

**Appendix A**

**Forest Plan Management Areas Descriptions and Standards  
amended by Alternative  
and modifications to Appendix TT of the Forest Plan**

Forest Plan Direction Under Alt. 1	Forest Plan Direction Under Alts. 2 , 3, 4, or 6	Forest Plan Direction Under Alt. 5
<b>Forest Wide Recreation Standard</b>		
<p><sup>1</sup>Recreation Standards 1 – 13 (p. II-22) - No change</p>	<p>Add the following:  <i>14. The winter motorized recreation maps located in Forest Plan Appendix WW provide direction on where winter motorized use may and may not occur. The direction displayed on these maps supercedes any conflicting direction in the Forest Plan.</i></p>	<p>Same as Alternative 1.</p>
<b>Management Areas 2 - 2F</b>		
<p><b><u>Description</u></b> (p. III-5)</p> <p>Management Area 2A (107,203 acres) consists of unroaded lands suited for dispersed recreation that meet the ROS classification of semi-primitive nonmotorized. This Management Area occurs throughout the Forest and includes the Whitefish Divide and several other alpine ridges. It also includes Glacier Slough on the Swan Lake Ranger District.</p> <p>Management Area 2B (118,079 acres) consists of unroaded lands suited for dispersed recreation that meet the ROS classification of semi-primitive motorized. This Management Area occurs throughout the Forest. It includes portions of high elevation lands of the Swan Range north of the Lion Creek drainage.</p>	<p><b><u>Description</u></b> (p. III-5)</p> <p>Change to:                      Management Area 2A (107,203 acres) consists of unroaded lands suited for dispersed recreation that meet the ROS classification of semi-primitive nonmotorized. <i>Portions of this Management Area where winter motorized recreation is allowed have an ROS of semi-primitive motorized during the period of time that motorized use is allowed (see Appendix WW).</i> This Management Area occurs throughout the Forest and includes the Whitefish Divide and several other alpine ridges. It also includes Glacier Slough on the Swan Lake Ranger District.</p> <p>Management Area 2B (118,079 acres) consists of unroaded lands suited for dispersed recreation that meet the ROS classification of semi-primitive motorized. <i>Portions of this Management Area where winter motorized recreation is prohibited have an ROS of semi-primitive non-motorized during the period of time that motorized use is not allowed (see Appendix WW).</i> This Management Area occurs throughout the Forest. It includes portions of high elevation lands of the Swan Range north of the Lion Creek drainage.</p>	<p><b><u>Description</u></b> (p. III-5)</p> <p>Same as Alternative 1.</p> <p>Same as Alternative 1.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Changes are in italics.

Forest Plan Direction Under Alt. 1	Forest Plan Direction Under Alt. 2, 3, 4, or 6	Forest Plan Direction Under Alt. 5
<b>Management Areas 2 - 2F</b>		
<p><b><u>Goals</u> (p. III-6)</b></p> <p>MA 2: Dispersed recreation opportunities will be managed to meet the primitive ROS classification.</p> <p>MA 2A: Dispersed recreation opportunities will be managed to meet the semi-primitive nonmotorized ROS classification.</p> <p>MA 2B. Dispersed recreation opportunities will be managed to meet the semi-primitive motorized ROS classification.</p>	<p><b><u>Goals</u> (p. III-6)</b></p> <p>Change to:                      MA 2: Dispersed recreation opportunities will be managed to meet the primitive <i>nonmotorized</i> ROS classification. <i>Motorized vehicle use is not compatible with the goals of this management area, other than use on existing forest system roads.</i></p> <p>MA 2A: <i>Other than areas where winter motorized use is specifically allowed by the Forest Plan</i>, dispersed recreation opportunities will be managed to meet the semi-primitive nonmotorized ROS classification. <i>Portions of this Management Area identified in Appendix WW as open for winter motorized use will be managed to meet the semi-primitive motorized ROS classification during the time period that motorized use is allowed.</i></p> <p>MA 2B. Dispersed recreation opportunities will be managed to meet the semi-primitive motorized ROS classification, <i>except where winter motorized use is prohibited as described in Appendix WW.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Goals</u> (p. III-6)</b></p> <p>Change to:                      MA 2: Dispersed recreation opportunities will be managed to meet the primitive <i>nonmotorized</i> ROS classification. <i>Motorized vehicle use is not compatible with the goals of this management area, other than on existing forest system roads.</i></p> <p>MA 2A: Dispersed recreation opportunities will be managed to meet the semiprimitive nonmotorized ROS classification. <i>Motorized vehicle use off of existing forest system roads is not compatible with the goals of this management area.</i></p> <p>MA 2B. Same as Alternative 1.</p>
<p><b><u>Standards</u> (p. III-7)</b></p> <p><u>Recreation</u></p> <p>MA 2. No change.</p> <p>MA 2A: 1. Maintain trails for nonmotorized use.</p>	<p><b><u>Standards</u> (p. III-7)</b></p> <p><u>Recreation</u></p> <p>Add the following:                      MA 2: <i>5. Motorized access is not allowed off of existing forest system roads.</i></p> <p>Change to:                      MA 2A: 1. Maintain <i>hiking</i> trails for nonmotorized use.</p> <p>Add:                      MA 2A: <i>4. Winter motorized use is allowed in those</i></p>	<p><b><u>Standards</u> (p. III-7)</b></p> <p><u>Recreation</u></p> <p>Add the following:                      MA 2: <i>5. Motorized access is not allowed off of existing forest system roads.</i></p> <p>MA 2A: Same as Alternative 1.</p> <p>Add:                      MA 2A: <i>4. Motorized access is not allowed</i></p>

