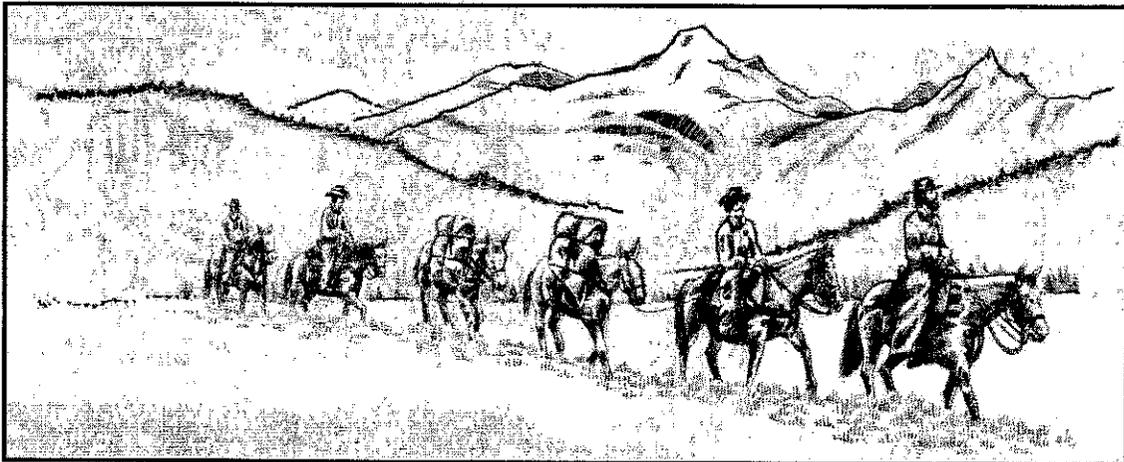


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**PART I – RECREATION USE ANALYSIS**

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**INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

General public lands in Wyoming are the major land base for most outdoor recreation activities in the area. Population growth, increased tourism, and increased interest and diversity in outdoor recreation activities have all contributed to more and more demand for use of these general public lands. In addition, demand is expected to continue increasing. Land managers are feeling the pressure to do a better job of allocating limited resources. As managers of the land and its resources, we have a responsibility to sustain our resources. With this responsibility comes the questions of “at what point does continued recreation use cause the experiences that are being pursued to be diminished?” and “at what point does recreation use cause unacceptable effects on natural resources?” This document addresses the determination of upper limits of recreation use throughout the Bighorn National Forest.

**DETERMINATION OF NEED**

The basis for permitting commercial recreation services on general public lands is the determination of need for those services. Need is determined through several avenues: prospective applicants desire to provide services; market demand and trends in recreation activities; agency and forest’s mission and management goals; other agencies; other users; and current outfitter viability.

**RESOURCE CAPABILITY (Visitor Use Capacity)**

In 1986 a recreation capacity determination was completed as part of the Procedure for Recreation Capacity Determination and Outfitter-Guide Allocation in Dispersed Use Recreation Areas for the Bighorn National Forest. This analysis was driven by the 1985 Forest Plan that directed the establishment of a level of permitted use for commercial recreation services on the Forest. For this updated capacity analysis, the following will be used:

**Recreation Use Compartments**

The land basis for this analysis is 6<sup>th</sup> level watershed compartments. These were further broken down by wilderness and non-wilderness and by district boundaries. Then, some areas were combined based on use patterns and access, leaving a total of 65 compartments across the Forest (see Map 1). These compartments are generally delineated along topographic or watershed boundaries, and define typical use patterns. The compartments vary in size, depending on the use patterns, topography, and amount of recreation use that occurs.

### **Commonly Used Areas**

Generally, people travel along established road or trail corridors, camping in areas with flat ground, and avoiding steep slopes. To approximate recreation use patterns, a computer model was developed to identify areas on the Forest where steep ground (over 30% slope) exists and areas of rock greater than 10 acres. All areas less than 30% slope and rock less than 10 acres are then classified as commonly used areas. Other areas classified as commonly used include climbing routes, which are typically over 40% slope, but have established use patterns. Miles of fishable streams and total miles of road per area were also identified.

### **Areas Excluded**

The area within the Medicine Wheel Historic Landmark was eliminated from useable acres per the Historic Preservation Plan dated September 1996.

### **ROS Class**

The ROS classes utilized for this project are the current ROS classes for the preferred alternative in the Forest Plan Revision.

### **Recreation Capacity and Recreation Use Coefficients**

The coefficients are derived from a mathematical equation that sets a minimum spacing between people within an area or along a road or trail. The number of acres or miles is multiplied by an appropriate coefficient to obtain the capacity. The capacity is measured in terms of People At One Time or PAOT. PAOTs represent a snapshot in time, where a calculated number of people are within a given area at a point in time. The maximum number of PAOTs that an area can sustain, based on social, physical, and biological conditions, becomes the PAOT capacity for an area. Coefficients vary by ROS class and by the type of terrain or vegetation patterns present.

The following Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) table comes from a 1982 ROS Forest Service Users guide general publication. The table gives a capacity coefficient for each ROS class. It is used as a starting point for establishing capacities as long as further analysis such as usable areas, patterns of use and other factors are considered.

Table I-1 shows figures for both trail capacity and area-wide capacity. The trail capacity process will be utilized by most activities on the forest except for hunting. Most outfitted and guided activities occur along roads and trails. The forestwide capacity estimates will be utilized for hunting and other activities, where use occurs off roads and trails in the general forest area. Guided snowmobile tours occur primarily along groomed snowmobile routes. Capacity estimates will be based on the Semi-Primitive Motorized ROS class "On Trails" coefficient.

The purpose of establishing capacity standards is to help assure and maintain a specific social setting compatible to the desired recreation experience. It is the social setting that is being monitored no the per-acre or per-mile capacity.

**Table I-1. Area and Trail Coefficients for Capacity by ROS**

<b>ROS Class Coefficients</b>	<b>Very Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>PRIMITIVE:</b>				
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	0.5	1	2	3
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	1	2	7	25
<b>SEMI-PRIMITIVE NON-MOTORIZED:</b>				
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2	3	9	11
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	4	4	50	80
<b>SEMI-PRIMITIVE MOTORIZED:</b>				
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2	3	9	11
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	4	8	50	80
<b>ROADED NATURAL:</b>				
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2	3	9	11
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	40	80	1,200	2,500
<b>ROADED MODIFIED:</b>				
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2	3	9	11
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	40	80	1,200	2,500
<b>RURAL:</b>				
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2	3	9	11
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	500	800	5,000	7,500

Very low and low apply to rock, mountain grass, and clearcuts 1 to 20 years old. Moderate applies to mountain grass, mature and pole-size ponderosa pine, mature aspen, shelterwood cuts 90 to 120 years old, selection cuts 1 to 20 years old, and clearcuts 80 to 120 years old.

High applies to mature and pole-size spruce, pole-size aspen, and clearcuts 20 to 80 years old.

Table I-2 below categorizes each ROS class by Forested or Non-Forested and uses an average coefficient from the table above that is used in the Bighorn’s capacity analysis.

**Table I-2. Coefficients for Capacity for Forested and Non- Forested by ROS**

<b>ROS Class Coefficients</b>	<b>Non-Forested</b>	<b>Forested</b>
<b>PRIMITIVE:</b>		
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	0.75	2.5
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	1.5	16
<b>SEMI-PRIMITIVE NON-MOTORIZED:</b>		
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2.5	10
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	6	65

<b>ROS Class Coefficients</b>	<b>Non-Forested</b>	<b>Forested</b>
<b>SEMI-PRIMITIVE MOTORIZED</b>		
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2.5	10
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	6	65
<b>ROADED NATURAL:</b>		
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2.5	10
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	60	1,850
<b>ROADED MODIFIED:</b>		
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2.5	10
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	60	1,850
<b>RURAL:</b>		
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2.5	10
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	650	6,250

Capacity is determined by two methods:

1. Net usable acres in a compartment times the use coefficient for the specific ROS class and vegetative type. The products are totaled for each compartment. (Area Capacity)
2. Total trail miles in a compartment times the use coefficient for the specific ROS class and vegetative type. The products are totaled for each compartment. (Trail Capacity)

The following examples shown in Tables I-3 and I-4 utilize a representative compartment to display the two methods.

