

APPENDIX D

ACCESS TO BLM LAND

Access needs are based on these management considerations:

Resource Values - The commercial, casual use and protection of the public lands are important management issues for the Bureau. Resource values and their use or nonuse require a multiple use perspective including various access considerations. Rights-of-way corridors, forest management, recreation, wildlife, and minerals.

Public Demand - Public demand is closely tied to resource values. As the need for a resource changes, its value fluctuates accordingly. Demand is one of the key criteria in prioritizing access needs.

Size - The size of the area identified for access is an important consideration. As a rule, large areas have a priority. But, resource values such as recreation sites, may justify acquiring access to smaller areas.

Bureau Investment - Legal public access will be obtained to those BLM areas where substantial public monies have been invested in projects and where continued diverse public use is expected. For lesser investment projects and/or those to which general public use will be limited, a nonexclusive easement will be obtained.

Access needs were identified to meet management objectives for hunting, hiking, sightseeing, camping, picnicking, geological interpretation, riparian areas, crucial winter range and paleontological interpretation and excavation. The

type of access pursued could be a trail, two-track, bladed road or gravel road. Access needs identified would be for a two-track.

New Legal Public Access

The BLM will pursue new legal public access to these BLM parcels:

<u>Parcel Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Mouth of the Milk River	13

Additional Legal Public Access

The BLM will pursue additional legal public access to these BLM parcels:

<u>Parcel Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Rock Creek	10,640
Hose Reservoir	800
Gay Reservoir	640
Burnt Lodge	15,120
Broken Bow	15,000
Harpers Ridge	15,880
Duck Creek	9,300
Upper Eighth	2,640
Middle Eighth	840
Seventh Ridge	2,000
Subtotal	72,860

A total of 72,860 BLM acres were identified as needing additional legal public access.