<p><b>Forest Plan Direction Under Alt. 1</b></p>	<p><b>Forest Plan Direction Under Alt. 2, 3, 4, or 6</b></p>	<p><b>Forest Plan Direction Under Alt. 5</b></p>
<p>MA 2B. 2. While providing motorized access opportunities, some trails will be maintained for nonmotorized use. Permit but do not encourage motorized use of trails</p>	<p><i>portions of this Management Area depicted as open to winter motorized use in Appendix WW. Winter motorized use is prohibited in all other portions of this Management Area.</i></p> <p>MA 2B. 2. While providing motorized access opportunities, some trails will be maintained for nonmotorized use. Permit but do not encourage motorized use of trails. <i>See map in Appendix WW for areas where winter motorized access is not allowed. The trail to Bond and Trinkus Lakes on the Swan Lake District is closed to winter motorized use.</i></p>	<p><i>off of existing forest system roads.</i></p> <p>MA 2B. Same as Alternative 1.</p>

Forest Plan Direction Under Alt 1.	Forest Plan Direction Under Alt. 2	Forest Plan Direction Under Alt. 5
<b>Management Area 11 - 11C</b>		
<p><b><i>Standards (p. III-46 &amp; III-49)</i></b></p> <p><u>Recreation</u></p> <p>MA 11, 11A, 11C. 5. Nonmotorized recreation opportunities are provided in accordance with Recreation Opportunity Spectrum classification of the areas.</p> <p><u>Facilities – Roads</u></p> <p>MA 11: 1. Local roads may be constructed for habitat improvement purposes and will be closed to motorized public use except to allow snowmobile access during the winter.</p> <p>MA 11A. 1. Local roads constructed for habitat improvement purposes will be closed year round to motorized public use.</p>	<p><b><i>Standards (p. III-46 &amp; III-49)</i></b></p> <p><u>Recreation</u></p> <p>Change to: MA 11, 11A, 11C: Nonmotorized recreation opportunities are provided in accordance with Recreation Opportunity Spectrum classification of the areas. <i>Winter motorized use is allowed in those portions of these Management Areas depicted as open to motorized use in Appendix WW.</i></p> <p><u>Facilities – Roads</u></p> <p>Change to: MA11: 1. Local roads may be constructed for habitat improvement purposes and <i>motorized public use will be restricted yearlong unless winter motorized use is expressly allowed in Appendix WW.</i></p> <p>MA 11A. 1. Local roads constructed for habitat improvement purposes will be closed year round to motorized public use <i>unless winter motorized use is expressly allowed in Appendix WW.</i></p>	<p><b><i>Standards (p. III-46 &amp; III-49)</i></b></p> <p><u>Recreation</u></p> <p>MA 11, 11A, 11C: Same as Alternative 1.</p> <p><u>Facilities – Roads</u></p> <p>MA 11: Same as Alternative 1.</p> <p>MA 11A. Same as Alternative 1.</p>