**Table 1-3. Area Capacity for Little Bighorn River near Duncum Non-Wilderness Compartment** (Medicine Wheel/Paintrock District) broken down by ROS and Vegetative Class

<b>ROS</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Available Acres</b>	<b>PAOT Coeff.</b>	<b>PAOT Capacity</b>
<b>Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized</b>				
Forested	3,390.693876	1,195.2642910	.065	77.6921730
Non-forested	1,597.874055	485.2534127	.006	2.9115204
Total	4,988.567931	1,680.5177037		80.6036934
<b>Semi-Primitive Motorized</b>				
Forested	5,638.941690	4,468.569103	.065	290.456990
Non-forested	5,083.874873	3,843.114677	.006	23.058687
Total	10,722.816563	8,311.683780		313.515777
<b>Roaded Natural</b>				
Forested	2,423.605669	2,252.5767300	1.85	4,167.26680
Non-forested	3,272.189012	2,830.9221130	.06	169.85532
Total	5,695.794681	5,083.4988430		4,337.12212
<b>Roaded Modified</b>				
Forested	4,778.549925	4,299.336248	1.85	7,953.77190
Non-forested	2,807.944960	2,094.717969	.06	125.68307
Total	7,586.494885	6,394.054217		8,079.45497
<b>Rural</b>				
Forested	32.60489243	31.80147329	6.25	198.75920
Non-forested	809.44778470	803.02870100	.65	521.96865
Total	842.05267713	834.93017429		720.72785

<b>Total</b>	29,835.72721	22,304.58472		13,531.42431
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OR

**Table I-4. Trail Capacity for Little Bighorn River near Duncum Non-Wilderness Compartment** (Medicine Wheel/Paintrock District) broken down by ROS and Vegetative Class:

ROS	Miles of Trail	PAOT Coeff.	PAOT Capacity
<b>Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized</b>			
Forested	6.188770263	10	61.887702
Non-forested	4.637054462	2.5	11.592636
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.825824725</b>		<b>73.480338</b>
<b>Semi-Primitive Motorized</b>			
Forested	1.767003005	10	17.67003005
Non-forested	1.793137912	2.5	4.4828447
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.560140917</b>		<b>22.152874</b>
<b>Roaded Natural</b>			
Forested	.27130112	10	2.7130112
Non-forested		2.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>.27130112</b>		<b>2.7130112</b>
<b>Roaded Modified</b>			
Forested	4.194783552	10	41.94783552
Non-forested	.594187587	2.5	1.4854687
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.788971139</b>		<b>43.4333303</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.44624</b>		<b>141.77955</b>

In addition, the following lakes will be analyzed separately: Meadowlark, West Tensleep, Park Reservoir, and Sibley. Useable acres were multiplied by the appropriate ROS coefficient as above.

Rock climbing areas were identified as follows:

Little Tongue River canyon, Twin Buttes, Steamboat Point, Fallen City, Shell canyon, Tensleep canyon, Crazy Woman canyon, and Cloud Peak Wilderness peaks. These will be analyzed separately as well.

### Length of Season

The average amount of days that a visitor typically uses a compartment is represented by the Length of Season. A separate Length of Season was determined for summer, fall and winter.

Summer 4/15 – 8/30 Includes spring bear hunting = 138 days

Fall 9/1 – 12/15 = 106 days

Winter 12/16 – 4/14 = 121 days

**Pattern of Use**

Establishing a maximum capacity for compartments - which would be sustained on a daily basis throughout the use season - would not be desirable, nor does it represent actual use patterns. To compensate for how use typically occurs on the BNF, a coefficient was developed to account for a more desirable use pattern throughout the use season. Four categories of use patterns, representing (1) beginning of the season, (2) average, (3) high or weekend/holiday uses, and (4) end of season, were used to determine the coefficient. The days within the season of use were weighted by the four categories to determine a Pattern of Use coefficient. This coefficient varied by the length of season, and in some cases, on a compartment basis as shown in Table I-5 below.

**Table I-5. Seasonal Pattern of Use Coefficients**

<b>Summer</b> 4/15 – 8/30 including spring bear hunting			
Beginning	62 days 4/15 – 6/15	@ 25% of average	15.5 days
Average	18 days 6/16 – 7/3	@100% of average	18 days
High	42 days 7/4-8/15	@ 150% of average	63 days
End	16 days 8/16 – 8/30	@75% of average	12 days
Totals	138 days		108.5 days
<b>108.5 / 138 = .79 pattern of use coefficient</b>			
<b>Fall</b> 9/1 – 12/15			
Beginning	15 days 9/1 – 9/15	@ 75% of average	11.25 days
Average	38 days 9/16 – 10/14 & 10/26 – 11/3	@100% of average	38 days
High	11 days 10/15 – 10/25	@ 125% of average	13.75 days
End	42 days 11/4 – 12/15	@25% of average	10.5 days
Totals	106 days		73.5 days
<b>73.5 / 106 = .69 pattern of use coefficient</b>			
<b>Winter</b> 12/16 – 4/14			
Beginning	16 days 12/16 – 12/31	@ 50% of average	8 days
Average	15 days 1/1 – 1/15	@100% of average	15 days
High	59 days 1/16 – 3/15	@ 125% of average	73.75 days
End	31 days	@40% of average	12.4 days

	3/16 – 4/14		
Totals	121 days		109.15 days
<b>109.15 / 121 = .90 pattern of use coefficient</b>			

### Seasonal Capacity Determination

Tables I-6 and I-7 display the format used in determining seasonal capacities for each compartment. Seasonal capacity is shown in terms of the total number of visitor days available within a season.

**Table I-6. Area Capacity for Little Bighorn River near Duncum Non-Wilderness Compartment (Medicine Wheel/Paintrock District)**

Season of Use	PAOT Capacity	Pattern of Use Coefficient	Length of Season	Seasonal Capacity
Summer	13,531.42431	.79	138	1,475,196
Fall	13,531.42431	.69	106	989,688
Winter	13,531.42431	.90	121	1,473,572

**Table I-7. Trail Capacity for Little Bighorn River near Duncum Non-Wilderness Compartment (Medicine Wheel/Paintrock District)**

Season of Use	PAOT Capacity	Pattern of Use Coefficient	Length of Season	Seasonal Capacity
Summer	141.7795	.79	138	15,457
Fall	141.7795	.69	106	10,370
Winter	141.7795	.90	121	15,440

### EXISTING RECREATION USE

The level of existing use was determined for both commercial and general public use on National Forest system lands. For general public use, estimates were developed through RIM records, consistently recorded from 1989 to 2001. Table I-8 below displays the use from 1994 to 2001 by district.

**Table I-8. Recreation Use 1994-2001**

District	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Buffalo	281,500	254,100	271,800	305,000	274,048	269,328	263,120	264,240
Med Whl	235,000	203,400	205,700	194,600	205,536	201,996	197,340	198,180
Paintrock	353,500	318,900	319,700	277,200	325,432	319,827	312,455	313,785
Tensleep	371,900	349,100	365,000	378,900	359,688	353,493	345,345	346,815
Tongue	561,700	561,300	567,300	496,300	548,096	538,656	526,240	528,480
For Total	1,803,600	1,686,800	1,729,500	1,661,600	1,712,800	1,683,300	1,644,500	1,651,500

The capacity coefficients applied on an area wide basis assume an even distribution of PAOTs per acre. Forest direction contained in the Plan allows the manager to change the above use level coefficients as necessary to reflect usable acres, patterns of use, and general attractiveness of the specific management area type as described in the ROS User Guide, Chapter 25. Examples of such areas are destination points and travel corridors such as trails

within a compartment. The Forest Plan also allows the manager to reduce the use level coefficients where unacceptable changes to the bio-physical resources will occur. Potential resource damage could occur on a seasonal basis, spring bear hunting season for example, in which case use may be reduced or not permitted.

