

Table Comparing Each Alternative To The Top 5 Issues

<i>Issues</i>	<i>Alternatives</i>				
<i>Mix Of Recreation</i>	A Current Forest Plan	B	C	D	E
Trails					
Single-Use Trails Includes: horseback, mountain bicycle, and hiking trails	364 Miles	Increase high-use/low- cost trails that benefit tourism and local economy	Increase trails in restoration areas, add trails in the Indian Creek and Upper Buffalo areas	Same as Alt A, no change	Add short hiking trails, trails in the Indian Creek and Upper Buffalo areas, and other single-use trails if multiple-use trails become a safety problem
Multiple-Use Trails Mixed use trails used for horseback riding, OHVs, mountain bicycles, motorcycles, and hiking	156 Miles	Increase trails that benefit tourism and the local economy, especially in the western third of the Forest	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Increase trails that benefit tourism and have strong partnerships to assist in maintenance
Special Dispersed Recreation Areas	None exist	Same as Alt A, no change	Add the Indian Creek and Upper Buffalo Dispersed Recreation Areas, non-motorized	Same as Alt A, no change	Add the Indian Creek and Upper Buffalo Dispersed Recreation Areas, non-motorized
Campgrounds	24	Increase campgrounds and add amenities that benefit tourism and the local economy	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Add amenities to existing campgrounds to meet demand, increase day-use portion of campgrounds
Boat Launches	3	Increase if they result in good financial returns	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Increase
Day-Use Sites	12	Increase if they result in good financial returns benefiting tourism and local economy	Increase in restoration areas for interpretive opportunities	Same as Alt A, no change	Convert some low-use campgrounds to day-use, increase day-use opportunities
Rifle Ranges	2	Increase if they result in good financial returns	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Increase if they good financial returns and suitable areas on private land are not available
Visitor Centers	Blanchard Caverns	Destination area focus with high marketing value, and benefiting tourism	Destination area focus	Destination area focus	Destination area focus

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Rest Areas	Rotary Ann	Possible increase in areas benefiting tourism	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Possible increase in areas benefiting tourism
Lake Wedington	Multiple-use emphasis	Urban recreation forest emphasis	Urban recreation forest emphasis	Urban recreation forest emphasis	Urban recreation forest emphasis
Scenery	Low emphasis	Emphasis on high value scenic overlooks	Naturally appearing	Highly managed appearance	Mix of naturally appearing and highly managed
<i>Access</i>					
Total Road Miles (Forest Service roads only)	Approx. 5,900 miles	Increase in high-quality forest area, but over all decrease	Decrease	Same as Alt A, no change	Decrease because of a mix of restoration and balanced age class areas
OHV Emphasis Areas (Designated OHV Trails)	Mill Creek Brock Creek Devils Den	Allow increases or new trail areas if strong partnerships exist, business strategies indicate tourism, and the local economy will benefit	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Allow increases or new trail areas if strong partnerships exist, business strategies indicate tourism, and the local economy will benefit
Future OHV Trails on Open and Closed Roads Across the Forest	Open roads only	Expand trails system by developing OHV trails using some open and closed roads	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Expand trails system by developing OHV trails using some open and closed roads
Lake Wedington	Closed to OHV use	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change
St. Francis National Forest	Closed to OHV use	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change
<i>Special Areas</i>					
Scenic Byways	163 miles	Increase	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Increase
Wilderness Areas	66,000 acres	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change
Special Interest Areas	23,000 acres	Increase	Increase	Same as Alt A, no change	Increase
Wild And Scenic Rivers	165 miles	Add North Fork Illinois Bayou	Add North Fork Illinois Bayou	Same as Alt A, no change	Add North Fork Illinois Bayou
Research Natural Areas	2	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change
Experimental Forests	2	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change

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<i>Ecosystem Health And Sustainability</i>					
Timber Suitability	744,000 Acres	Decrease	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change
Balanced Age Classes-Pine	Balanced	Less balanced	Less balanced	Balanced	Less balanced
Balanced Age Classes-Hardwood	Not Balanced	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	More balanced	Same as Alt A, no change
Management Of Oak Decline	Low emphasis	Same as Alt A, no change	High emphasis	High emphasis	Moderate emphasis
Restore Native Ecosystems	Low emphasis	Low emphasis	High emphasis	Low emphasis	Moderate emphasis
Old Growth Management	Low emphasis	Low emphasis	Moderate emphasis	Low emphasis	Moderate emphasis
Prescribed Burning	40,000 Acres	Increase, focus on urban interface	High increase	High Increase	High Increase for forest health and urban interface
Special Wildlife Management Areas	Forest wide wildlife management area	Add the Buffalo High Quality Wildlife Management Area	Add the Buffalo High Quality Wildlife Management Area	Same as Alt A, no change	Add the Buffalo High Quality Wildlife Management Area
Game Species	High emphasis	Moderate emphasis	High emphasis	High Emphasis	Moderate emphasis
Non-Game Species	Low emphasis	Moderate emphasis	High emphasis	Low emphasis	Moderate Increase
Threatened And Endangered Species	Required By Law	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change	Same as Alt A, no change
Habitat For Species Viability	Minimum level	Slight Increase	High increase	Slight Increase	Moderate Increase
Warm And Cold Water Fisheries	Low emphasis	Moderate emphasis	Moderate emphasis	Same as Alt A, no change	Moderate emphasis
<i>Economic And Community Benefits</i>	Moderate emphasis	High emphasis	Moderate emphasis	Moderate emphasis	Moderate emphasis

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