

Mill Creek 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, but separate opportunities for both motorized and non-motorized summer recreation use. Emphasize passenger vehicle travel along the existing network of open roads either for pleasure driving or to provide access to specific destinations. Emphasize hiking and horseback riding on area trails and ATV/motorcycle use in the Chico Peak area. *This goal is applicable 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 is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 105 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	15	15	20	20	20	20	19
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	22	22	23	23	23	23	23
ATV							
Miles of Road	0	0	44	27	17	17	30
Miles of Trail	23	10	4	3	2	2	2
Total Miles	23	10	48	30	19	19	32
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	0	11	10	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	0	11	10	0	0	0	0
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	74	74	64	47	47	47	60
Miles of Trail	38	37	46	46	43	43	26
Total Miles	112	111	110	93	90	90	86
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	1	1	0**	0**	0**	0**	4
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	39	37	57	57	57	58	36
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	2	0*	0*	0**	0*	3

Table II – 105 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	39	39	58	58	58	58	37
Hiking (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	2
* 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 1 or 2 ATV/motorcycle loop trails in the Chico Peak area. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 4, and 7-M. Alternatives 5 and 6 place more emphasis on maintaining lower open motorized route densities and therefore this objective is not consistent with those alternatives.*

OBJ. 1-3: Provide additional road access to the Forest between Pine Creek and Mill Creek. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for snowmobiling, 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 among alternatives as shown in the following table. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 106 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	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Snowmobiling							
Miles of Groomed Trail	12	12	12	12	12	9	12
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	12	12	12	12	12	9	12
Cross-country Skiing							
Miles of Groomed Trail	3	3	1	3	3	3	3
Miles of Marked Trail	11	11	25	23	11	11	29
Total Miles	14	14	26	26	14	14	32

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	10,375	13,971	13,971	13,971	27,498	13,971	24,124
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	59,541	55,945	55,945	55,945	42,418	55,945	45,792
Net	69,916	69,916	69,916	69,916	69,916	69,916	69,916

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 Mill Creek, East Fork of Mill Creek and Sixmile 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 4a: Other Resource Protection. Provide a road system that accommodates traffic consistent with protecting soil and watershed condition. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6.*

OBJ. 4a-1: Schedule maintenance to prevent erosion on this Travel Planning Area’s system of roads. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6.*

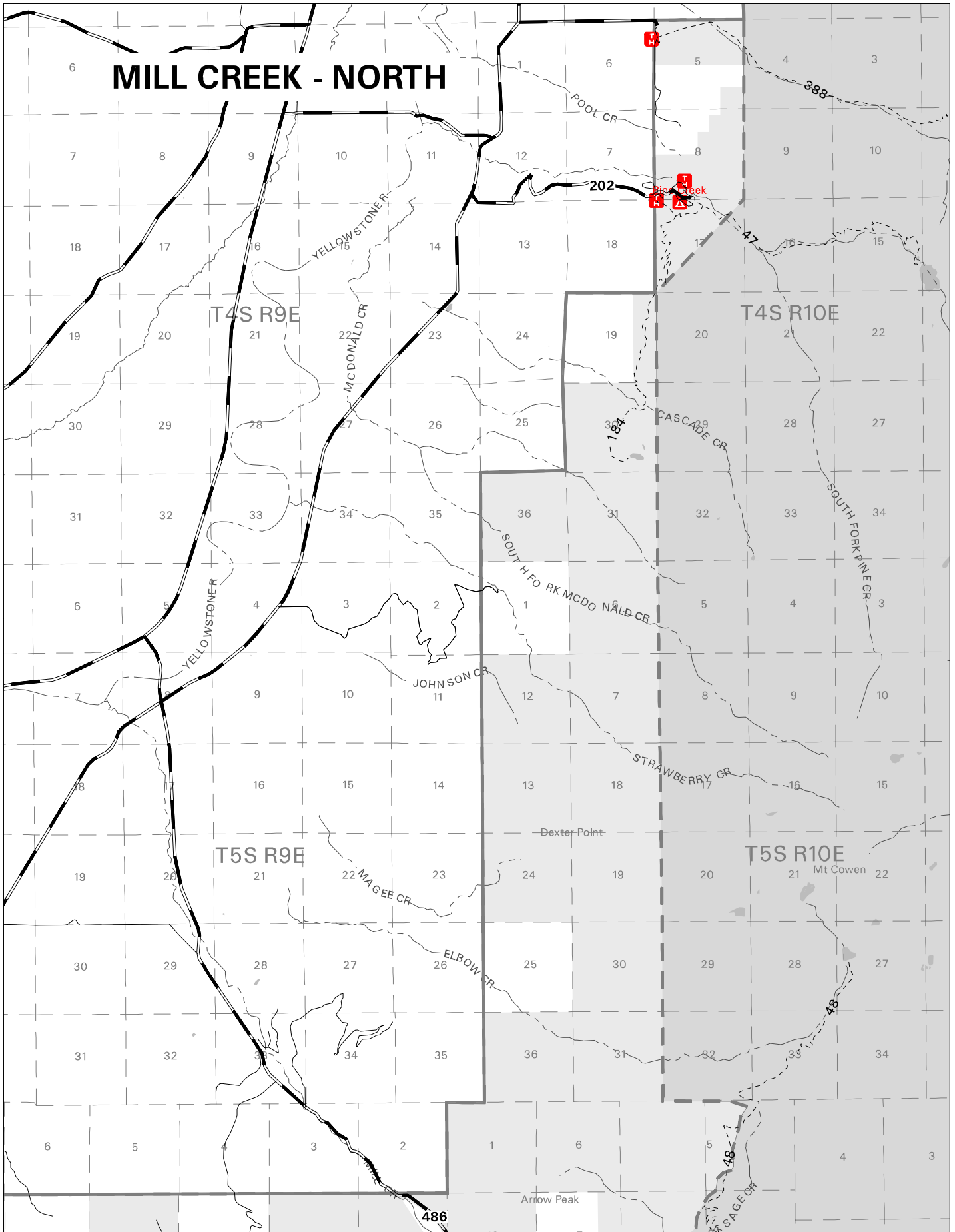
GOAL 4b: Other Resource Protection. Provide a road and trail system that accommodates traffic consistent with protecting soil and watershed condition. *This goal applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

