

Gardiner Basin 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 Forest Plan management direction applicable to travel management.

Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternatives 2 through 7

GOAL 1: Summer Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for summer recreation use with an emphasis on hiking/horseback riding of area trails and providing passenger vehicle access for firewood gathering and trailhead access on area roads. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7.*

OBJ. 1(1): Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of summer recreation use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7.*

Table II – 72 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Current	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7
Pleasure Driving							
Miles of Road	13	13	15	13	13	13	13
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	22	22	20	22	22	22	22
ATV							
Miles of Road	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	37	37	25	25	25	25	25
Miles of Trail	14	14	3	3	3	3	3
Total Miles	51	51	28	28	28	28	28
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							

Table II – 72 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Current	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7
Miles of Trail	1	1	0**	0**	0**	0**	0**
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	16	16	13	12	16	16	12
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	3	4	0*	0*	4
Hiking (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
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(2): Provide loop routes for mountain bike use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 3 through 6, but the number and location of routes vary by alternative.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide limited opportunities for snowmobile use on area roads and cross-country skiing on select trails. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7.*

OBJ. 2(1): Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of winter recreation use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7, however the amount of opportunity varies as shown in the table below.*

Table II – 73 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Current	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7
Pleasure Driving (Plowed Road)							
Miles of Plowed Road	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Snowmobiling							
Miles of Groomed Trail	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

Table II – 73 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Current	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7
Cross-country Skiing							
Miles of Groomed Trail	16	16	22	22	15	15	15
Miles of Marked Trail	7	7	0	0	7	7	7
Total Miles	23	23	22	22	22	22	22

Table II - 74 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres							
Recreation Opportunity	Current	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7
Snowmobiling							
Yearlong Closure							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	12,010	12,010	12,856	12,856	12,856	12,856	12,856
Seasonal Closure <u>2/</u>							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Restrictions							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	11,276	11,276	10,430	10,430	10,430	10,430	10,430
Net	23,286	23,286	23,286	23,286	23,286	23,286	23,286
<u>2/</u> Note: Seasonal restrictions are displayed under the route-by-route management section.							

GOAL 3: Fisheries. Provide habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in Darroch Creek and Little Trail Creek. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7.*

In this Travel Planning Area, this goal is pursued through application of Forest-wide standards.

B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

[See attached table.](#)

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