

# Ibex 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 that include hiking, mountain biking, ATV and motorcycle use. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M, however motorized use would be dropped from the goal statement in Alternative 6, and ATV use would be dropped from the goal statement in Alternative 7-M.*

**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 – 84 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	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Backcountry Roads (4x4)</b>							
Miles of Road	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>ATV</b>							
Miles of Road	2	2	2	1	1	0	1
Miles of Trail	34	29	25	16	16	0	0
Total Miles	36	31	27	17	17	0	1
<b>Motorcycle</b>							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Miles of Trail	0	5	8	10	0	0	12
Total Miles	0	5	8	11	0	0	13
<b>Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)</b>							
Miles of Road	17	17	1	1	1	1	5
Miles of Trail	36	36	34	34	34	34	35
Total Miles	53	53	35	35	35	35	40
<b>Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)</b>							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	2	2	2	2	1
<b>Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)</b>							
Miles of Trail	36	36	9	9	36	36	18
<b>Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)</b>							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	27	27	0*	0*	18
<b>Hiking (Use Emphasized)</b>							
Miles of Trail	36	19	24	24	24	36	17

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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*	17	12	12	12	0*	19
* 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 loop for motorcycles and mountain bikes connecting some lower elevation trails. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 3 through 5. The objective is dropped in Alternatives 2, 6 and 7-M.*

**OBJ. 1-3:** Secure easements through private land on roads and trails designated for public use. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

**OBJ. 1-4:** Provide additional public access to National Forest land between Porcupine cabin and the Middle Fork Rock Creek. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

**GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use.** Provide opportunities for winter recreation use, emphasizing snowmobile use. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 4, and 6. In Alternatives 5 and 7-M, snowmobiling would not be an emphasis.*

**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 among alternatives as shown in the following table. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 85 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	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Snowmobiling</b>							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	4	4	13	13	0	3	5
Total Miles	4	4	13	13	0	3	5
<b>Cross-country Skiing</b>							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	3	7	12	12	14
Total Miles	0	0	3	7	12	12	14

<b>Recreation Opportunity</b>	<b>Alt. 1</b>	<b>Alt. 2</b>	<b>Alt. 3</b>	<b>Alt. 4</b>	<b>Alt. 5</b>	<b>Alt. 6</b>	<b>Alt. 7-M</b>
<b>Snowmobiling</b>							
Yearlong Closure							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	0	0	0	0	8,223	0	5,857
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	12,781	12,781	12,781	12,781	4,558	12,781	6,924
Net	12,781	12,781	12,781	12,781	12,781	12,781	12,781

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: Cultural Resources.** Regulate travel to maintain the integrity of the significant cultural resource landscape that is of important interest to the Crow Tribe. *This goal applies to Alternatives 5 and 6.*

**OBJ. 3-1:** Eliminate motorized use in the core high-country of the Crazy Mountains above private land. *This objective applies to Alternatives 5 and 6.*

**GOAL 4: Fisheries.** Provide habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in Cottonwood Creek and the Middle and North Forks of Horse 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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