Forest Plan Direction Under Alt 1.	Forest Plan Direction Under Alt. 2 or 4	Forest Plan Direction Under Alt. 3
<b>Management Area 15 - 15E</b>		
<p><b><i>Standards (p. III-74)</i></b></p> <p><u>Facilities</u></p> <p>MA 15: No change.</p> <p>MA 15C: To allow white-tailed deer optimum dispersal and use of summer range, apply motorized road access restrictions to local roads; however, snowmobile use is permitted.</p>	<p><b><i>Standards (p. III-74)</i></b></p> <p><u>Facilities</u></p> <p>Add the following.</p> <p>MA 15. The Bond Creek trail is closed to winter motorized use.</p> <p>Change to:</p> <p>MA 15C: To allow white-tailed deer optimum dispersal and use of summer range, apply motorized road access restrictions to local roads; however, snowmobile use is permitted <i>if allowed in Appendix WW.</i></p>	<p><b><i>Standards (p. III-74)</i></b></p> <p><u>Facilities</u></p> <p>MA 15. Same as Alternative 1.</p> <p>Change to:</p> <p>MA 15C: To allow white-tailed deer optimum dispersal and use of summer range, apply motorized road access restrictions to local roads; however, snowmobile use is permitted <i>if allowed in Appendix WW.</i></p>

Forest Plan Direction Under Alt. 5	Forest Plan Direction Under Alt. 6
<b>Management Area 15 - 15E</b>	
<p><b><i>Standards (p. III-74)</i></b></p> <p><u>Facilities</u></p> <p>MA 15: Same as Alternative 1.</p> <p>MA 15C: Same as Alternative 1.</p>	<p><b><i>Standards (p. III-74)</i></b></p> <p><u>Facilities</u></p> <p>Add the following:</p> <p>MA 15: The Bond Creek Trail is closed to winter motorized use but crossing of the trail by snowmobile is allowed from Dec.1 to March 30.</p> <p>Change to:</p> <p>MA 15C: To allow white-tailed deer optimum dispersal and use of summer range, apply motorized road access restrictions to local roads; however, snowmobile use is permitted <i>if allowed in Appendix WW.</i></p>

**Appendix WW**

Unbound Appendix WW would be added to the Forest Plan. Appendix WW would contain maps from the final Selected Action showing where winter motorized use is programmatically allowed and prohibited across the Forest.



Modifications to Forest Plan Appendix TT

**Alternatives 1, 2 & 5 (Current Plan)**

*Non-Denning Season Definition:  
The non-denning season is defined as that period from March 16 to November 15.*

**RESTRICTED ROAD**

Definition:  
A road on which motorized vehicle use is restricted during the entire non-denning period. The road requires physical obstruction and motorized vehicle use in the non-denning period is legally restricted by order.

**RESTRICTED ROAD**

Use of Restricted Roads in Calculations:  
All restricted roads will be included in calculating total motorized access route density. Seasonally restricted roads, that are open during the non-denning period, will be considered open for the purpose of calculating open road density.

**Alternative 3**

*Non-Denning Season Definition:  
The non-denning season is defined as that period from April 1 through November 30.*

**RESTRICTED ROAD**

Definition:  
A road on which motorized vehicle use is restricted during the entire non-denning period, *with the exception of snowmobile use, which is allowed on some restricted roads from December 1 through April 30<sup>th</sup>*. The road requires physical obstruction and motorized vehicle use during prohibited periods is legally restricted by order.

**RESTRICTED ROAD**

Use of Restricted Roads in Calculations:  
All restricted roads will be included in calculating total motorized access route density. Seasonally restricted roads, that are open during the non-denning period, will be considered open for the purpose of calculating open road density. *An exception is roads that are open for snowmobile use from December 1 through April 30<sup>th</sup>, where all other motorized use is restricted during the non-denning season. These roads will be considered closed for the purpose of calculating open road density.*

**Alternative 4**

*Non-Denning Season Definition:  
The non-denning season is defined as that period from April 1 through November 30.*

**RESTRICTED ROAD**  
Same as Alternative 1

**RESTRICTED ROAD**  
Same as Alternative 1

**Alternative 6**

*Non-Denning Season Definition:  
The non-denning season is defined as that period from April 1 through November 30.*

**RESTRICTED ROAD**  
Definition:  
A road on which motorized vehicle use is restricted during the entire non-denning period, with the exception of snowmobile use, which is allowed on some restricted roads. They include roads in Canyon Creek until April 15, roads in Sixmile until April 30, roads in Skyland Challenge until May 15, and roads in Lost Johnny until May 31. The road requires physical obstruction and motorized vehicle use during prohibited periods is legally restricted by order.

**RESTRICTED ROAD**  
Use of Restricted Roads in Calculations:  
All restricted roads will be included in calculating total motorized access route density. Seasonally restricted roads, that are open during the non-denning period, will be considered open for the purpose of calculating open road density. An exception is roads that are open for snowmobile use, where all other motorized use is restricted during the non-denning season. These roads will be considered closed for the purpose of calculating open road density. They include roads in Canyon Creek until April 15, roads in Sixmile until April 30, roads in Skyland Challenge until May 15, and roads in Lost Johnny until May 31.