From a practical standpoint, the capacity coefficients for forested vegetative types may need to be reduced. For instance, it is difficult to visualize .08 PAOT/acre realistically possible in spruce/fir/lodgepole types. This is eight people per 100 acres. People generally tend to conduct their activities on the fringes or edges of timber stands, not throughout the entire stand.

Lands classified under Management Prescription 2B, Rural and Roded Natural, are not included in these calculations because outfitter guide operations are inclined to not use these areas for commercial operations due to already heavy levels of general public use. There are some exceptions, such as van or bus tours, bicycle tours, etc., but this is not something currently being permitted.

Total number of PAOTs by compartment for each District have been calculated and are on file in District offices and at the Supervisor's Office. The land manager should assess the number of PAOTs in each compartment and ask whether it is realistic for this number of PAOTs to occur. Adjustments to the number of PAOTs can be made by reducing the capacity coefficient using the criteria listed in the Forest Plan, but this needs to be defensible based on the manager's best professional judgement.

Dispersed recreation use has been compiled from the RIM records up until 2001. A high portion of dispersed recreation use (59%) occurs and has been reported in the Rural and Roded Natural ROS classes. As previously mentioned, since most outfitter guide use does not occur within these classes, they have been deleted from the total dispersed recreation use on the Forest (Table 3) to enable a better comparison with the outfitter guide segment of dispersed use. Outfitter guide use may be permitted within Roded Natural and Rural classes, but should not occur to any great extent.

Outfitter guide use historically has been reported in terms of service days. By Forest Service definition, a service day is "a day or any part of a day on National Forest System lands for which an outfitter or guide provides goods or services, including transportation, to a client." For the purposes of this analysis, a service day is estimated to average 12 hours. Dispersed recreation use is reported in terms of recreation visitor days or RVDs, which is recreation occurring for a 12-hour period. Therefore, for analysis purposes, RVDs and service days are considered equivalent. Permitted outfitter guide use from 1994-2001 has been compiled for the Forest by District and is displayed in Table 3. Permitted use was subdivided into three categories: 1) summer use (5/1 to 8/30) and includes spring bear hunting, 2) fall hunting use (9/1 to 11/15) which includes archery hunting, and 3) winter use (12/1 to 4/30) which includes lion hunting, snowmobile

tours. Outfitter guide permitted use during the fall hunting period average xx% of all outfitter guide permitted use for the eight-year period.

Table I-9 compares dispersed recreation use with permitted outfitter guide use from 1994 to 2001 and Table I-10 displays the 13-year average by district and forest. Permitted outfitter guide use for all years averages three percent of the dispersed recreation use on the Forest.

**Table I-9. Recreation Use and Permitted Outfitter Guide Use 1994-2001**

<b>District 2001 Use</b>	<b>RM</b>	<b>SPM</b>	<b>SPNM</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Permitted O&amp;G SDs</b>	<b>% Permitted Use by O&amp;G</b>
Powder River	61,106	140,542	36,663	12,221	250,532	13,464	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	51,197	117,752	30,718	10,240	209,906	7,442	3%
Tongue	52,848	121,550	31,709	10,570	216,677	5,127	2%
Forest Total	165,150	379,845	99,090	33,030	677,115	26,033	4%
<b>District 2000 Use</b>	<b>RM</b>	<b>SPM</b>	<b>SPNM</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Permitted O&amp;G SDs</b>	<b>% Permitted Use by O&amp;G</b>
Powder River	60,847	139,947	36,508	12,169	249,470	13,704	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	50,980	117,253	30,587	10,196	209,016	5,706	3%
Tongue	52,624	121,035	31,574	10,525	215,758	4,113	2%
Forest Total	164,450	378,235	98,670	32,890	674,245	23,523	3%
<b>District 1999 Use</b>	<b>RM</b>	<b>SPM</b>	<b>SPNM</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Permitted O&amp;G SDs</b>	<b>% Permitted Use by O&amp;G</b>
Powder River	62,282	143,248	37,370	12,457	255,356	13,690	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	52,183	120,019	31,310	10,437	213,947	5,706	3%
Tongue	53,866	123,891	32,319	10,773	220,849	3,471	2%
Forest Total	168,330	387,159	100,998	33,666	690,153	22,867	3%
<b>District 1998 Use</b>	<b>RM</b>	<b>SPM</b>	<b>SPNM</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Permitted O&amp;G SDs</b>	<b>% Permitted Use by O&amp;G</b>
Powder River	63,374	145,759	38,024	12,675	259,832	13,736	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	53,097	122,122	31,858	10,620	217,697	5,730	3%
Tongue	54,810	126,062	32,886	10,962	224,719	3,106	1%
Forest Total	171,280	393,944	102,768	34,256	702,248	22,572	3%
<b>District 1997 Use</b>	<b>RM</b>	<b>SPM</b>	<b>SPNM</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Permitted O&amp;G SDs</b>	<b>% Permitted Use by O&amp;G</b>
Powder River	68,390	157,297	41,034	13,678	280,399	13,632	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	47,180	108,514	28,308	9,436	193,438	5,588	3%
Tongue	49,630	114,149	29,778	9,926	203,483	2,870	1%
Forest Total	166,160	382,168	99,696	33,232	681,256	22,090	3%

District 1996 Use	RM	SPM	SPNM	P	Total	Permitted O&G SDs	% Permitted Use by O&G
Powder River	63,680	146,464	38,208	12,736	261,088	13,590	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	52,540	120,842	31,524	10,508	215,414	5,731	3%
Tongue	56,730	130,479	34,038	11,346	232,593	2,580	1%
Forest Total	172,950	397,785	103,770	34,590	709,095	21,901	3%
District 1995 Use	RM	SPM	SPNM	P	Total	Permitted O&G SDs	% Permitted Use by O&G
Powder River	60,320	138,736	36,192	12,064	247,312	13,643	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	52,230	120,129	31,338	10,446	214,143	5,571	3%
Tongue	56,130	129,099	33,678	11,226	230,133	2,418	1%
Forest Total	168,680	387,964	101,208	33,736	691,588	21,632	3%
District 1994 Use	RM	SPM	SPNM	P	Total	Permitted O&G SDs	% Permitted Use by O&G
Powder River	65,340	150,282	39,204	13,068	267,894	13,643	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	58,850	135,355	35,310	11,770	241,285	5,430	2%
Tongue	56,170	129,191	33,702	11,234	230,297	2,499	1%
Forest Total	180,360	414,828	108,216	36,072	739,476	21,572	3%

**Table I-10. Average Recreation Use and Permitted Outfitter Guide Use**

District	Total Use Average 1994-2001	Permitted O&G Days Average 1994-2001	% Permitted Use by O&G Average 1994-2001
Powder River	258,985	13,638	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	214,356	5,863	3%
Tongue	221,814	3,273	1%
Forest Total Average	9,263,310	22,774	3%

The 2002 National Visitor Use Monitoring Report for the Bighorn National Forest indicated a total of 704,941 visits for the 2000-2001 sampling period. Forest records state that approximately 70% of total use is dispersed recreation use (see Appendix A). This would correlate to a total of 493,529 total visits for dispersed use. This number represents a 37% reduction from the forest estimate for 2001 in the table above. If the same assumptions are made using this reduced number the following use break-downs in Table I-10 would result. The differences are not significant. The table above shows an average of 3% for total outfitter guide authorized use and the table below shows an average of 5%.

**Table I-11. Recreation Use and Permitted Outfitter Guide Use 2001 (NVUM)**

District 2001 Use	RM	SPM	SPNM	P	Total	Permitted O&G SDs	% Permitted Use by O&G
Powder River	43,825	102,259	27,391	9,130	182,606	13,643	7%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	36,719	85,677	22,949	7,650	152,994	7,442	5%
Tongue	37,903	88,440	23,689	7,896	157,929	5,127	3%
Forest Total	118,447	276,376	74,029	24,676	493,529	26,225	5%

## **ALLOCATION**

Once a capacity for a compartment is defined, a determination is made to allocate the capacity to general public, institutional (semi-general public), and commercial recreation use (outfitter-guides). All three represent use by the general public. Whether people do the trip on their own or are with an organized group, or have the assistance of a professional outfitter-guide determines the category to which they are allocated. This allocation allows Forest land managers to determine what level of priority use is appropriate and needed for a compartment. Part II of this document details the Needs Analysis for outfitter-guide use and describes how capacity is allocated.

