

Bear Canyon Travel Planning Area

A. Travel Area Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines

GOAL 1: Summer Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for summer recreation use with an emphasis on ATV, motorcycle and mountain bike use.

OBJ. 1-1: Achieve the summer recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 1 through the route-by-route management decisions made through this Travel Plan. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for summer uses (October, 2006)] which is hereby incorporated by reference.

OBJ. 1-2: Provide a foot and horse trail connecting the Bear Canyon area to the North Fork of Trail Creek.

OBJ. 1-3: Provide a foot and horse trail connecting Chestnut Mountain to Trail Creek.

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for winter recreation use emphasizing snowmobile use.

OBJ. 2-1: Achieve the winter recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 2 through the marked and groomed route management decisions made through this Travel Plan along with decisions made on the area available to snowmobiles. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for winter uses (October, 2006)] which is hereby incorporated by reference.

GOAL 3: Water Quality/Fisheries. Provide habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in Trail Creek and provide for beneficial uses in Bear Creek.

OBJ. 3-1: Reduce contributed sediment from the road and trail system in Trail Creek to achieve Yellowstone cutthroat trout habitat at 90% of its potential habitat capability and improve water quality in Bear Creek such that it fully supports beneficial uses.

STANDARD 3-2: Trails #440, #53, and #508 within the Bear Canyon Creek drainage are not to be opened to summer motorized, mountain bike and horse use until facilities are upgraded to a condition that alleviates sedimentation and water quality impacts from those facilities.

STANDARD 3-3: Trails in the Bear Canyon drainage are not to be opened for the summer season to ATV, motorcycle, mountain bike and/or horse use until the trail system is of a condition that prevents adverse erosion and watershed damage.

STANDARD 3-4: Due to sensitive soils in this area, wheeled motorized vehicle travel shall be prohibited off of designated routes within this travel planning area (i.e. the 300-foot off-route allowance provided in Forest-wide standard A-1 shall not apply).

GOAL 4: Migration Corridors. Provide for wildlife migration and movement between the Gallatin Mountain Range and the Bridger-Bangtail Mountain Ranges.

OBJ. 4-1: Relocate trails #440 and #458 off of the ridge to provide a non-motorized corridor north/south through this Travel Planning Area.

B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

[See attached table.](#)

