

APPENDIX B

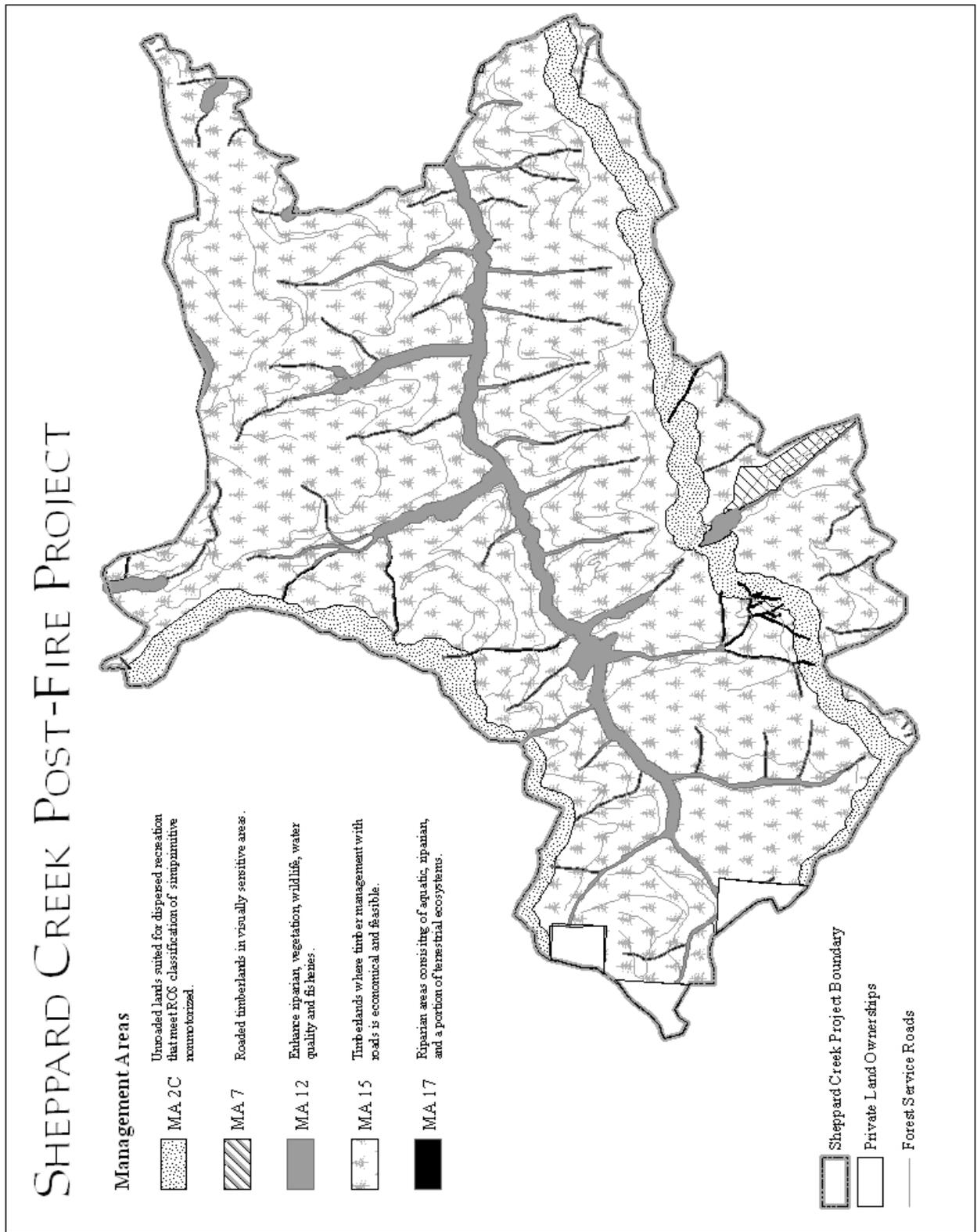
FOREST PLAN MANAGEMENT AREAS

The following table and map provides a summary description along with selected goals and standards for the Flathead National Forest Plan management areas located within the Sheppard Creek Post-Fire Project Area. The information was extracted from the Forest Plan (2001 version); please refer to the Forest Plan for a completed listing of Management Area goals and standards.

MA	Total Acres	Description	Goals	Standards
2C	2233	Lands suited for dispersed recreation that meet Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) classification of roaded natural appearing. LRMP, pages III-5 to III-11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispersed recreation opportunities will be managed to meet the roaded natural appearing ROS classification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain trails for motorized access opportunities. Lands classified as unsuitable for timber management, timber harvest will not be scheduled; harvest timber only if salvage from existing roadways with protection of recreation values.
7	165	Roaded timberlands in areas of high scenic value. LRMP, pages III-25 to III-30.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a pleasing, natural appearing landscape in which management activities are not dominant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Quality Objective (VQO) is partial retention. Lands are classified as suitable for timber harvest, even-aged harvest units will generally not exceed 10 acres in size.
12	1358	Riparian areas consisting of aquatic, riparian, and a portion of terrestrial ecosystems along most perennial streams, lakes, and ponds. LRMP, pages III-52 to III-60.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage riparian areas to enhance vegetation and wildlife diversity. Maintain or enhance water quality and fisheries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lands classified as unsuitable for timber management, timber harvest will not be scheduled; harvest timber only if riparian wildlife and fish habitat values can be maintained or improved. Maintain long-term water quality to meet or exceed State water quality standards.

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15	18,161	<p>Timberlands where timber management with roads is economical and feasible.</p> <p>LRMP, pages III-70 to III-76.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasize cost efficient production of timber while protecting the productive capacity of the land and timber resource. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lands reclassified as unsuitable for timber management, and timber harvest will be scheduled. ✓ Use timber stand improvement practices to maintain horizontal stand diversity.
17	371	<p>Riparian areas consisting of aquatic, riparian, and a portion of terrestrial ecosystems along perennial stream reaches.</p> <p>LRMP, pages III-82 to III-88.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and maintain the riparian zone, including fish and wildlife habitat, while maintaining a sustained yield of timber. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lands are classified as suitable for timber management, and timber harvest will be scheduled. ✓ A riparian area analysis will be completed before a major project is implemented on the ground.

Figure B-1. Project Forest Plan Management Areas



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