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## PART II – OUTFITTER-GUIDE NEED DETERMINATION

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### **AGENCY GOALS (taken from Outfitter and Guide Guidebook)**

1. Conservation/stewardship of natural and cultural resources – air, water, soil, vegetation, wildlife, cultural. Promote responsible use so that natural systems are sustained for future generations.
2. General public service - enable people to obtain benefits such as personal growth, family/friend bonding, spiritual re-connection, stress relief/personal reflection, physical exercise, challenge, learning/mental stimulation, etc.
3. Visitor Safety – enable people to experience wildland settings in a manner that they perceive the risk is within their control.
4. Retain lands in the general public domain so people of all races, gender, and economic categories have the opportunity to re-connect with nature and experience their common heritage.
5. Contribute to the people’s quality of life and economic sustainability in communities – foster small business, provide clean water and air, add beauty to people’s lives, etc.

### **MANAGEMENT DIRECTION AND GOALS**

**Wilderness Act, section 4(d)(6)** states that “Commercial services may be performed to the extent necessary for activities which are proper for realizing the recreational or other wilderness purposes.”

#### **FSM 2320 – Wilderness Management**

FSM 2323.13g – Outfitter and Guide Operations. Requires the need for and role of outfitters and guides to be addressed in the forest plan. This policy emphasizes that outfitters provide their service to the general public in a manner than is compatible with use by other wilderness visitors and which maintains the wilderness resource.

#### **FSM 2340 – Privately Provided Recreation Opportunities**

Emphasizes the need to do analysis as part of the forest plan to determine the general public need for outfitters and the needs to analyze allocation issues between the outfitted and non-outfitted general publics. It recognizes that the authorized officer consider the outfitter and guides as an extension of the agency’s delivery system. The policy stresses the need to coordinate with appropriate licensing boards.

#### **FSH 2709.11-2000-1**

41.53a – Objectives.

1. As identified in forest land and resource management plans, provide for commercial outfitting and guiding services that address concerns of general public health and safety and that foster small businesses.

2. Encourage skilled and experienced individuals and entities to conduct outfitting and guiding activities in a manner that protects environmental resources and ensures that National Forest visitors receive high quality services.

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## **BIGHORN FOREST REVISED LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

### **Goals and Objectives**

#### **Goal 2 – Multiple Benefits to People**

**Objective 2.a:** Improve the capability of the Bighorn National Forest to provide diverse, high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities.

##### **Strategies for 2.a.:**

6. Express clear expectations of travel opportunities. Minimize conflicts among users.
7. Continue permitting outfitter guide services on NFS lands.
8. Encourage, establish, and sustain a diverse range of recreational facilities and services on NFS land. Partnerships are one mechanism for accomplishing this.

**Objective 2.b.:** Improve the capability wilderness and protected areas to sustain a desired range of benefits and values.

##### **Strategies for 2.b.:**

###### ***Wilderness***

1. Favor wilderness-dependent activities in wilderness. Discourage activities that are not consistent with wilderness values.

**Objective 2.c.:** Improve the capability of the Bighorn National Forest to provide a desired sustainable level of uses, values, products, and services.

##### **Strategies for 2.c.:**

###### ***Tourism and Recreation***

2. Foster a sense of place unique to the Bighorns by appropriately integrating cultural resources and natural resources into education and recreation opportunities.

**Objective 4.a.:** Improve the safety and economy of the Bighorn National Forest roads, trails, facilities, and operations and provide greater security for the general public and employees.

##### **Strategies for 4.a.:**

3. Provide recreation opportunities to accommodate a wide range of abilities and ensure non-discrimination in the delivery of Bighorn National Forest programs.

**Objective 4.c.:** Enhance the general public services provided by the Bighorn National Forest through the pursuit of cooperation and general public and private partnerships.

##### **Strategies for 4.c.:**

4. Create and foster partnerships with other agencies, accredited educational and research institutions, tribal colleges, and other appropriate general public and private sector organizations to further research, education, protection, and interpretation.

## **Forestwide Standards and Guidelines**

### *Heritage Resources Guideline*

Enhance and interpret significant heritage sites for the education and enjoyment of the general public when such development will not degrade heritage property or conflict with other resource considerations.

### *General Recreation Guideline*

Manage recreation use to stay within the capacity allowed for the prescribed Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) objective.

### *Wilderness Resources Standard*

If current permits are relinquished or terminated, evaluate options to minimize impacts (minimum tool evaluation).

## **Management Area Prescriptions**

### **1.11 Pristine Wilderness**

#### Recreation Standard

3. Include non-guided visitors and outfitter/guide operations in calculations of level-of-use capacities.

#### Recreation Guidelines

3. Set trail and area-wide use capacity at 0.001-0.002 PAOT per acre for open land, meadow, and alpine areas.  
Set trail and area-wide use capacity at 0.003-0.007 PAOT per acre for forested lands and shrub lands.  
Reduce the above use levels where unacceptable changes to the biophysical resource are likely to occur.
4. Manage outfitter-guide operations in the same manner as other visitors. The activities of non-guided visitors and outfitter-guides should not be in conflict.

#### Special Uses Standards

1. Do not permit "assigned sites" in outfitter-guide base camps.
2. Do not allow caches of equipment or supplies under outfitter-guide permits.

#### Special Uses Guidelines

1. Permit only those uses authorized by wilderness legislation, which cannot be reasonably located on non-wilderness lands.

### **1.13 Semi-primitive Wilderness**

#### Recreation Standard

2. Include outfitter/guide operations in calculations of level-of-use capacities.

#### Recreation Guidelines

4. Manage summer use within area-wide capacities:
  - Alpine, krummolz = 4 PAOTs per 1000 acres
  - Rock, mountain grass = 8 PAOTs per 1000 acres
  - Forest and shrub lands, ponderosa pine,  
Douglas fir, riparian areas, white pine = 50 PAOTs per 1000 acres
  - Spruce/fir, lodgepole pine, aspen = 80 PAOTs per 1000 acres

6. Limit the maximum trail capacity to 2-3 PAOT/mile in open country and 9-11 PAOT/mile in forested terrain.
9. Manage outfitter-guide operations in the same manner as other visitors. The activities of non-guided visitors and outfitter-guide should not be in conflict.

#### Special Uses Standards

1. Allow camps for permittees only in sites specified in special-use permits.
2. Restrict outfitter-guide assigned sites to the current number permitted.
3. Do not allow caches of equipment or supplies under outfitter-guide permits.

#### Special Uses Guidelines

1. Issue permits for parties larger than the established limit when their presence can be adequately screened from the sights and sounds of other parties in the area.
2. Require outfitter-guides to be certified in "Leave No Trace" techniques.

### **1.2 Recommended Wilderness**

#### Special Uses Standards

2. Prohibit new special-use facilities
4. Permit only those uses authorized by wilderness legislation which cannot be reasonably met on non-wilderness land.

#### Special Uses Guideline

1. Allow compatible special uses.

#### **1.31 Backcountry Recreation, Nonmotorized Use and**

#### **1.32 Backcountry Recreation, Nonmotorized Summer Use with Limited Winter Motorized Use and**

#### **1.33 Backcountry Recreation with Limited Summer and Winter Motorized Use**

#### Special Uses Standards

3. Prohibit new special-use facilities

#### Special Uses Guidelines

1. Discourage competitive contest and group events. Such events may be permitted on a case-by-case basis.

### **1.5 National River System – Wild Rivers**

#### Special Uses Standard

1. Do not approve special uses that could preclude the area from designation.

### **2.2 Research Natural Areas**

#### Special Uses Guidelines

1. Permit special uses if they do not conflict with the values for which the RNA was proposed or established.
2. Allow existing outfitter-guide permitted use to continue, subject to normal permit processes, within RNAs as long as it is compatible with the establishment objectives.

