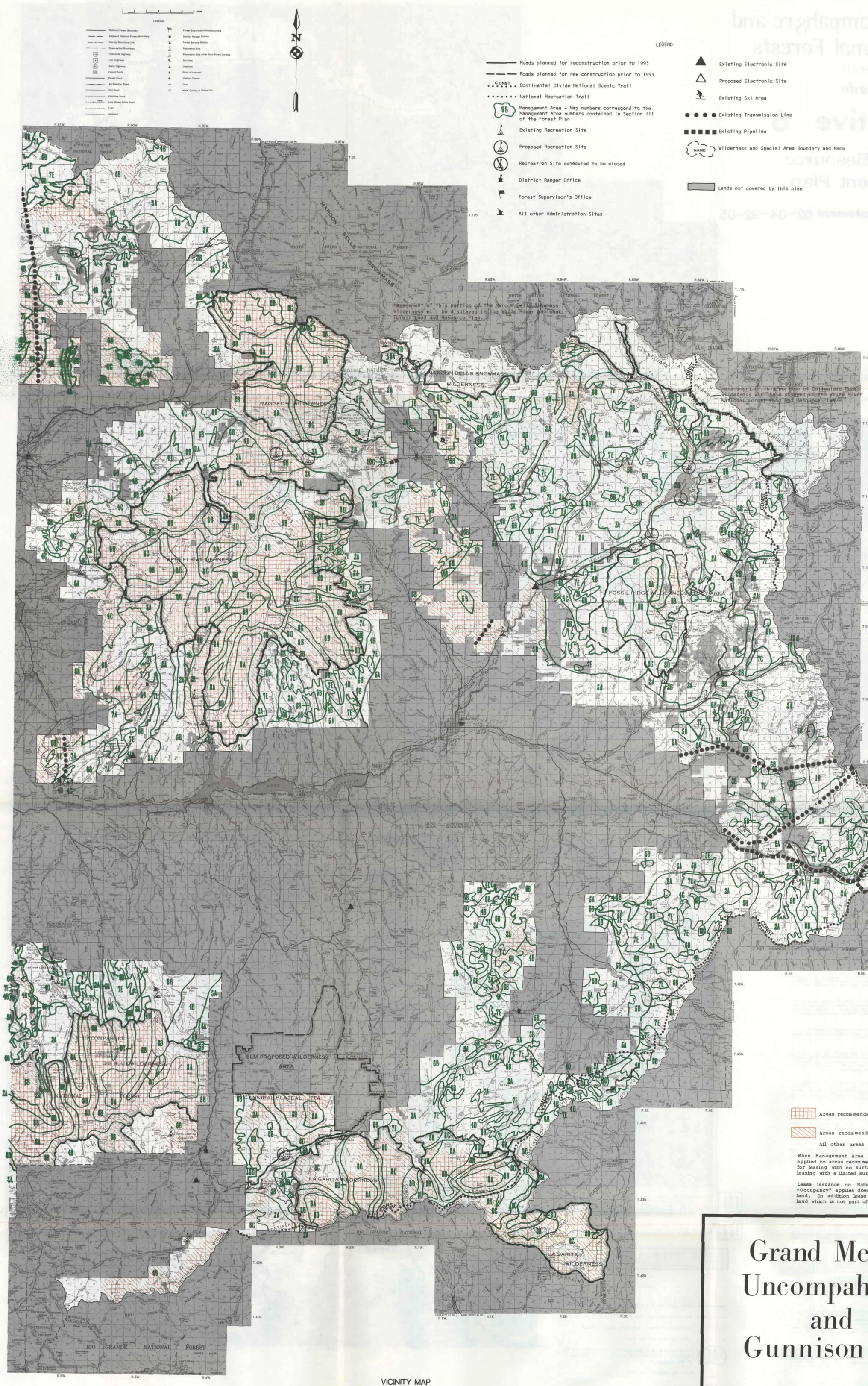


MANAGEMENT AREA DIRECTION

Management area direction is a mix of management practices, which is designated to attain particular objectives. Management area direction is applied to each management area based on the management emphasis prescribed for that area. The distribution and location of management areas will change with each alternative. This map shows the specific locations where management area direction will be implemented for one alternative.

