

MANAGEMENT AREA 8 (246 acres) - SPECIAL INTEREST AREAS

1. Description Management Area 8 consists of both forested and nonforested lands which are set aside for their uniqueness. Areas included are the Cedar Grove Botanical Area (Alaskan yellow cedar), the Magone Lake Geological Area (landslide forming natural lake), the Tex Bridge Geological Area (natural rock formation), Fergy Spruce Grove, and the historic Sumpter Valley Railroad Cedar Grove and Tex Bridge are located in the Aldrich Mountains on the Bear Valley Ranger District. Magone Lake is located south of Lake Butte on the Long Creek Ranger District. Fergy Spruce Grove and the historic Sumpter Valley railroad are located on the Prairie City Ranger District. All acres for Cedar Grove are included in Aldrich Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized area (Management Area 10).

2. Goals Manage and preserve areas of significant historical, geological, botanical, zoological, paleontological, or other special characteristics To protect and, where appropriate, foster public enjoyment of these areas.

3. Standards

RESOURCE ELEMENT STANDARDS

The Forest-wide management direction included in Chapter IV, Section E, of this Plan applies to this management area unless superseded by the following standards:

- Recreation**
 - 1. Prohibit developed recreation use at Tex Bridge Geological Area and Cedar Grove Botanical Area.
 - 2. Encourage dispersed recreation opportunities.
 - 3. Encourage interpretive activities highlighting the unique aspects of the sites.
- Visuals**
 - 4. Manage for retention/partial retention visual quality objective (see Management Area 14, Standards No. 17-19) Site-specific visual quality objectives are identified in the TRI data base.
- Fish and Wildlife**
 - 5. Implement fish and wildlife habitat improvement/maintenance projects only if they met the objectives of the area. Emphasis is on habitat improvement for enhancing the viewing opportunities for wildlife.
- Range**
 - 6. Permit livestock grazing in accordance with Forest-wide Standards
 - 7. Utilize the forage resource consistent with area objectives.
- Timber**
 - 8. Exclude scheduled timber harvest. Lands are classified as "unsuitable" for timber management.
 - 9. Prohibit firewood cutting.
- Minerals**
 - 10. Recommend to the Secretary of Interior the withdrawal of these areas from mineral entry, if supported by a mineral potential evaluation.
- Lands**
 - 11. Retain the National Forest lands within this area.

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12. Prohibit permitted special uses that conflict with management area objectives.

Facilities

Roads

13. Maintain existing roads at Magone Lake Geological Area.

Utility Corridors

14. Manage these areas as a "Category 1 Avoidance Area" for the location of utility corridors.

Protection

Fire Management

15. Use planned and natural ignitions, when within prescription, to achieve resource management objectives and to allow fire to play its natural ecological role.

Residue Management

16. Emphasize maintenance of the natural character of Special Interest Areas when designing residue treatments in and adjacent to these areas. Minimize high intensity wildfires which would result in stand replacement.

Insects and Disease

17. Allow endemic infestations to occur. Treat epidemics that threaten special interest areas or adjacent lands.

4 Schedule of Management Practices

No management practices are scheduled for Management Area 8.