#### **3.31 Backcountry Recreation, Year-round Motorized Use**

#### Special Uses Guideline

1. Permit competitive and group events on a case-by-case basis.

#### **3.4 National River System – Scenic Rivers (Outside Wilderness)**

Special Uses Standard

1. Authorize special uses only if they are compatible with the scenic river values.

**5.41 Deer and Elk Winter Range**

Special Uses Guideline

1. Limit special use activities during the winter and spring periods.

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**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEED FOR OUTFITTER AND GUIDE SERVICES FOR THE FOREST PLAN REVISION**

In February, 2002, a letter was sent to a mailing list of 128 people, including all commercial outfitter and guiding operations currently under special use permit on the Bighorn National Forest; people who had expressed interest in conducting commercial outfitting and guiding operations; state agencies related to outfitting and guiding operations; and local Chamber of Commerce offices (Appendix A)

The letter requested input regarding the need for outfitting and guiding services on the Bighorn National Forest as a part of the Forest Plan revision process. The letter indicated that the forest was evaluating management areas and the activities that should be allowed within those management areas. The letter also included four questions related to the need for outfitting and guiding services as well as a general comment section.

**General Public Comment Questions and Responses**

The following is a summation of the results. A total of 17 responses were received.

**1. Is there a need to provide additional outfitting/guiding assistance due to need for specialized equipment and/or technical skills? If yes, for what activities? (examples – llama packers, ATV's, technical climbing, Nordic skiing, snowcat skiing, mountain biking)**

- Need to teach people why wilderness and all of the earth is so important
- Additions should be low impact activities
- Yes to provide horseback rides and pack out elk and deer
- Need snowmobile rentals and guides out of Ten Sleep
- No – we have limited inquiries for technical climbing and mountain biking
- Yes, need to provide llama guides
- Yes, for any of the above if an outfitter is interested in providing these recreation opportunities
- Yes, teen treks with an educational emphasis in Leave No Trace, especially in wilderness

**2. Has there been a demand and/or general public need for outfitting/guiding assistance for certain additional activities in certain areas? If yes, please describe the demand or need and the corresponding area.**

No room for more hunting outfitters in order to have a viable business  
There have been inquiries for where to rent snowmobiles and tour services  
Yes, drop camps, trail rides, fishing guides in areas held by other outfitters but not used.  
Yes, need to offer permits to colleges studying ecosystems – maybe on a rotating system  
Yes, people request llama guides  
General public is demanding more winter sport outfitter/guide activities like backcountry skiing, dogsled trips. Demands for mountain biking are also increasing and ATV trips  
Yes, several requests to provide packing out service for harvested game such as elk and deer using horses and snowmobiles during hunting season.

**3. Is the general public need adequately served by outfitting/guiding operations currently under permit? Please explain your answer.**

No – there is a need to allow educational groups to conduct business  
Yes, and if not, existing permit holders should be given the opportunity to expand.  
No – need to provide packing out service for hunters  
No – I teach survival and primitive living skills as a way to bring people and earth together as one.  
We run a wilderness trip with an environmental education camp – currently limited by the number of user days allowed  
Yes – because of the limited quota drawing by Game and Fish and the easy access to the Bighorns, most out-of-state hunters don't want outfitted services  
It would be better if we were not restricted in the wilderness and had more open dates for "last minute" clients and more of other areas for those returning.  
Yes for big game hunting with the exception of hunters wanting only drop camps or animal retrieval service. I don't think summer use for group camps, trail rides, fishing trips are up to meeting the need.  
No, as a non-profit educational institution school, we should have equal access to national resources like the Cloud Peak wilderness.  
The present system is NOT being serviced for llama trekking. There is a demand to use llamas as shown in other forests of Wyoming.  
I think we need to supply more outfitter/guide opportunities for some of the non-traditional activities such as mentioned on the first page.  
No – there is a need to allow educational groups to conduct business regardless fo whether for profit or not

**4. Are wilderness recreation needs being adequately served by outfitter/guiding operations currently under permit? Please explain**

Yes and no. Yes there is plenty of wilderness recreation going on, but there is actually too much. We need to be more "low impact" in our approach to our wilderness.

Yes, there are plenty of operators trying to make a living with the general public that is using outfitters.

No, many outfitters are not wanting to change their programs to serve summer time users such as rock climbers, group camps, day rides

No, local outfitters have greater access to permits that reduce the availability of permits to out-of-state non-profit educational institutions.

In our opinion a policy that puts the interests of for-profit operations ahead of not-for-profit that wants to give kids an opportunity to go backpacking needs rethought. We have been unable to get a permit to use the wilderness for backpacking.

Present operators are NOT servicing the general public in llama trekking.

Yes, if the definition is recreation. How is this helping our desperate need to educate people?

### **Additional Comments**

Moratoriums do not help the overuse problem. Individuals can do more damage when they are uneducated.

Good outfitters can be good partners and help educate the general public on tread lightly and resource ethics.

I would like to be considered on a rotating basis for a special use permit for Joliet Junior College in Illinois.

I have worked with outfitters and dude ranches for the past ten years. I think the outfitters generally serve the big game hunting quite well, but are seriously lacking on service to other forest and wilderness activities.

Thanks for staying in touch with the little businesses.

Anyone going into the wilderness should have a guide.

I believe a college instructor should not be required to hold an outfitter/guide permit to use the wilderness for educational purposes. To restrict such activity seems counter to the philosophy of educating the general public to respect and proper use.

These national forests and wilderness areas are our last hope as a nation to change the tremendous ignorance the American general public is plagued by.

If there are existing permit holders who are not utilizing their permits, every effort should be made to pull their permits or reissue to an existing holder.

### **Summary of Responses**

Respondents indicated a need for a variety of outfitted services including wilderness education, horseback trips, packing services, snowmobile trips, llama treks, back country skiing, dog sled trips, mountain biking, ATV tours, educational tours, survival and primitive living skills. They indicated that hunting outfitting was maximized and because of Game and Fish drawings and quotas and easy access within the forest, that out-of-state hunters don't want outfitted services. Some respondents indicated there was already too much use occurring in the Cloud Peak Wilderness and that uses emphasizing minimum impact techniques should be first and foremost in wilderness. Some respondents felt existing outfitters should be given the opportunity to expand and diversify services offered before allowing additional outfitters.

## CATEGORIES OF COMMERCIAL OUTFITTING AND GUIDING OPERATIONS

There are two categories of commercial outfitting and guiding operations currently authorized under permit and/or for which requests have been received for conducting outfitting and guiding operations on the Bighorn National Forest.

### Category 1 – General public

Clientele is not limited. This category IS eligible for Priority Use Service Days.

### Category 2 – Semi-general public

Constituency is limited. Group is limited to a specific segment of society. Membership or enrollment is required to participate. Adherence to a specific set of beliefs or philosophy is required (religious, political, etc.). This category is NOT eligible for Priority Use Service Days.

This category includes three types of groups:

- Institutional – i.e., rehabilitation centers, religious organizations, camps
- Educational – i.e., universities, schools, clubs, political groups
- non-profits – i.e., special or common interest groups

**Table II-1. Requests for Outfitting and Guiding activities from 1997 to 2006**

Activity	Tongue District	MWPR District	Powder River District
Backpacking	10	1 for drop camps	13
Environmental Ed/Backpacking	1		
ATV tours	2	1	
Snowmobiling	1	2	3
Horseback trips	9		7
Fishing	3		2
Wildlife tours	2		
Photography trips	2		
Mountain bikes and drop off tours	2		1
Hiking and mountain biking	2		4
Historic and natural history tours, hiking and horseback	1		2
4 wheel drive tours	1		
Dog sledding	1		
Rock climbing	2		
Drop camps (packing)	2		
Ice Climbing	1		
Cattle Drives	1		
Spelunking	1		
Big Game hunting	7		12
Lion hunting	2		3
Moose hunting	2		5
Winter survival			1
Skiing			1

**Table II-2. Currently authorized Outfitting and Guiding operations on the Bighorn National Forest (Priority Use only)\*\***

Activity	Tongue	Powder River	Medicine Wheel Paintrock	Totals
<b>Spring</b>				
spring bear hunting	149	0	25*	174 *
<b>Summer</b>				
trail rides, camping, fishing	2,400	10,394	965 +475 temp available	13,759 +475 temp available
fishing	51	172	0	223
cattle drives	420	0	250 + 160 temp available	670 +160 temp available
rock climbing		160		160
backpacking		660		660
enviro. education, backpacking			1,790	1,790
<b>Fall</b>				
big game hunting	349	245	1,741 +402 temp available	2,335 +402 temp available
<b>Winter</b>				
snowmobile guiding	1,600	1,750 1,500	710 +250 temp available	3,810 +250 temp available
lion hunting	32	40	0 *	72 *
<b>Total service days provided for outfitting on the Bighorn National Forest</b>				<b>23,903 +1,372 temp available</b>

\* Spring bear and lion service days are included in the total for big game service days for three outfitter/guides on the MWPR District.

