

Porcupine-Buffalo Horn 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 travel opportunities for non-motorized and motorized summer recreation use with an emphasis on hiking, biking and horseback riding. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 5, and 7-M. Alternative 6 would not allow for summer motorized or mountain bike use, in favor of high wildlife habitat security and no mechanized use within the Wilderness Study Area.*

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

Table II – 117 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	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ATV							
Miles of Road	2	2	0	0	2	0	0
Miles of Trail	24	13	9	9	0	0	2
Total Miles	26	15	9	9	2	0	2
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	1	1	3	1	1	0	1
Miles of Trail	50	61	67	62	37	0	37
Total Miles	51	62	70	63	38	0	38
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	92	92	53	45	2	2	53
Total Miles	93	93	53	45	2	2	53
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	39	47	11	11	38
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	92	92	83	83	92	92	83
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	9	9	0*	0*	9

Table II – 117 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	92	92	92	92	92	92	92
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.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide a winter recreation opportunity for backcountry snowmobiling and cross-country skiing/snowshoeing. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 5, and 7-M. Alternative 6 would not allow for snowmobiling, in favor of high wildlife habitat security and no mechanized use within the Wilderness Study Area.*

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 – 118 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snowmobiling							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	16	16	24	24	20	0	20
Total Miles	16	16	24	24	20	0	20
Cross-country Skiing							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	2	2	7	7	0	7	0
Total Miles	2	2	7	7	0	7	0

Table II - 119 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	19,504	19,504	15,624	15,636	36,484	46,568	41,072

Table II - 119 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres

Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Seasonal Closure ^{2/}							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	14,626	14,626	14,538	0	0	0	0
No Restrictions							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	19,761	19,761	23,729	38,255	17,407	7,323	12,819
Net	53,891	53,891	53,891	53,891	53,891	53,891	53,891
^{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: Other Resource Protection. Provide a trail system that accommodates recreation traffic consistent with protecting soil and watershed condition and maintaining wildlife security. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 3-1: Repair damage to trails from recreational livestock use. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 3-2: Rehabilitate and recontour the Rock Creek Road outside of the Wilderness Study Area boundary. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 3-3: 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.*

GOAL 4: Wilderness Character. Manage the Hyalite/Porcupine-Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area to sustain the recreation setting and existing Wilderness characteristics as they were in 1977 and to preserve the area for future consideration as Wilderness. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 4-1: Through monitoring and modification of use patterns, manage designated uses of roads and trails to meet Goal 4. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

[See attached table.](#)

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