

# Appendix B: Forest Plan Direction and Proposed Changes

## B.1 RELATIONSHIP TO FOREST PLAN

The 1986 Custer National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan (Forest Plan) directs management of all Federal lands within the Beartooth Ranger District. The Forest Plan provides both Forest-wide Management direction and direction for specific management areas. Forest Plan forest-wide goals, objectives, and standards are found in chapter II, pages 3-39. Management Area direction is found in chapter III page 41-99 of the Forest Plan. Forest Plan direction and proposed changes (by amendment) related to travel management is listed in the following Table.

**Table B.1. Forest Plan management direction related to travel management.**

Management Area	Current FP Management Direction	Proposed Changes Applicable to All Action Alternatives
<b>Forest-wide Direction</b>		
Forest-wide	The goal of providing for public access to and within the Forest is to provide at least an access point per five miles of administrative boundary where there is not adequate access from inside Nation Forest System land. However, the intent will not be to provide road/trail access to all areas on the Forest (pages 3-4).	No Change
Forest-wide	The goal of recreation management is to provide a broad spectrum of recreation experience opportunities for the benefit and enjoyment of the public, with due consideration for other forest uses and resources (page 4).	No Change
Forest-wide	The Forest transportation system required by this plan will be constructed and managed to minimize adverse impacts on the resources, while providing access to public lands for the public and for the management of the resources (page 5).	No Change
Forest-wide	Travel restrictions will be developed and maintained to meet land management objectives. These restrictions will provide reasonable access for public recreation, hunting and range maintenance/administration, but will confine motorized vehicles to specific roads, trails, or areas identified on a map. Vehicular access of these designated locations will be prohibited, except by permit. A map and information showing closures, restrictions, and opportunities on the Forest for motorized and nonmotorized use will be provided to the public (page 13).	No Change

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Mgt. Area	Acres <sup>1</sup>	Management Direction	
B	59,175 Ac (~10%)	<p><b>C. Management Standards</b></p> <p><b>1. Recreation</b></p> <p>a. Semi-primitive motorized, and roaded natural recreation opportunities will be provided (page 45).</p> <p><b>7. Facilities</b></p> <p>a. The arterial and collector system will be maintained for public use (page 47).</p>	No Change
C	17,216 Ac (~3%)	<p><b>C. Management Standards</b></p> <p><b>7. Facilities</b></p> <p><b>d. Beartooth District</b></p> <p>1) Travel is permitted on FR 3009 yearlong.</p> <p>2) The need for jeep roads in the Mill Draw, Ruby Draw, Gold Creek and the NF Line Creek will be analyzed using input from interested groups and agencies.</p> <p>3) All other roads in this management area on Beartooth District will be closed from December 1 to May 15 (page 51).</p>	<p><b>C. Management Standards</b></p> <p><b>7. Facilities</b></p> <p><b>d. Beartooth District</b></p> <p><u>Delete the following:</u></p> <p><b>d. Beartooth District</b></p> <p>1) Travel is permitted on FR 3009 yearlong.</p> <p>2) The need for jeep roads in the Mill Draw, Ruby Draw, Gold Creek and the NF Line Creek will be analyzed using input from interested groups and agencies.</p> <p>3) All other roads in this management area on Beartooth District will be closed from December 1 to May 15.</p> <p><u>Replace with:</u></p> <p><b>d. Beartooth District</b></p> <p>The Beartooth travel management direction will provide reasonable access but will confine motorized vehicles to specific roads and trails during critical periods to protect wildlife and other resources.</p>
D	65,813 Ac (~11%)	<p><b>C. Management Standards</b></p> <p><b>1. Recreation</b></p> <p>a. The travel plan for these areas will provide reasonable access for public recreation, hunting, and range maintenance and administration, but will confine motorized vehicles to specific roads and trails during critical periods to protect wildlife and other resources (page 53).</p>	No Change
E	28,315 Ac (~5%)	<p><b>C. Management Standards</b></p> <p><b>1. Recreation</b></p> <p>a. The recreation setting will generally be roaded natural and</p>	No Change

<sup>1</sup> Some Management Areas have joint designations and therefore, some acreages are double counted when totalling the figures. For example, Lost Water Canyon RNA, Management Area L, has joint designation with Lost Water Canyon Recommended Wilderness, Management Area H.

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		<p>rural, although small areas of semiprimitive motorized will occur through the area (page 58).</p> <p><b>6. Facilities</b></p> <p><b>b.</b> Arterial and collector roads when constructed will be maintained for public use (page 60).</p>	
F	11,343 Ac (~2%)	<p><b>C. Management Standards</b></p> <p><b>9. Facilities</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Roads will be maintained for safety, soil and water protection, and to provide for travel of passenger carrying vehicles.</p> <p><b>b.</b> If specific campgrounds are closed, the roads within them will also be closed (page 63).</p>	No Change
G	15,458 Ac (~3%)	<p><b>C. Management Standards</b></p> <p><b>1. Recreation</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> The recreation setting will primarily be roaded-natural and rural. Small areas of semi-primitive nonmotorized/motorized will occur, particularly where key wildlife habitat areas are protected from other resource activities (page 64).</p> <p><b>6. Facilities</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Roads within this management area are generally multiple use roads, exceptions may be some of those constructed for minerals development.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Road management will be determined by the long-term needs of mineral and timber management. Locations will serve long-term uses for all resources. Use and travel restrictions will be considered to benefit or reduce adverse impacts to wildlife. The roads will be part of the Forest Transportation System and may be closed when not needed (page 65).</p>	No Change
H	115,390 Ac (~3%)	<p><b>C. Management Standards</b></p> <p><b>1. Recreation</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> These areas are closed to motorized vehicle use to avoid deterioration of the existing environment (page 67).</p> <p><b>8. Facilities</b></p>	<p><b>C. Management Standards</b></p> <p><b>1. Recreation</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> No Change</p> <p><u>Delete the following:</u></p> <p><b>8. Facilities</b></p>