OBJ. 4b-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. 4b-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.*

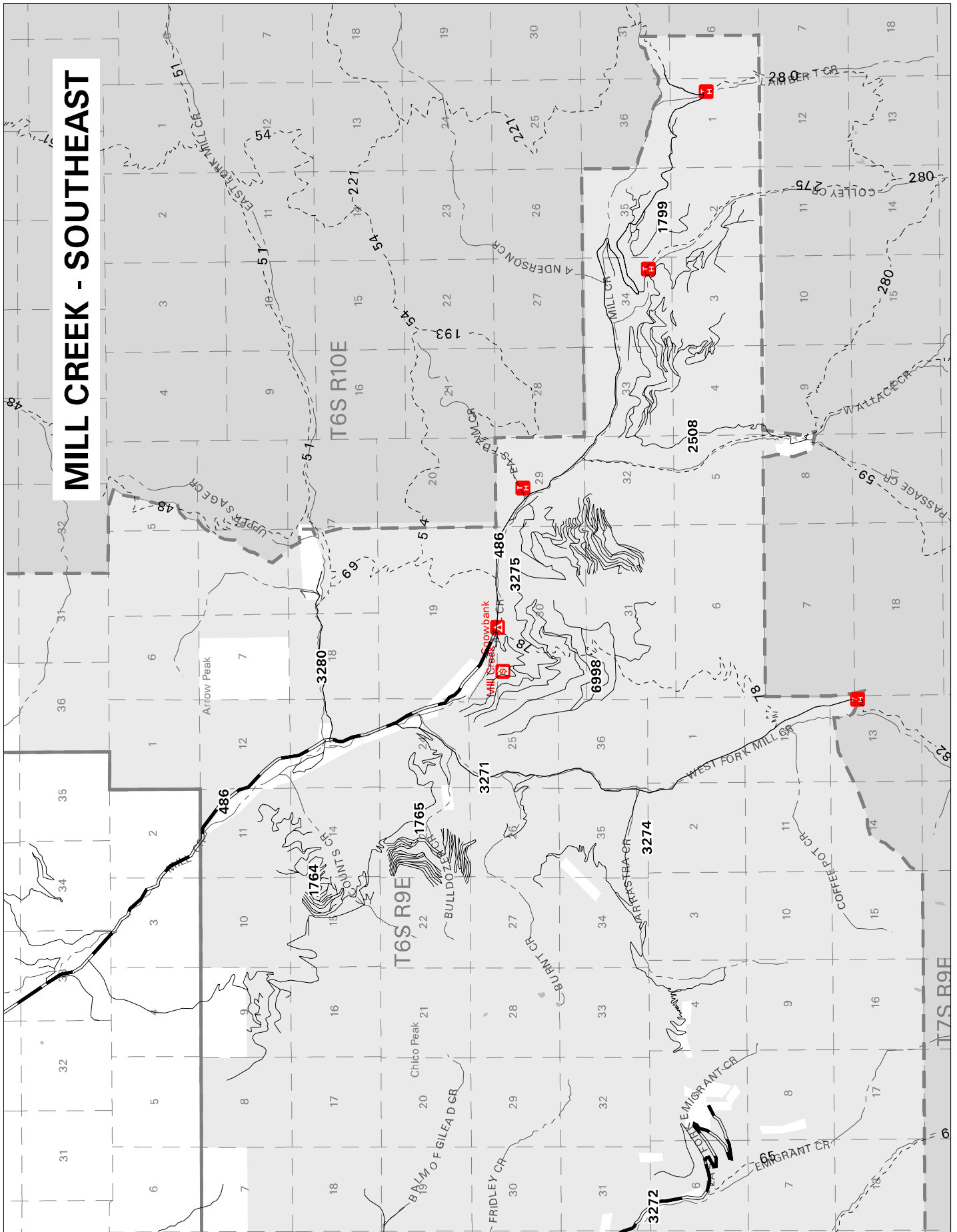
B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

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