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**Alternatives 1, 2 & 5 (Current Plan)**

**Alternative 3**

RECLAIMED ROAD

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RECLAIMED ROAD

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Administrative Use:

Administrative Use:

Administrative use of reclaimed roads may not occur.

Administrative use of reclaimed roads may not occur *during the non-denning season, other than snowmobile use, which can occur from December 1 through April 30.*

RECLAIMED ROAD

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Closure Device:

Closure Device:

(b) The first portion of the road (typically 200 to 600 feet) will be treated in such a manner so as to preclude its use as a motorized or non-motorized travel way. This will include: (1) making the road junction area unattractive as a travelway, and (2) treating the remainder of the first portion to make awareness of the road improbable and preclude motorized or non-motorized use.

(b) The first portion of the road (typically 200 to 600 feet) will be treated in such a manner so as to preclude its use as a motorized or non-motorized travel way. This will include: (1) making the road junction area unattractive as a travel way, and (2) treating the remainder of the first portion to make awareness of the road less likely and minimize the likelihood of motorized or non-motorized use, *other than snowmobile use from December 1 through April 30.*

RECLAIMED ROAD

RECLAIMED ROAD

Closure Device:

Closure Device:

(c) Treat the road, other than the first portion, in a way that will discourage its use as a motorized or non-motorized travelway.

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**Alternative 4**

**RECLAIMED ROAD**

Definition:

A reclaimed road has been treated in such a manner so as to no longer function as a road or trail *during the non-denning season* and has a legal closure order until reclamation treatment is effective.

**RECLAIMED ROAD**

Administrative Use:

Administrative use of reclaimed roads may not occur *during the non-denning season*.

**RECLAIMED ROAD**

Closure Device:

(b) The first portion of the road (typically 200 to 600 feet) will be treated in such a manner so as to preclude its use as a motorized or non-motorized travel way. This will include: (1) making the road junction area unattractive as a travel way, and (2) treating the remainder of the first portion to make awareness of the road improbable and preclude motorized or non-motorized use.

**RECLAIMED ROAD**

Closure Device:

(c) Treat the road, other than the first portion, in a way that will discourage its use as a motorized or non-motorized travel way, *other than snowmobile use during the non-denning season*.

**Alternative 6**

**RECLAIMED ROAD**

Definition:

A reclaimed road has been treated in such a manner so as to no longer function as a road or trail *during the non-denning season* and has a legal closure order until reclamation treatment is effective. *An exception is snowmobile use until April 15 in Canyon Creek, April 30 in Sixmile, May 15 in Skyland Challenge, and May 31 in Lost Johnny. See maps in Appendix WW.*

**RECLAIMED ROAD**

Administrative Use:

Administrative use of reclaimed roads may not occur *during the non-denning season*.

**RECLAIMED ROAD**

Closure Device

(b) The first portion of the road (typically 200 to 600 feet) will be treated in such a manner so as to preclude its use as a motorized or non-motorized travel way *during the non-denning season*. This will include: (1) making the road junction area unattractive as a travel way, and (2) treating the remainder of the first portion to make awareness of the road less likely and minimize the likelihood of motorized or non-motorized use, *other than snowmobile use, where that use is allowed. (See Appendix WW).*

**RECLAIMED ROAD**

Closure Device

(c) Treat the road, other than the first portion, in a way that will discourage its use as a motorized or non-motorized travel way, *other than snowmobile use, where that use is allowed. (See Appendix WW).*

**Alternatives 1, 2 & 5 (Current Plan)**

**RECLAIMED ROAD**

Use of Reclaimed Roads in Calculations: Reclaimed roads that fully satisfy the definition of a reclaimed road will not be included in calculations of open motorized access density, total motorized access density, or security core area. Roads that have been treated, but that do not yet fully satisfy the definition of a reclaimed road will be included in calculations for total motorized access route density. These roads will not be included in calculations for open motorized access route density. These roads will not be included in calculations for open motorized access route density, or security core area if use is low-intensity and non-motorized.

**SECURITY CORE AREA**

Definition:

An area is at least 0.3 miles from open roads and high-intensity, non-motorized trails. Restricted roads may occur within the security core area, provided they have substantial immobile closure devices and legal closure orders during the non-denning period.

**SECURITY CORE AREA**

Restricted Roads in Security Core Areas: Restricted roads may occur within security core areas, but they may not receive motorized use during the non-denning period.

