

NORTH PRYOR GEOGRAPHIC AREA 7

The North Pryor Geographic Area is located 25 miles southeast of Bridger, Montana in the Pryor Mountains of the Custer National Forest. The Crow Indian Reservation is north of this area and the Forest Service Pryor Mountain Road bisects this area to the south.

Current Condition

Public access to this Geographic Area is limited because of the private land distribution within the National Forest Boundry and the lack of federal right-of-ways (ROW's) or easements through private lands to gain access to the National Forest.

Most motorized recreation use is focused on the Forest Service Sage Creek Campground developed site and roaded access to the Roberts Bench area via the Beaver Slide Road #2097.

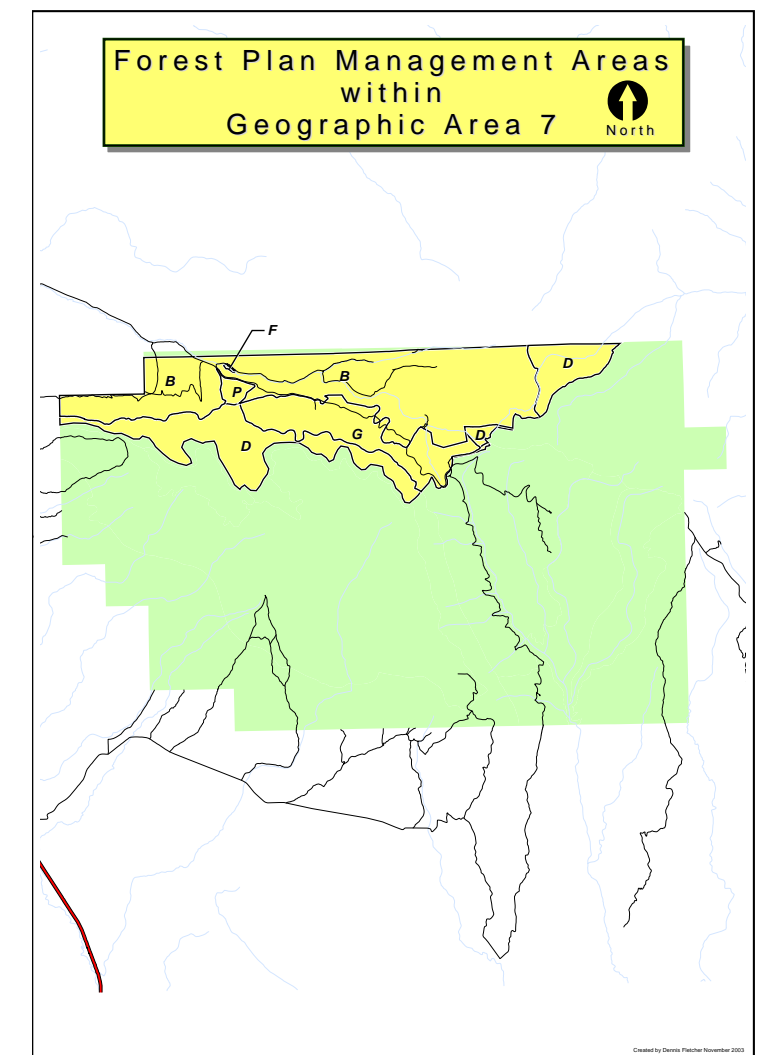
There are numerous cultural/heritage sites in the area.

Some dispersed camping, fire woodcutting, and seasonal big game hunting occurs in this area.

Current Forest Plan direction emphasizes permitted cattle grazing on portions of this area.

Forest Plan Management Area Direction

North Pryor Geographic Area 7	
Management Area	Acres within Geographic Area 7
B	9,396
D	4,547
F	13
G	2,799
P	229
Total Acres =	16,984



Desired Condition

The emphasis for this area would be to continue to provide opportunities for motorized use with greater controls. Motorized use would occur on roads and trails designated for such use only. Undesignated roads or routes would be closed to correct environmental problems. Public access issues, potential ROW, and land exchange opportunities will continue to be pursued in this area. This area would also be to preserve and protect the Dryhead Overlook.



Travel Management Strategy

Provide opportunities for recreation use with emphasis on managed motorized use, dispersed and developed camping. The Travel Management Strategy for motorized use is Accept and for non-motorized use is Accept.

The two tables below summarize the change in miles of road and trail from the existing travel management plan.

Road		Miles in Area 7	
		Existing	Proposed
NFSR	No Restrictions on Motorized Use	39.32	21.85
	Seasonally Restricted to Motorized Use	0.00	15.84
	Restricted Yearlong to Motorized Use	11.84	6.80
	Not Needed	0.97	7.64
	Dual Road/Trail Designation*	0.00	0.00
	Convert to Trail*	0.00	0.00
	NFSR Total	52.13	52.13
Undetermined	No Restrictions on Motorized Use	0.77	0.54
	Seasonally Restricted to Motorized Use	0.00	0.23
	Restricted Yearlong to Motorized Use	5.73	1.81
	Not Needed	0.00	3.55
	Dual Road/Trail Designation*	0.00	0.00
	Convert to Trail*	0.00	0.37
	Undetermined Total	6.50	6.50
		58.63	58.63

Trail		Miles in Area 7	
		Existing	Proposed
NFST	Open to Motorized Use	0.00	0.00
	Open to non-motorized Use	0.00	0.00
	Non-motorized Use with Restrictions on Mountain Bike	0.00	0.00
	Non-motorized Use with Restrictions on Trail Stock	0.00	0.00
	Non-motorized Use with Restrictions on Mountain Bike & Trail Stock	0.00	0.00
	Existing Road*	0.00	0.00
	NFST Total	0.00	0.00
Undetermined	Open to Motorized Use	0.00	0.00
	Open to non-motorized Use	0.00	0.37
	Non-motorized Use with Restrictions on Mountain Bike	0.00	0.00
	Non-motorized Use with Restrictions on Trail Stock	0.00	0.00
	Non-motorized Use with Restrictions on Mountain Bike & Trail Stock	0.00	0.00
	Convert from Road*	0.37	0.00
	Undetermined Total	0.37	0.37
		0.37	0.37

* Miles have been displayed in both the Road and Trail Table

The road and trail system will be managed to provide for the types of use as shown in the following tables and maps.