1A 1A. MANAGEMENT AREA - National Forest System developed recreation sites. Visual quality will be maintained or improved. No livestock grazing will be permitted during the use season. Proposed sites will maintain the site attractiveness until developed.

1B 1B. MANAGEMENT AREA - Existing winter sports sites. Management integrates ski area development and use with other resource management to provide healthy tree stands, vegetation diversity, forage production for wildlife and livestock, and opportunities for non-motorized recreation.

1D 1D. MANAGEMENT AREA - Utility corridors and electronic sites. Livestock grazing is permitted. Activities within these corridors and sites will be compatible with the adjacent management area direction.

2A 2A. MANAGEMENT AREA - Semi-primitive motorized recreation opportunities in a natural appearing environment. Range management will reduce conflicts between recreation and livestock. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity.

2B 2B. MANAGEMENT AREA - Roaded natural and rural recreation opportunities. Major travel routes maintained or improved visual quality. Range management will reduce conflicts between recreation and livestock. Vegetation treatment including timber harvest will enhance visual quality, recreation setting and plant and animal diversity.

3A 3A. MANAGEMENT AREA - Semi-primitive non-motorized recreation opportunities. Vegetation treatment will maintain visual quality and plant and animal diversity. Deer density is controlled by access.

4B 4B. MANAGEMENT AREA - Wildlife habitat management for one or more management indicator species. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized and roaded natural recreation opportunities will be provided. Livestock grazing will be compatible with wildlife habitat management. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity.

4C 4C. MANAGEMENT AREA - Wildlife habitat management in hardwood and shrub dominated draws and other areas of woody vegetation on rangelands. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized and roaded natural recreation opportunities will be provided. Livestock grazing will be compatible with wildlife habitat management. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity.

4D 4D. MANAGEMENT AREA - Wildlife habitat management in aspen. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized and roaded natural recreation opportunities will be provided. Aspen is managed to provide wildlife habitat, wood products, visual quality and plant and animal diversity. Livestock grazing will be compatible with wildlife habitat management.

5A 5A. MANAGEMENT AREA - Big game winter range in non-forest areas. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized and roaded natural recreation opportunities will be provided. Motorized recreation on local roads is managed to prevent unacceptable stress on big game animals during primary big game use season. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity. Livestock grazing is compatible, but managed to favor wildlife habitat.

5B 5B. MANAGEMENT AREA - Big game winter range in forested areas. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized and wooded natural recreation opportunities will be provided. Motorized recreation on local roads is managed to prevent unacceptable stress on big game animals during primary big game use season. Harvest methods used to improve winter range can be clearcut, shelterwood or selection. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity. Livestock grazing is compatible, but managed to favor wildlife habitat.

6A 6A. MANAGEMENT AREA - Livestock grazing. Rangeland will be improved through use of vegetation and soil restoration practices, improved livestock management and regulation of other resource activities. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized and roaded natural recreation opportunities will be provided. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity.

6B 6B. MANAGEMENT AREA - Livestock grazing. Rangeland will be maintained at or above a satisfactory condition. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized and roaded natural recreation opportunities will be provided. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity.

7A 7A. MANAGEMENT AREA - Wood fiber production and utilization on suitable timber land using the clearcut harvest method on slopes less than 40 per cent. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized, roaded natural and rural recreation opportunities will be provided. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity.

7C 7C. MANAGEMENT AREA - Wood fiber production and utilization on forested slopes greater than 40 percent suitable for timber production. The harvest method by forest cover type can be clearcut in lodgepole pine and group selection in Engelmann spruce - sub alpine-fir. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized, roaded natural and rural recreation opportunities will be provided. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity.

7E 7E. MANAGEMENT AREA - Wood fiber production and utilization on suitable timber land on slopes less than 40 per cent using the shelterwood harvest method in spruce-fir and ponderosa pine and the clearcut method in lodgepole pine. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized, roaded natural and rural recreational opportunities will be provided. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity.