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		<b>b.</b> The two-track road (jeep trail) in the Pryor Mountains to Tony Island Spring will be closed (page 68).	<b>b.</b> <i>The two-track road (jeep trail) in the Pryor Mountains to Tony Island Spring will be closed.</i>
I	332,745 Ac (~54%)	<b>C. Management Standards</b> <b>1. Recreation</b> <b>c.</b> As a general rule, no motorized vehicles are allowed within the Wilderness (page 69).	No Change
L	24,992 Ac (~4%)	<b>C. Management Standards</b> <b>8. Facilities</b> <b>a.</b> Roads and other facilities will not be constructed in these areas. <b>b.</b> Existing public roads may be retained. Reconstruction will be allowed for public safety and protection of the soil and water resource (page 79).	No Change
M	Not Mapped – ~3%	<b>C. Management Standards</b> <b>1. Recreation</b> <b>b.</b> Motorized use will be restricted to existing roads and trails (page 80).  <b>7. Facilities</b> <b>f.</b> Minimize the number of roads and/or pipelines crossing this management area to minimize disturbance of this ecosystem (page 81).	No Change
P	674 Ac (<1%)	<b>B. Goals</b> To provide adequate facilities for the administration of the Custer National Forest (page 88).	No Change
Q	4,376 Ac (~1%)	<b>C. Management Standards</b> <b>1. Recreation</b> <b>a.</b> Semi-primitive nonmotorized and semi-primitive motorized recreation opportunities will be provided. Motorized recreation opportunities will be limited to those existing along the Tillet Ridge Road.  <b>7. Facilities</b> <b>c.</b> The Tillet Ridge road and the road to the Little Ice Cave will be maintained (page 89).	<b>C. Management Standards</b> <b>1. Recreation</b> <b>a.</b> <u>Delete the following:</u> <b>a.</b> <i>Motorized recreation opportunities will be limited to those existing along the Tillet Ridge Road.</i>  <b>C. Management Standards</b> <b>7. Facilities</b> <b>c.</b> <u>Delete the following:</u> <b>c.</b> <i>The Tillet Ridge road and the road to the Little Ice Cave will be maintained.</i>
R.	18,897	<b>C. Management Standards</b> <b>1. Recreation</b> <b>c.</b> Vehicle travel is limited to the West Fork Rock Creek road #71, Silver Run Road #1476, and the jeep trail up Nichols Creek. No	<b>C. Management Standards</b> <b>1. Recreation</b> <b>c. and g.</b> <u>Delete the following:</u> <b>c.</b> <i>Vehicle travel is limited to the West Fork</i>

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		<p>motorized travel will be permitted on the Basin Lake Trail (Forest Trail #61).</p> <p><b>g.</b> Trail 61 (Basin Lakes Trail) will be closed to horse use except during fall big game hunting season (page 91).</p> <p><b>7. Facilities</b></p> <p><b>b.</b> The Nichols Creek road will be retained as a primitive road and portions relocated.</p> <p><b>c.</b> Any reconstruction on Road #71 will be limited to that necessary for safety and protection of soil and water.</p> <p><b>e.</b> Roads to the existing recreation residences will be administered under special use permits.</p> <p><b>g.</b> The Silver Run Road will be closed at the first creek crossing and the old sheep drive to Ingles Creek will be closed to motorized vehicles.</p> <p><b>h.</b> Silver Run ski touring trail will be closed to all motorized vehicles yearlong unless specifically authorized (page 92).</p>	<p><i>Rock Creek road #71, Silver Run Road #1476, and the jeep trail up Nichols Creek. No motorized travel will be permitted on the Basin Lake Trail (Forest Trail #61).</i></p> <p><b>g.</b> <i>Trail 61 (Basin Lakes Trail) will be closed to horse use except during fall big game hunting season.</i></p> <p><b>C. Management Standards</b></p> <p><b>7. Facilities</b></p> <p><b>b., c., e., g., and h.</b></p> <p><u>Delete the following:</u></p> <p><b>b.</b> <i>The Nichols Creek road will be retained as a primitive road and portions relocated.</i></p> <p><b>c.</b> <i>Any reconstruction on Road #71 will be limited to that necessary for safety and protection of soil and water.</i></p> <p><b>e.</b> <i>Roads to the existing recreation residences will be administered under special use permits.</i></p> <p><b>g.</b> <i>The Silver Run Road will be closed at the first creek crossing and the old sheep drive to Ingles Creek will be closed to motorized vehicles.</i></p> <p><b>h.</b> <i>Silver Run ski touring trail will be closed to all motorized vehicles yearlong unless specifically authorized</i></p>
T	19,332	<p><b>C. Management Standards;</b></p> <p><b>1. Recreation:</b></p> <p><b>c.</b> Off-road vehicles, other than snow machines operating on snow, will be prohibited throughout the area (page 98).</p>	No change

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