\*\* There are 21 outfitters providing service to Cloud Peak Wilderness during summer and fall seasons. Those numbers are represented in the above table.

**Table II-3. Comparison of Current and Requested Outfitting and Guiding Activities**

Activity	Current Service Days/ # of permits	# of requests
Horseback/Camping/Fishing	13,759 + 475 temp / 22	16
Day Horseback Rides	1,122 + 85 temp / 4	Combined in above
Fishing	223 / 4	6
Cattle Drives	670 + 160 temp / 2	1
Rock Climbing	160 / 1	2
Backpacking	660 / 2	24
Activity	Current Service Days/ # of permits	# of requests
Enviro Ed/Backpacking	1,790 / 1	1
Big Game Hunting	2,335 + 402 temp / 29	18
Snowmobiling	3,810 + 250 temp / 8	6
Dog Sledding	0	1

Lion Hunting	72 * / 8	5
Spring Bear Hunting	174 * / 8	7
Wildlife Tours	0	2
ATV tours	0	3
Photography Trips	0	2
Mountain Bike/ drop camps	0	4
Mountain bike/hike	0	7
Historic and natural history tours, hiking and horseback	0	3
4 wheel drive tours	0	1
Ice climbing	0	1
Spelunking	0	1
Winter survival	0	1
Skiing	0	1
Mountain survival	0	1
Drop camps (packing)	0	2

\* Spring bear and lion service days are included in the total for big game service days for three outfitter/guides on the MWPR District.

## DEMAND AND SUPPLY

- Existing Use
- Allocated vs. actual use
- Activities well represented/underrepresented

Historical recreation use has been estimated for the RIM reporting from the early 1980s until 2000. Use was determined by professional judgment (observation) and supported in part, by actual use records. All of the use by the outfitted general public has been in the dispersed recreation category. The Bighorn Forest has utilized the following figures for the Forest Plan Revision process.

Over a 15-year period from 1986-2000, numbers of total RVDs on a forest-wide basis for all activities fluctuated from a low of 1,295,100 in 1989 to a high of 1,712,800 in 1998. RVDs increased by 26 percent (340,000 RVDs) with an annual average increase of approximately 0.6 percent. Table II-2 below displays use by specific activities categorized as dispersed recreation. These activities are also either currently provided by outfitter and guiding services or are included in those requested.

**Table II-4. Change in Use for Dispersed Recreation Activities 1989-2000**

Activity	RVD Range 1989/2000	% Change
Hiking/Walking/Backpacking	77,500 / 123,200	+ 1.20%
Horseback Riding	39,400 / 84,200	+ 1.96%
Mountain Climbing	2,400 / 4,400	+ 1.53%
Activity	RVD Range 1989/2000	% Change
Bicycle (mountain bikes and road bikes)	5,800 / 8,900	+ 1.17%
Ice/Snow Travel (Snowmobiling)	39,700 / 52,300	+ 0.76%
Special Landcraft (ATVs, etc)	2,700 / 14,300	+ 4.81%

Hunting, Big Game	34,400 / 41,200	+ 0.49%
Nature Study	8,900 / 16,400	+ 1.60%
Touring – Guided	500 / 100	+ 3.22%
Walking – Guided	500 / 4,500	+ 9.76%
Fishing	86.3 / 85	+ .026%

Dispersed recreation use, especially snowmachine and ATV (all terrain vehicle) motorized use, has increased since 1985. There were few if any ATVs on the forest at that time and now there may be several hundred on any weekend day on the forest. The use of ATVs is very popular for summer riding and camping and also during the fall hunting season. Because of this growth, there are more conflicts for those seeking a more primitive experience on the forest. Snowmobile use has also increased since 1985. The number of snowmobile registrations for the Bighorns increased an average of three percent per year over the past five years (1997-2002). In addition to the actual increase in use of ATVs and snowmobiles on the Bighorn National Forest, the technology itself is ever-improving, allowing users an ever-increasing range of movement within the forest in spite of challenges from terrain, soil/snow composition, etc.

#### **CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING NEED**

- Skills and Equipment
- Knowledge
- Safety
- Education
- Demand/Utilization
- Feasibility of services offered elsewhere
- Contribution to local economies
- Capability of resources

#### **Evaluation Criteria for Assessing Need for Outfitting and Guiding Assistance**

1. Skills and equipment – outfitting and guiding skills and equipment are needed by a portion of the general public because of one or more of the following:
  - a. Specific skills required for activities appropriate for the area require substantial time and/or talent to learn.
  - b. Learning necessary skills and participating in the activity requires acquisition and consistent use of expensive, specialized equipment for which the general public could not or normally would not expend the dollars or time.
  - c. The skills required are so unique that outfitting and guiding assistance is almost a prerequisite if the general public is to have any opportunity to participate in and enjoy the activity.
2. Knowledge – Outfitting and guiding knowledge of the resources within the activity area and the activity itself is needed by the general public, especially nonresidents, in order to enjoy recreational opportunities in a

- manner that reduces resource damage and user conflicts. This includes knowing where and by what method to best access and travel through an area.
3. Safety – Outfitting and guiding special skills and equipment are needed to assure a reasonable level of safety for the participants. Without outfitter assistance, members of the general public could seriously endanger their health or lives.
  4. Unique service provided – Outfitting and guiding assistance is needed to:
    - a. Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities
    - b. Provide environmental education and interpretive information
    - c. Provide for additional recreational activities that are not in conflict with management area goals and objectives and which will:
      1. Increase the diversity of recreational activities and general public enjoyment
      2. Encourage innovation in the outfitter industry.
  5. Wilderness Dependency – Outfitting and guiding assistance is typically needed for the following types of activities:
    - a. Roving trips that last over five days or cover over 20 miles and do not operate out of a single camp for over three days except during hunting season.
    - b. Educational trips focusing on a specific resource for conditions found only in the Cloud Peak Wilderness.
    - c. Trips in which solitude and unconfined primitive recreation are the central components of the experience.
  6. Education – Outfitting and guiding assistance may be needed for obtaining historical and/or biological/botanical information and history of the forest or a specific area within the forest. This education can help stimulate a greater appreciation and protection of forest resources by prospective clients/general publics.
  7. Demand/Utilization – Is a particular service currently being provided and if so, to what degree of utilization and capability? Are there demands for services not currently being offered?
  8. Feasibility of services offered elsewhere – What is the potential for existing and demanded services being conducted or offered on non-NFS lands?
  9. Contribution to local economies – What can outfitting and guiding business bring to the local businesses?
  10. Capability of resources – Are the resources located on the forest capable of withstanding pressure from outfitted use?

Based on the potential activities identified in the general public comment period and from the national and local use projections, Table II-5 displays each of the above criteria by activity and rates the level of need for outfitter guide services.

