

# 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 Forest Plan management direction applicable to travel management.

### Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternatives 2 through 6

**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, however in Alternative 3 and 7, the goal would be expanded to provide opportunities for motorcycle use.*

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

Table II – 145 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
<b>Pleasure Driving</b>							
Miles of Road	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Backcountry Roads (4x4)</b>							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ATV</b>							
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
<b>Motorcycle</b>							
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
<b>Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)</b>							
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

Table II – 145 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
<b>Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)</b>							
Miles of Trail	0*	0**	9	9	9	9	7
<b>Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)</b>							
Miles of Trail	28	28	18	18	26	26	19
<b>Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)</b>							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	1	1	0*	0*	0*
<b>Hiking (Use Emphasized)</b>							
Miles of Trail	28	28	35	35	35	35	35
<b>Hiking (Use Allowed)</b>							
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 a mountain bike route connector from the M Trail to Sypes Canyon. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7.*

**OBJ. 1(2):** 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.*

**OBJ. 1(3):** 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.*

**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.*

Table II – 146 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
<b>Pleasure Driving (Plowed Road)</b>							
Miles of Plowed Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Snowmobiling</b>							

<b>Table II – 146 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles</b>							
All mileages are approximate							
<b>Recreation Opportunity</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Alt. 2</b>	<b>Alt. 3</b>	<b>Alt. 4</b>	<b>Alt. 5</b>	<b>Alt. 6</b>	<b>Alt. 7</b>
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
<b>Cross-country Skiing</b>							
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

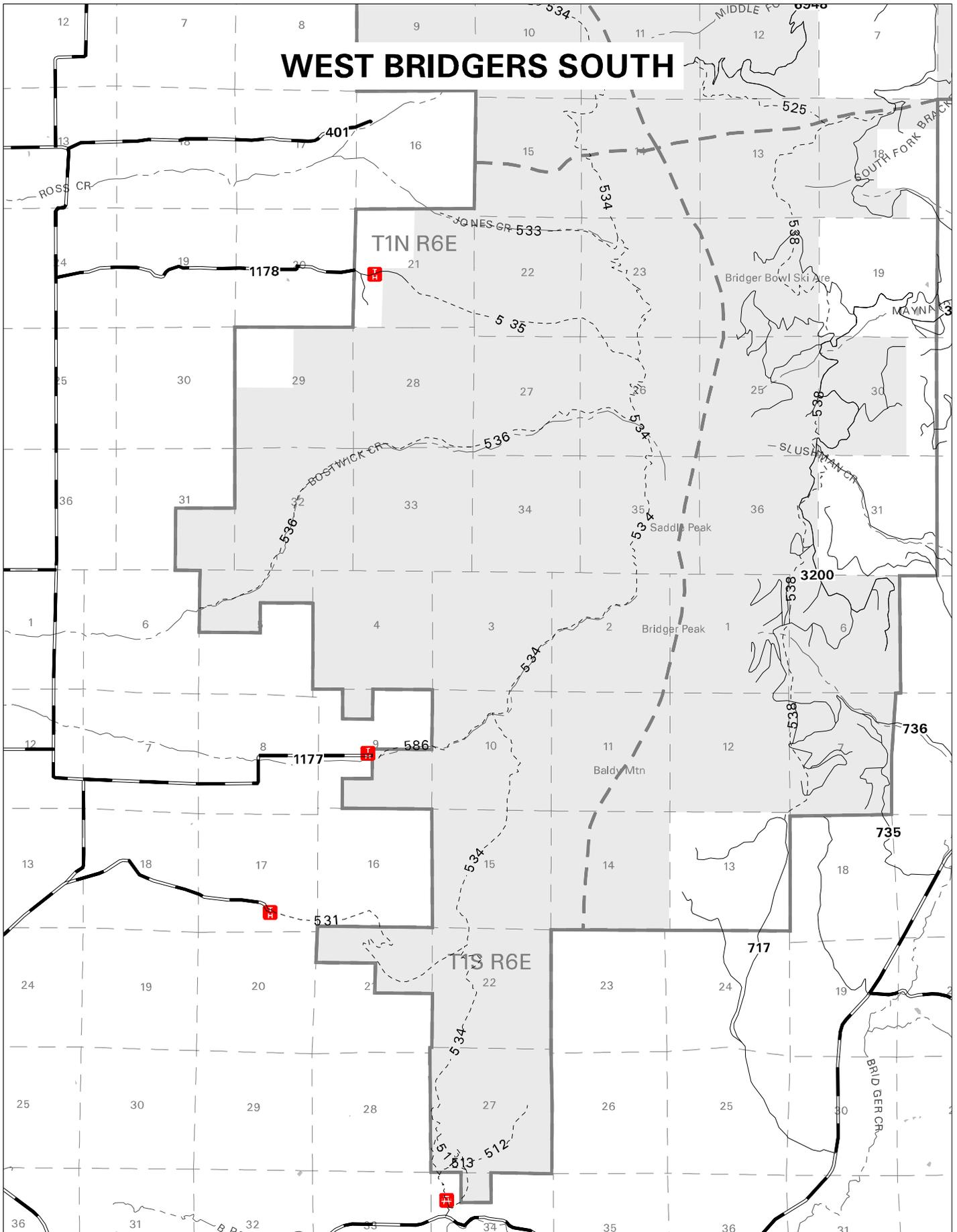
<b>Table II - 147 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres</b>							
<b>Recreation Opportunity</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Alt. 2</b>	<b>Alt. 3</b>	<b>Alt. 4</b>	<b>Alt. 5</b>	<b>Alt. 6</b>	<b>Alt. 7</b>
<b>Snowmobiling</b>							
Yearlong Closure							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	88	88	13,184	13,184	13,184	13,184	13,184
Seasonal Closure <sup>2/</sup>							
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	0
Net	13,184	13,184	13,184	13,184	13,184	13,184	13,184
<sup>2/</sup> Note: Seasonal restrictions are displayed under the route-by-route management section.							