8A 8A. MANAGEMENT AREA - Pristine wilderness recreation setting. Very high levels of solitude, very high opportunities for challenge, risk and self reliance. Trail encounters will generally be very low, 0-2 other parties per day. The area is closed to motorized vehicle use.

8B 8B. MANAGEMENT AREA - Primitive wilderness recreation setting. High levels of solitude, high opportunities for challenge, risk and self-reliance. Trail encounters will generally be low, less than 5 other parties per day. The area is closed to motorized vehicle use.

8C 8C. MANAGEMENT AREA - Semi-primitive wilderness recreation setting. Moderate levels of solitude, moderate opportunities for challenge, risk and self reliance. Trail encounters will generally be moderate to high, 5 to 20 other parties per day. The area is closed to motorized use.

8D 8D. MANAGEMENT AREA - High-density day-use recreation setting. Low levels of solitude, low opportunity for challenge, risk and self reliance. Trail encounters will generally be high, greater than 20 other parties per day. The area is closed to motorized vehicle use.

9A 9A. MANAGEMENT AREA - Riparian area management. Resource use will be managed to protect and maintain the riparian area. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity. Primitive, semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized, roaded natural and rural recreation opportunities can be provided.

Management Area 9A is not displayed on this map. This prescription will be applied to all riparian areas located any where on the Forest except those in wilderness, research natural areas, developed recreation sites and any other special interest areas.

9B 9B. MANAGEMENT AREA - Increased water production. This will be accomplished through vegetation treatment and snowpack management designed to increase water yield on suitable timber land. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi -primitive motorized, roaded natural and rural recreation opportunities will be provided.

10A 10A. MANAGEMENT AREA - Research Natural Areas. Emphasis is on research, study, observations, monitoring and educational activities that are non-destructive and non-manipulative, and that maintain unmodified conditions.

10C 10C. MANAGEMENT AREA - Special Interest Areas. Preserve, protect, study, and interpret areas of outstanding geological formations and cultural resource areas. Range management will reduce conflicts between recreation and livestock. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized, roaded natural and rural recreation opportunities will be provided.

10E 10E. MANAGEMENT AREA - Municipal watersheds. Management practices vary from use restrictions to water resource improvement practices, with the primary objective of meeting water quality standards.

THE MANAGEMENT AREAS IDENTIFIED ON THIS MAP AND THE MANAGEMENT DIRECTION DEFINED IN THE FOREST PLAN APPLY TO NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS ONLY. THEY DO NOT APPLY TO ANY LANDS IN STATE, PRIVATE OR OTHER OWNERSHIPS.

Areas recommended unavailable for mineral leasing

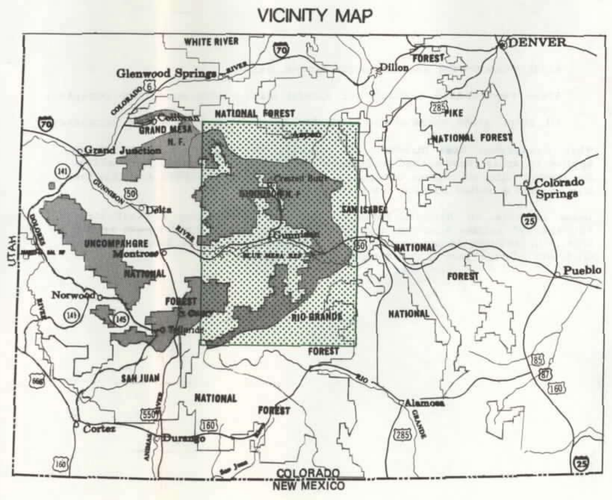
Areas recommended available for mineral leasing with no surface occupancy

All other areas recommended available for leasing with surface occupancy.

When Management Area Direction 2B, 4D, 5B, 7A, 7C, 7E or 9A or 9B are applied to areas recommended unavailable for leasing or recommended available for leasing with no surface occupancy, the area is recommended available for leasing with a limited surface use stipulation.

Lease issuance on National Forest System land, on which a "No-Surface -Occupancy" applies does not guarantee access across National Forest System land. In addition lease issuance does not guarantee access across adjacent land which is not part of the National Forest System.

VICINITY MAP



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(East Half)

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