**Table II-5. Summary of Evaluation Criteria Rating by Type of Activity**

Type of Activity and Criteria	Rating Summary
Horseback/Camping/Fishing	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Skills &amp; Equipment</li> <li>2. Knowledge</li> <li>3. Safety Risk</li> <li>4. Unique Services Provided</li> <li>5. Wilderness Dependency</li> <li>6. Education Opportunities</li> <li>7. Demand/Utilization</li> <li>8. Feasibility elsewhere</li> <li>9. Local economies</li> <li>10. Capability of resources</li> </ul>	<p>High Skill required  High cost of stock/equipment  High to moderate  High for extended length trips  High for extended length horse trips  High for extended length trips  Low  Being met  Moderate  Low  Moderate</p>
<p>Day Horseback Rides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Skills &amp; Equipment</li> <li>2. Knowledge</li> <li>3. Safety Risk</li> <li>4. Unique Services Provided</li> <li>5. Wilderness Dependency</li> <li>6. Education Opportunities</li> <li>7. Demand/Utilization</li> <li>8. Feasibility elsewhere</li> <li>9. Local economies</li> <li>10. Capability of resources</li> </ul>	<p>Moderate Skill required, High cost of stock/equipment  Low  Moderate - Low  Low  Low  Low  Under-represented  Moderate  Moderate to high  Moderate</p>
<p>Fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Skills &amp; Equipment</li> <li>2. Knowledge</li> <li>3. Safety Risk</li> <li>4. Unique Services Provided</li> <li>5. Wilderness Dependency</li> <li>6. Education Opportunities</li> <li>7. Demand/Utilization</li> <li>8. Feasibility elsewhere</li> <li>9. Local economies</li> <li>10. Capability of resources</li> </ul>	<p>Moderate Skill required, Moderate to low cost for equip.  Moderate  Low  Low  Low  Low  Being met  Low  Moderate to high  High</p>
<p>Cattle Drives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Skills &amp; Equipment</li> <li>2. Knowledge</li> <li>3. Safety Risk</li> <li>4. Unique Services Provided</li> <li>5. Wilderness Dependency</li> <li>6. Education Opportunities</li> <li>7. Demand/Utilization</li> <li>8. Feasibility elsewhere</li> <li>9. Local economies</li> <li>10. Capability of resources</li> </ul>	<p>Moderate Skill required, High cost for stock/equipment  High to Moderate  High for extended length trips  High for extended length trips  Low  Moderate to high  Being met  Low  Low  Moderate</p>

Type of Activity and Criteria	Rating Summary
Rock and Ice Climbing 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	High Skill required, Moderate cost for equipment Moderate High - Moderate Moderate Low Low Under-represented Low to moderate Moderate Moderate
Backpacking 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Moderate to low Skill required, Moderate cost for equip. Moderate High for extended length trips High for extended length trips High for extended length trips Low Being met Low Low to moderate High
Big Game Hunting (includes spring bear) 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	High Skill required, High cost of stock/equipment High to moderate High for extended length trips High for extended length horse trips High for extended length trips Low Over-represented Low Moderate Moderate
Snowmobiling 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Moderate Skill required, High cost for equipment Moderate Moderate High Not permitted Low Being met Low High Moderate to High

Type of Activity and Criteria	Rating Summary
Dog Sled Tours 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	High Skill required, Moderate cost for dogs/equipment Moderate to low depending on location Moderate High Low Moderate Under-represented Low Low to moderate Moderate
Lion Hunting 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	High to low Skill required, Moderate cost for dogs/equip. High to low High Low Low Low Being met Low to moderate Moderate to low Moderate
Motorized Vehicle Tours (Roads) Wildlife, Geology, History, etc. 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Low Skill required, Moderate cost for vehicles/equip. Low Low Moderate to low Low Moderate to high Under-represented Low Moderate to high Moderate to high
ATV Tours 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Moderate Skill required, High cost for equipment Moderate Moderate Moderate Not permitted Low Under-represented Low Moderate to high Low to moderate

Type of Activity and Criteria	Rating Summary
Photography Trips 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Low Skill required , Moderate cost for equipment – depends on if clients using own equipment Low Low Moderate to low Low Moderate to high Under-represented Moderate to low Moderate to high High
Mountain Bikes – drop camps/hiking 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Moderate to high skill required, Moderate cost for equip. Moderate to high Moderate to high Moderate Not permitted Low Under-represented Low Moderate to high Moderate
Non-Motorized Historic, Natural History, and Geology Tours (hiking and horseback) 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Moderate Skill required, High cost of stock/equipment for horseback Low Moderate - Low Moderate to high Low High Under-represented Low Moderate to high High
4-Wheel Drive Tours 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Low Skill required, Moderate cost for vehicles Low Low Low Not permitted Low Under-represented Moderate Moderate to high Moderate

Type of Activity and Criteria	Rating Summary
Shuttle Services/Packing Services, Drop Camps 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Low Skill required, Moderate cost for vehicles Low Low Low Not permitted Low Under-represented Moderate Moderate to high High

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## PART III – ALLOCATION OF RECREATION USE

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### SUMMARY

In the representative compartments, the Forest is from 0% to 102% of the physical capacity for trail based activities for the summer season. The District ranges are as follows:

Tongue: 0% to 32%

(3,607 total service days out of 211,948 available = average of 2%)

Medicine Wheel Paintrock: 0% to 25%

(6,268 total service days out of 118,143 available = average of 5%)

Powder River: 0.0 to 102.0%

(9,672 total service days out of 195,175 available = average of 5%)

No days are currently authorized for trail-based activities for the fall and winter seasons. All activities authorized for these seasons fall under the area-wide capacity.

The only activities that fall under area-wide capacity are fishing and hunting and the days are insignificant compared to area-wide capacity. The number of days authorized for fishing in each compartment compared to the total miles of fishable stream for the respective compartment are as follows for each district:

Tongue: 40 days for 68 miles in one compartment and 11 days for 19 miles in another compartment. This is 23% of physical capacity (using a trail based coefficient for SPNM/SPM/RM non-forested which is 2.5)

Medicine Wheel Paintrock: 72 days for 33 miles in the non-Wilderness and 110 days for 16 miles in the Wilderness in one compartment. This is 31% of physical capacity (uses blended coefficient of 1.625 for P/SPNM/SPM/RM non-forested).

Powder River: 164 days for 117 miles of streams. Six non-wilderness compartments have 103 miles of streams and one wilderness compartment has 14 miles of streams. This is 25% of the physical capacity using a blended coefficient of 1.625 for P/SPNM/SPM/RM.

For hunting, the authorized service days are much less of a total percentage because so much of the use is spread over numerous compartments.

Of the activities identified in the Needs Assessment completed for the Forest Plan Revision and incorporated into our current Capacity Study document, the breakdown is as follows:

Activities where Demand is currently being met:

Horseback/Camping/Fishing

Cattle drives

Fishing

Backpacking

Big Game hunting

Snowmobiling

Lion Hunting

Activities that are currently under-represented:

- Day horseback rides
- Rock and Ice climbing
- Dog Sled tours
- Motorized vehicle tours (roads)/Wildlife/Geology/History, etc.
- ATV Tours
- Photography trips
- Non-Motorized Historic, Natural History, and Geology tours (hiking/horseback)
- 4-Wheel drive tours
- Shuttle services/Packing services/Drop camps

Additional requests for permits that have been submitted since the Needs Assessment does not identify any additional services.

**HUNTING**

According to the Needs Assessment, hunting outfitting is currently maximized and because of Game and Fish drawings and quotas and easy access within the forest, many out-of-state hunters don't want outfitted services. Authorized service days for hunting use is compared to the actual number of tags issued to non-resident hunters to help determine an appropriate allocation. Information from Wyoming Game and Fish was obtained over the past five years. The use is displayed by Hunt Area by District, although hunt area totals are only given by area, not by district. Information was not available on number of tags issued for mountain lion and bear. Deer and antelope areas also include private, state, and BLM land so it is impossible to determine use on NFS lands. Consequently the only capacities that can be determined are for elk and moose hunting.

