

South Plateau 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 high levels of summer recreation use with an emphasis on pleasure driving, mountain biking, motorcycle and ATV riding. *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, 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 – 129 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	21	22	36	36	36	36	34
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	27	26	15	15	15	14	12
ATV							
Miles of Road	7	7	35	35	35	35	46
Miles of Trail	3	3	3	3	3	0	3
Total Miles	10	10	38	38	38	35	49
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	89	89	26	26	26	26	31
Miles of Trail	43	43	46	46	46	46	49
Total Miles	132	132	72	72	72	72	80
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	18	16	12	12	12	12	13
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	2	6	6	6	6	0**
Hiking (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	18	16	16	16	16	16	8

Table II – 129 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 Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	2	2	2	2	2	10
* 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: Relocate the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail from open roads to trails. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 1-3: Provide an alternative ATV route south of Highway 287, in the Buttermilk Creek area, that alleviates the safety concerns with people riding in the highway right-of-way. *This objective is applicable to Alternative 7-M.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for motorized and non-motorized recreation use emphasizing snowmobiling and cross-country skiing on well-groomed routes. *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 – 130 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	55	55	67	60	55	60	61
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	55	55	67	60	55	60	61
Cross-country Skiing							
Miles of Groomed Trail	25	25	24	25	25	25	25
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	3	3	0	3	0
Total Miles	25	25	27	28	25	28	25

Table II - 131 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	5,179	5,179	5,179	5,179	5,406	12,689	5,387
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	33,995	33,995	33,995	33,995	33,768	26,485	33,787
Net	39,174	39,174	39,174	39,174	39,174	39,174	39,174

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: Relocate the South Plateau Snowmobile Trail to begin at a point in West Yellowstone where it does not have to cross the Rendezvous Ski Trail. *This objective is applicable to Alternative 7-M.*

GOAL 3: Fisheries. Provide habitat for westslope cutthroat trout in the upper South Fork of the Madison River. *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.](#)

