

# Forest Plan Amendment Number 44

## Custer National Forest

### Billings, Montana

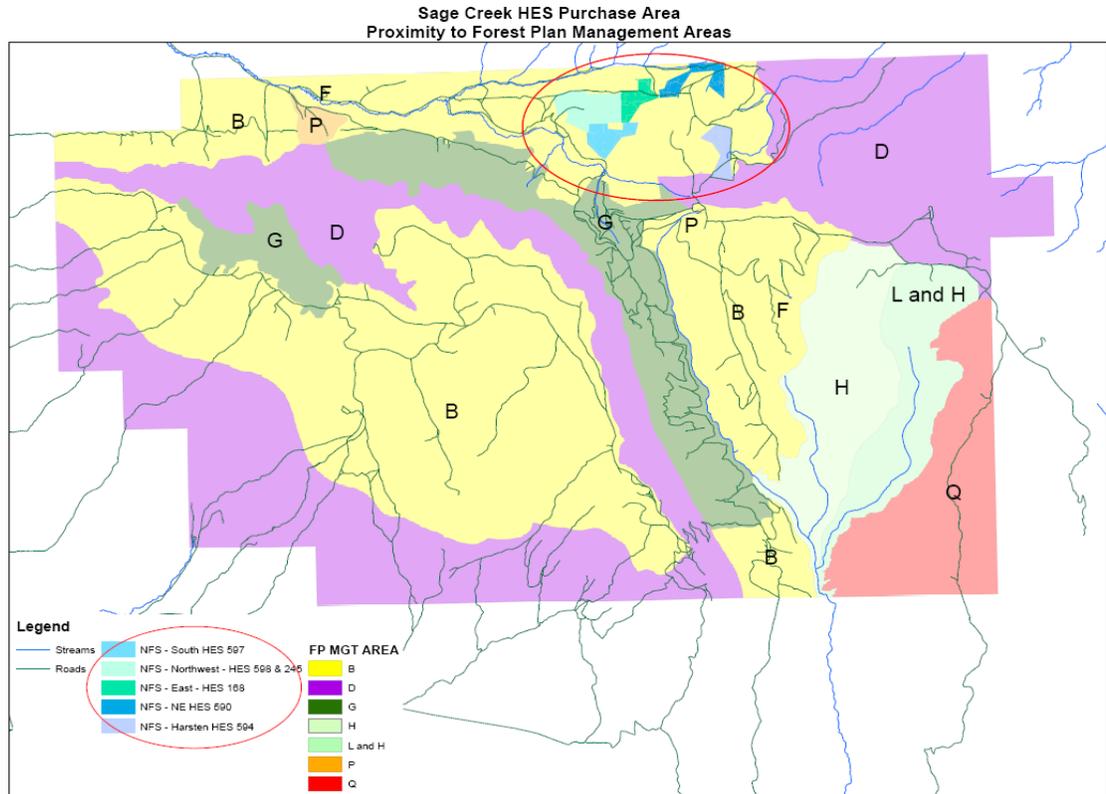
#### Allocation of Acquired Lands to Forest Plan Management Areas

On June 17, 2005, the United States Forest Service purchased 960 acres (formerly private Homestead Entry Survey lands (HES) # 168, 245, 590, 594, 597, and 598) in the Pryor Mountains located on the Beartooth Ranger District of the Custer National Forest. The purpose of the purchase was to perpetuate conservation of the land by precluding subdivision development and potential environmental effects from development.

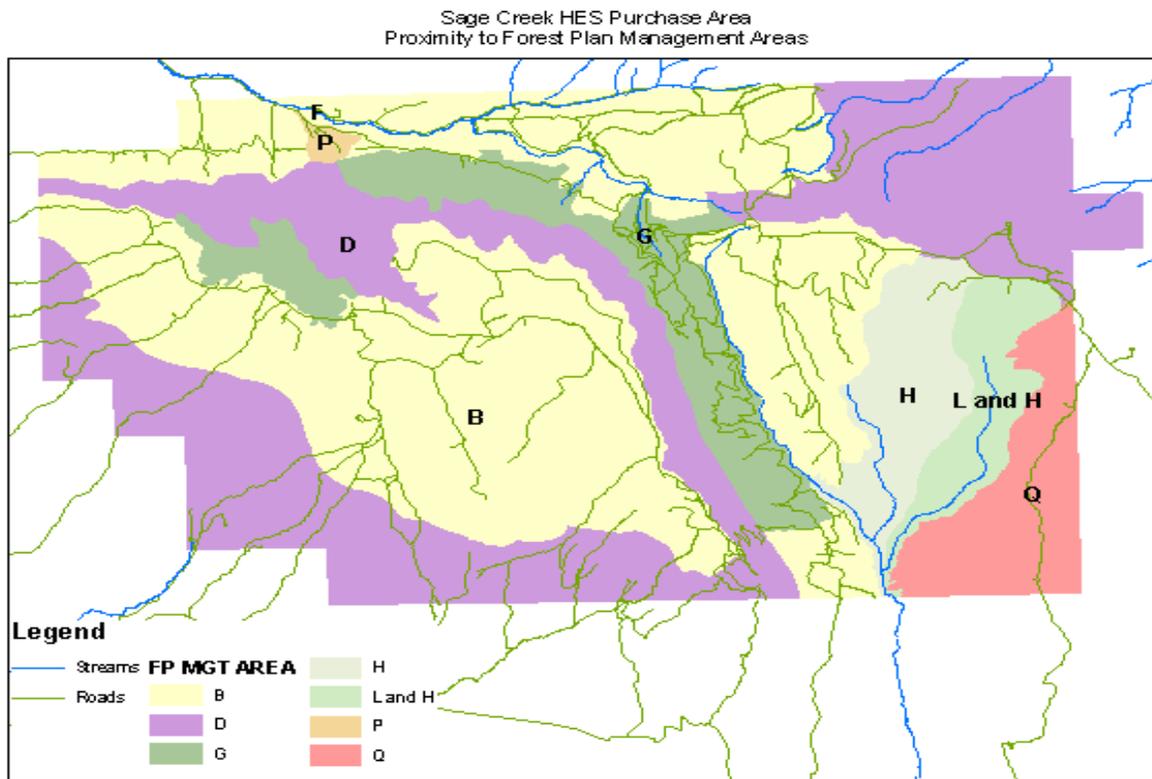
*The Custer National Forest and National Grasslands Land Resources Management Plan - 1986* (Forest Plan) does not specify to which management area(s) acquired lands would be allocated thereby necessitating an amendment for Forest Plan management area allocation for these acquired lands.

The Forest Plan is hereby amended by allocating upland forested and non-forested acquired lands to Management Area B (~ 950 acres) and the acquired riparian areas to Management Area M (~10 acres) as outlined on the map below. Forest Plan forest-wide goals, objectives and standards still apply, as described on pages 3 through 39, as are standards for management areas B and M, as described on pages 45 through 48 and pages 80 through 82, respectively.

**Figure 1. Sage Creek HES Purchase Area in Relationship to Forest Plan Management Areas.**



**Figure 2. Management Area Allocation of the HES Purchase Area After Approval of the Amendment.**



\*Management Area M is not mapped due to map scales, consistent with the 1986 Custer Forest Plan maps which do not delineate Management Area M (riparian) or Management Area N (hardwood draws).

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