

# MGT AREA 15 -- POTENTIAL RECREATION SITES

## A VISION

Any developments and activities protect, maintain or improve the value of the site for future recreation development.

This looks into the future, although some of it may be happening now. It is stated in the "present tense" as if it is already that way. This gives a feel of where we are heading. It paints a general picture with a broad brush.

## DESIRED FUTURE CONDITION

- Activities and uses retain the form, line, color and texture which are characteristic of the landscape. (retention visual quality objective)
- There are trailhead parking areas to meet dispersed recreation use.
- The existing Red River and Sipapu ski areas are expanded.
- Prospectus are issued as demand develops for ski touring centers.
- Land is allocated for expansion of the Pot Creek Interpretive Resource Center.
- Land is allocated for the Sangre de Cristo Ski Area.

This table snaps a more detailed picture of what this management area will look like in the future. Since much depends on natural cycles, which need time, these conditions may take many years to achieve. Some of it may be in this condition now.

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### DESCRIPTION

This management area contains sites for future recreation facilities; such as, potential campgrounds, trailhead parking areas, and nordic and alpine ski areas. Most of the potential campgrounds are oriented around water, and are needed to relieve pressure on existing, over-used and under-developed, recreation sites.

FUTURE RECREATION SITE	RANGER DISTRICT
Hart Canyon Trailhead	Canjilon
Trout Lakes Trailhead	Canjilon
Felipito	El Rito
OK Canyon	Camino Real
La Junta Trailhead	Camino Real
Garcia Park Trailhead	Camino Real
Alamitos Trailhead	Camino Real
Sipapu Ski Area Expansion	Camino Real
Osha Mtn. Ski Area	Camino Real
Pot Creek Ski Area	Camino Real
Pot Creek Interpretive Resource Center	Camino Real
US 64 Trailhead	Tres Piedras
Westside Ski Touring Center	Tres Piedras
Latir Trailhead	Questa
East Fork Red River Trailhead	Questa
Mallette	Questa
Red River Ski Area Expansion	Questa
Sangre de Cristo Ski Area	Questa

## Standards and Guidelines

This section contains the standards and guidelines against which activities and uses are to be compared. It focus on and provides more details about the "Desire Future Conditions." In some cases it gives the long term "where and when." The Forest Plan Implementation Schedule is the tool used for all short-term planning and scheduling. The Implementation Schedule provides the operational perspective [making the commitment – asking for the dollars and scheduling what year it will be done in.] The tactical perspective [the execution] is the actual implementation on the ground. This is done after we get the funding. It is also documented as accomplishments in the Forest Plan Implementation Schedule.

**FEASIBILITY STUDIES...** All sites will require feasibility studies and site development plans prior to development.

**GRAZING...** Plan to phase out grazing as sites are developed and moved to Mgt Area 16 - Existing Recreation Sites.

**MINERAL WITHDRAWALS...** Withdraw the potential recreation sites from mineral location.

**PROTECT RECREATION VALUES...** Developments and activities will protect, maintain, or improve the value of the site for future recreation development.

### SKI AREAS...

- Approve and monitor the proposed expansion of the existing Red River and Sipapu ski areas.
- Evaluate special use applications received for the proposed Sangre de Cristo Ski Area; if feasible, issue permit for development.
- When demand dictates, issue a propectus for concessionaire construction and management of a westside ski touring center. Follow up with a special use permit, and monitor development and operations.

### TIMBER SALES...

- Timber harvesting can be done to maintain stand condition and prepare for future site development. Harvest prescriptions will be prepared jointly by the Forest silviculturalist and recreation specialist.
- Slash disposal is carried out in accordance with the fuel treatment plan. No special treatment for these areas.
- If timber sales do occur within the area, construct roads using Best Management Practices and to benefit the future recreation use. Manage for a road density of 2.1 miles per square mile for construction and 1.9 miles per square mile for reconstruction during first entry, and 4 miles per square mile for reconstruction during second entry.

**TRAILHEADS...** Construct trailhead parking areas to meet dispersed recreation use.

**WILDFIRES...** Suppress wildfires at 40 acres during manning class 3+, 4 and 5. During other periods, wildfires may be allowed to burn if they meet the intent of the management highlights, and standards and guidelines for this management area, while protecting life and property.

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**YOUR NOTES...**