## **B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management**

[See attached table.](#)

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# WEST BRIDGERS SOUTH



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ROAD/TRAIL plus comments	ALT	Passenger Car	High Clearance	ATV	Motorcycles	MtnBike	Stock	Hiking	Snowmobiles	X-C Snowshoe
<b>Truman Gulch and Middle Cottonwood Rd.</b> Matrix applies to both Truman Gulch Road #1178 and Middle Cottonwood Road # 1177	1	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG							
	2-6	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG							
	7	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG							
<b>MIDDLE COTTONWOOD TRAIL #586</b>	1	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG
Middle Cottonwood Trail open to ATV's to the junction of the Bridger Foothills Trail #534 under the Statewide OHV decision in this alternative.	2	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG			
	3	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>E</b> CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG
	4-6	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG
	7	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>E</b> CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG
<b>TRUMAN GULCH TRAIL #535</b>	1	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG
Truman Gulch Trail open approximately 1.5 miles to ATV's under the Statewide OHV decision in this alternative.	2	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG			
	3	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG
	4-6	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG
	7	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG

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ROAD/TRAIL plus comments	ALT	Passenger Car	High Clearance	ATV	Motorcycles	MtnBike	Stock	Hiking	Snowmobiles	X-C Snowshoe
<b>COLLEGE M TRAIL #511 - 513</b> Note - the College M Trails are closed to snowmobiles from June 1 - November 30 in alternatives 1 and 2. These trails provide a heavily used "urban" hiking trail system for Bozeman residents. Mountain Biking on the "M" trails is not encouraged.	1	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED June 1 - Nov 30	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	2	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	3-6	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	7	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
<b>BRIDGER FOOTHILLS TRAIL #534 Seg 1</b> This segment runs from the M north to Middle Cottonwood Trail Junction. In alternative 2, employ mitigation for motorcycle use such as constructing a parallel route for the first mile, and only allowing motorized use and mountain bikes on this route on weekdays.	1	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	2	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	3-6	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	7	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
<b>BRIDGER FOOTHILLS TRAIL #534 Seg 2</b> Segment 2 runs from Middle Cottonwood north. Note - trail is open to snowmobiles in alt. 2.	1	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	2,3	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	P Closed YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	4-6	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	7	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	P Closed YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG

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ROAD/TRAIL plus comments	ALT	Passenger Car	High Clearance	ATV	Motorcycles	MtnBike	Stock	Hiking	Snowmobiles	X-C Snowshoe	
<b>All other West Bridgers South Trails</b>  Includes Bostwick # 536, Jones Ck. # 533, and Sypes Canyon # 531. There is currently no public access to Bostwick or Jones from the west.	1	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	
	2	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG				
	3-6	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	
	7	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>E</b> Closed Apr 1 - Jun 15	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	
<b>BRIDGER RIDGE TRAIL #513</b> Bridger Ridge Trail does not formally exist as a system trail in alternatives 1 and 2. It would be constructed for foot traffic only in alternatives 3-6.	1,2										
	3-6	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	
	7	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>E</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG	
<b>UNIVENTORIED MOTORIZED ROUTES</b> This is an estimate of the existing uninventoried motorized routes located within this travel planning area: 0 miles of ATV routes, and less than 5 miles of motorcycles routes. These routes are a legitimate dispersed use under alternative 1.	1	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG									
	2-6	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG					
	7	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>P</b> CLOSED YEARLONG	<b>A</b> No Restrictions YEARLONG					