

Yellowstone 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 non-motorized summer recreation use with an emphasis on hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M, however in Alternative 3, the goal statement would include providing some opportunity for motorcycle use.*

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 – 153 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	9	9	10	10	10	10	10
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	1	1	9	9	9	9	7
ATV							
Miles of Road	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	0	22	10	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	0	23	10	0	0	0	0
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	39	39	7	7	8	8	8
Miles of Trail	37	37	12	12	6	6	12
Total Miles	76	76	19	19	14	14	20
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	26	26	27	27	4
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*

Table II – 153 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	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
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.*

OBJ. 1-2: Provide up to 4 additional routes of access to this Travel Planning Area from the Yellowstone valley, along with trailhead and parking facilities. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. There are no winter recreation goals for this Travel Planning Area. *This is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M. The following tables are provided for information only.*

Table II – 154 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	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Snowmobiling							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cross-country Skiing							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Miles	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Table II - 155 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	8090	8090	951	4410	4410	4410	17595
Seasonal Closure 2/							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table II - 155 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
No Restrictions							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	9505	9505	16644	13185	13185	13185	0
Net	17595	17595	17595	17595	17595	17595	17595
<i>2/ Note: Seasonal restrictions are displayed under the route-by-route management section.</i>							

GOAL 3: Fisheries. Provide habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in Fridley Creek and West Pine 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: 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.*

GOAL 5: 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. 5-1. 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. 5-2. 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.](#)

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