

West Bridger South Travel Planning Area

A. Alternative Travel Area Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines

Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternative 1

Alternative 1 is the “no action” alternative. There would be no changes to current management direction applicable to travel management.

Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternatives 2 through 7-M

GOAL 1: Summer Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for non-motorized summer recreation use with emphasis on hiking, running and mountain bike use. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M, however in Alternative 3 the goal would be expanded to provide opportunities for motorcycle use.*

OBJ. 1-1a: Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of summer recreation use. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of opportunity varies among alternatives as shown in the following table. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 145 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Pleasure Driving							
Miles of Road	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ATV							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	26	3	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	26	3	0	0	0	0	0
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	0	23	11	0	0	0	11
Total Miles	0	23	11	0	0	0	11
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	28	26	17	17	17	17	19
Total Miles	29	27	17	17	17	17	19
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0**	9	9	9	9	7
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	28	28	18	18	26	26	19
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	1	1	0*	0*	9

Table II – 145 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Hiking (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	28	28	35	35	35	35	35
Hiking (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*
* Use for this activity is not prohibited on any trails; use is either emphasized or allowed.							
** Use for this activity is prohibited on some trails.							

OBJ. 1-1b: 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 under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

OBJ. 1-2: Provide a mountain bike route connector from the M Trail to Sypes Canyon. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 1-3: Coordinate with Gallatin County and the City of Bozeman on “Main Street to Mountains” trails projects to provide connectors to National Forest system trails. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 1-4: Promote quality recreational experiences and provide for user safety on high use trails (Sypes Canyon and M Trails) through user education. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. There are no winter use goals for the road and trail system within this Travel Planning Area. *This is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

Table II – 146 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Pleasure Driving (Plowed Road)							
Miles of Plowed Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snowmobiling							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cross-country Skiing							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table II - 147 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Snowmobiling							
Yearlong Closure							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	88	88	13,184	13,184	13,184	13,184	1,516
Seasonal Closure ^{2/}							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	425	425	0	0	0	0	0
No Restrictions							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	12,671	12,671	0	0	0	0	11,668
Net	13,184	13,184	13,184	13,184	13,184	13,184	13,184

^{2/} Note: Seasonal restrictions are displayed under the route-by-route management section.

GOAL 3: Other Resource Protection. Provide a road and trail system that accommodates traffic consistent with protecting soil and watershed condition. *This goal applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

OBJ. 3-1. Repair damage to road and trail system and schedule maintenance to attain conditions that are non-erosive. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

OBJ. 3-2. Provide interpretive/educational signing along motorized routes and in affected areas, asking motorized users seeking camp spots to stay out of wet, muddy and shrubby areas, and to keep vehicles (and campsites) a minimum distance (e.g. 50 feet) from lakes, ponds, rivers and streams. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

[See attached table.](#)

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