is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

GOAL 3: Fisheries. Provide habitat for westslope cutthroat trout in Wildhorse 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.

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 motorized 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.](#)

