

Ibex 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 that include hiking, mountain biking, ATV and motorcycle use. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7, however motorized use would be dropped from the goal statement in Alternative 6, and ATV use would be dropped from the goal statement in Alternative 7.*

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 between alternatives as shown in the following table.*

Table II – 84 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	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
ATV							
Miles of Road	2	2	2	1	1	0	1
Miles of Trail	34	29	25	16	16	0	4
Total Miles	36	31	27	17	17	0	5
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Miles of Trail	0	5	8	10	0	0	0
Total Miles	0	5	8	11	0	0	1
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	17	17	1	1	1	1	5
Miles of Trail	36	36	34	34	34	34	35
Total Miles	53	53	35	35	35	35	40

Table II – 84 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
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	2	2	2	2	1
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	36	36	9	9	36	36	12
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	27	27	0*	0*	24
Hiking (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	36	19	24	24	24	36	17
Hiking (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	17	12	12	12	0*	19
* 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 loop for motorcycles and mountain bikes connecting some lower elevation trails. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 3 through 5. The objective is dropped in Alternatives 2, 6 and 7.*

OBJ. 1(3): Secure easements through private land on roads and trails designated for public use. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7.*

OBJ. 1(4): Secure one additional road access to the Forest boundary. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for winter recreation use, emphasizing snowmobile use. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 4, and 6. In Alternatives 5 and 7, snowmobiling would not be an emphasis.*

OBJ. 2(1): Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of winter 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 – 85 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	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Snowmobiling							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	4	4	13	13	0	3	5
Total Miles	4	4	13	13	0	3	5
Cross-country Skiing							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	3	7	12	12	14
Total Miles	0	0	3	7	12	12	14

Table II - 86 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	0	0	0	0	8,223	0	6,911
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	12,781	12,781	12,781	12,781	4,558	12,781	5,870
Net	12,781	12,781	12,781	12,781	12,781	12,781	12,781

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

GOAL 3: Cultural Resources. Regulate travel to maintain the integrity of the significant cultural resource landscape that is of important interest to the Crow Tribe. *This goal applies to Alternatives 5, 6 and 7.*

OBJ. 3(1): Eliminate motorized use in the core high-country of the Crazy Mountains above private land. *This objective applies to Alternatives 5, 6 and 7.*

GOAL 4: Fisheries. Provide habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in Cottonwood Creek and the Middle and North Forks of Horse 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.](#)