**Alternative 3**

**RECLAIMED ROAD**

Use of Reclaimed Roads in Calculations: Reclaimed roads that fully satisfy the definition of a reclaimed road will not be included in calculations of open motorized access density, total motorized access density, or security core area. Roads that have been treated, but that do not yet fully satisfy the definition of a reclaimed road will be included in calculations for total motorized access route density. These roads will not be included in calculations for open motorized access route density. These roads will not be included in calculations for open motorized access route density, or security core area if use is low-intensity and non-motorized, *or if motorized use is limited to snowmobile use from December 1 through April 30.*

**SECURITY CORE AREA**

Definition:

An area is at least 0.3 miles from open roads and high-intensity, non-motorized trails. Restricted roads may occur within the security core area, provided they have substantial immobile closure devices and legal closure orders during the non-denning period. *An exception is snowmobile use from December 1 through April 30.*

**SECURITY CORE AREA**

Restricted Roads in Security Core Areas: Restricted roads may occur within security core areas, but they may not receive motorized use during the non-denning period, *with the exception of snowmobile use from December 1 through April 30.*

**Alternative 4**

**RECLAIMED ROAD**

Use of Reclaimed Roads in Calculations: Reclaimed roads that fully satisfy the definition of a reclaimed road will not be included in calculations of open motorized access density, total motorized access density, or security core area. Roads that have been treated, but that do not yet fully satisfy the definition of a reclaimed road will be included in calculations for total motorized access route density. These roads will not be included in calculations for open motorized access route density. These roads will not be included in calculations for open motorized access route density, or security core area if use is low-intensity and non-motorized, *or if motorized use is limited to snowmobile use during the non-denning period.*

**SECURITY CORE AREA**

Same as Alternative 1.

**SECURITY CORE AREA**

Same as Alternative 1

**Alternative 6**

**RECLAIMED ROAD**

Use of Reclaimed Roads in Calculations: Reclaimed roads that fully satisfy the definition of a reclaimed road will not be included in calculations of open motorized access density, total motorized access density, or security core area. Roads that have been treated, but that do not yet fully satisfy the definition of a reclaimed road will be included in calculations for total motorized access route density. These roads will not be included in calculations for open motorized access route density. These roads will not be included in calculations for open motorized access route density, or security core area if use is low-intensity and non-motorized, *or if motorized use is limited to snowmobile use during the non-denning season, or until April 15 in Canyon Creek, April 30 in Sixmile, May 15 in Skyland Challenge or May 31 in Lost Johnny as described in Amendment 24 and shown in Appendix WW.*

**SECURITY CORE AREA**

Definition:

An area is at least 0.3 miles from open roads and high-intensity, non-motorized trails. Restricted roads may occur within the security core area, provided they have substantial immobile closure devices and legal closure orders during the non-denning period. *An exception is snowmobile use, which is allowed in the areas defined by Amendment 24: Canyon Creek until April 15; Sixmile until April 30; Skyland Challenge until May 15; Lost Johnny until May 31. See Appendix WW (maps).*

**SECURITY CORE AREA**

Restricted Roads in Security Core Areas:

Restricted roads may occur within security core areas, but they may not receive motorized use during the non-denning period, *with the exception of snowmobile use, which is allowed in the areas defined by Amendment 24: Canyon Creek until April 15; Sixmile until April 30; Skyland Challenge until May 15; Lost Johnny until May 31.*

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**Alternatives 1, 2 & 5 (Current Plan)****SECURITY CORE AREA**

Vegetation Management Within Security Core Areas:

Vegetation management may occur within security core areas so long as the objective and criteria for security core areas continue to be met. Access use levels must be met during the non-denning period, and requires that many planned activities, and all motorized activities, occur during the denning period. Exceptions to established criteria require reconsultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Alternative 3****SECURITY CORE AREA**

Vegetation Management Within Security Core Areas:

Vegetation management may occur within security core areas so long as the objective and criteria for security core areas continue to be met. Access use levels must be met during the non-denning period, and requires that many planned activities, and all motorized activities, occur during the denning period, *with the exception of snowmobile use which can occur from December 1 through April 30*. Other exceptions to established criteria require reconsultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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**Alternative 4**

SECURITY CORE AREA

Same as Alternative 1.

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**Alternative 6**

SECURITY CORE AREA

Vegetation Management Within Security Core Areas:

Vegetation management may occur within security core areas so long as the objective and criteria for security core areas continue to be met. Access use levels must be met during the non-denning period, and requires that many planned activities, and all motorized activities, occur during the denning period, *with the exception of snowmobile use, which is allowed in the areas defined by Amendment 24: Canyon Creek until April 15; Sixmile until April 30; Skyland Challenge until May 15; Lost Johnny until May 31.* Other exceptions to established criteria require reconsultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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