Service day use Forest wide has ranged from 4% to 141% of the highest number of non-resident tags issued in any given year. Refer to Table III-1. District ranges are as follows:

- Tongue: 20% - 35%
- Medicine Wheel Paintrock: 34% -141%
- Powder River: 4% - 42%

**Table III-1. Authorized Service Days by Hunt Area**

Hunt Area	District	Highest # of Tags Issued	Avg Trip Length	Capacity	SD Avg/%
Elk 34	PR	207	6	1242	45/4%
Elk 35	PR	62	6	372	44/12%
Elk 36	PR	72	6	432	185/42%
Elk 37	TNG	120	5	600	137/23%
Elk 38	TNG	200	6	1200	247/21%
Elk 39	MWPR	35	7	245	346/141%
Elk 40	MWPR	84	4	336	351/104%
Elk 41	MWPR	132	4	528	180/34%
Elk 42	MWPR	16	8	128	154/120%
Moose 1	TNG	13	7	91	32/35%

Moose 34	PR	13	7	91	15/16%
Moose 42	PR	1	7	7	0/0%

Blending historic forest use data with the national projection index for dispersed motorized recreation, by the year 2055, hunting use is expected to increase 31%. The Forest recommendation is to leave service day authorizations as they are and allow 10% for potential growth (where possible) for existing permits until the next planning period. In addition, a pool of temporary days may be set aside for additional use needs for any given year for outfitters currently permitted on this forest and adjacent forests.

## **SNOWMOBILE**

Miles of groomed snowmobile trails were split out between the northern and southern portions of the Forest. The ROS trail-based coefficient (average of 6.5 for forested and non-forested) for Semi-Primitive Motorized was multiplied by the trail mileage and then by length of season and pattern of use coefficient to determine the capacity. Authorized service days are compared to these capacities in Table III-2. Service day use has averaged 1% of capacity for the northern portion of the forest and 1.5% for the southern portion.

Forest data indicates that snowmobiling use increased 32% from 1989-2000. Blending historic forest use data with the national projection index for dispersed motorized recreation, by the year 2055, this type use is expected to increase 24%. Recent drought conditions have had negative impacts to existing snowmobile outfitter guides, and non-use for many authorized service days has been granted. The needs assessment recommended that snowmobiling guided use be kept at current levels as the demand for this service is being met.

Use data was obtained from the State snowmobile registrations and the 2000-2001 State Snowmobile Survey. To determine the season use estimate, the average number of use days for both resident and non-resident users was taken and multiplied by the five-year averages of snowmobile registrations obtained from the State Trails program as follows:

Five-year average for resident on N½ = 1,643 x 19 (average # of use days) = 31,217  
 Five-year average for non-resident on N½ = 4,397 x 10.8 (average # of use days) = 47,488  
 Total for N ½ = 78,705

Five-year average for resident on S½ = 871 x 19 (average # of use days) = 16,549  
 Five-year average for non-resident on S½ = 808 x 10.8 (average # of use days) = 8,726  
 Total for S½ = 25,275

These sources indicate that total use for the northern half of the forest is at 53% of capacity and the southern half is at 26% of capacity. The recommendation is to increase the existing service day authorization to approximately 2% of total capacity for the northern portion of the forest. This would allow for growth for current outfitters and set the allocation at 3,000 service days. The

recommendation for the southern half of the forest is to keep the service day use at 1,500. Refer to Table III-2.

**Table III-2. Allocation for Snowmobile Tours**

Area	Miles of Snow Trail	SPM Coeff	Length of Season	Pattern of Use Coeff.	Season Capacity	Season Use Estimate	% of Capacity	2015 SD totals	Commercial Allocation
N ½	241.75	6.25	108	0.9	146,863	78,705	53%	1,200*	3,000
S ½	157.90	6.25	108	0.9	95,924	25,275	26%	250	1,500

\*A small portion of 1,000 service days permitted on the north end uses area on the south end.

**HORSEBACK/CAMPING/FISHING; CATTLE DRIVES; FISHING; BACKPACKING**

The needs assessment recommended that these activities be kept at current levels for service day use as the demand is being met. In representative compartments Forestwide, the number of authorized service days for all area-based activities is significantly less than 1% of total capacity. The trail-based capacities differed slightly district by district as follows:

Tongue: 0.01% and 23% of total capacity with an average of 1.5%. The recommendation is to leave authorized service days for these activities as is and add 10% for potential growth for existing permits until the next planning period.

Medicine Wheel/Paintrock: 2% and to 504% (small compartment and even though a large amount of days are authorized hardly any are used) of total capacity with an average of 20.7% (without the 504% compartment included). Demand for horseback activities is being met. The recommendation is to leave authorized service days for horseback activities as is and add 10% for potential growth for existing permits until the next planning period. The district will look at adding opportunities for under-represented trail-based activities if capacity exists in the compartment.

Powder River: 0.0% to 47.4% of capacity for compartments. The demand for horseback activities is met on the eastern portion of the district. The western portion would be met if the currently available 600 days were put under authorization.

**DAY HORSEBACK RIDES; ROCK AND ICE CLIMBING; DOG SLED TOURS; MOTORIZED VEHICLE TOURS; ATV TOURS, PHOTOGRAPHY TRIPS; NON-MOTORIZED HISTORIC/NATURAL HISTORY/GEOLOGY TOURS; 4-WHEEL DRIVE TOURS; SHUTTLE SERVICES/PACKING SERVICES/DROP CAMPS**

The needs assessment identified these activities as ones that are currently under-represented on the Bighorn NF. Many of these activities are noted as ones where both local and national use projections indicate increases in use over the next 50 years. These activities are all trail-based activities.

Recommendation is to begin at a 10% allocation for outfitted services for each compartment, and vary up or down depending on specific conditions within the compartments. Each compartment will have a justification on how the final allocation was determined.

The allocation of commercial recreation use is based on the overall capacity determination, as described in Part 1 of this document. Recreation use is allocated to three categories: general public, institutional (semi-general public), and commercial permit holders or outfitter-guides. All three represent use by the general public. Whether people do the trip on their own or are with an organized group, or have the assistance of a professional outfitter-guide determines the category to which they are allocated.

## **DETERMINATION OF MIX OF COMMERCIAL, SEMI-GENERAL PUBLIC, AND GENERAL PUBLIC USE**

One of the key decisions is the mix or percentage that constitutes an allocation between commercial, semi-general public, and general public use in an area. Allocation will be determined within compartment boundaries.

There are no magic formulas for determining the correct mix of uses. Traditionally, it has been a judgmental decision, often based on historic patterns. As we take a thorough look at our objectives and needs, historical patterns may not be what the future holds. In areas where capacity is not a problem, these mixes will not become the issue. Where there is competition for a limited allocation, however, the question of who gets what piece of the pie becomes critical.

Some considerations that can be used to determine the appropriate mix are:

- Availability of services and experience at other locations, on both private and general public lands. Is the service provided dependent on the resources available in the area?
- Assure that the general public is not pushed out or adversely affected by a preponderance of commercial-use activities.
- Wildlife management considerations.
- Potential conflicts with other resource users and activities.
- Type of clientele involved (disabled).
- Forest objectives.
- Terrain, distances from access points, safety considerations.
- Traditional patterns of commercial and general public use.
- Interpretation needs

Table III-3 displays available acres, area and trail capacities, miles of fishable stream and miles of open road by compartment.

Table III-4 displays the allocation for trail-based recreation use on the BNF by compartment by district. Allocation is shown by season (summer/fall/winter).

- **Commercial allocation** is the total visitor days allocated to commercial recreation uses within a compartment, based on the total trails capacity, the needs assessment, and any specific justification that may exist, which is explained in the accompanying narrative.

- **Semi-general public allocation**, a percentage of the total trail capacity is taken to derive this figure. This temporary pool can be used for semi-general public groups that apply for available days.
- **General public use days** available within a compartment.

The narrative that follows the tables corresponds to the tables by the compartment name and number.

## **ADDENDUM TO FOREST ALLOCATION COMPLETED 1/2008**

### **ROAD BASED RECREATION**

Miles of open roads were split out by compartments. The ROS trail-based coefficient (average of 6.5 for forested and non-forested) for Semi-Primitive Motorized was multiplied by the trail mileage and then by length of season and pattern of use coefficient to determine the capacity. Authorized service days are compared to these capacities in Table III-3a for each district. There has been little to no service days issued for this type of activity on the forest.

Forest data indicates that road based recreation use (ATVs, van and jeep tours) increased 5% from 1989-2000. Blending historic forest use data with the national projection index for dispersed motorized recreation, by the year 2055, this type use is expected to increase 24%. The needs assessment identified a need for several road based activities including ATV tours and educational tours.

Use data was obtained from "A Survey and Economic Assessment of Off-Road Vehicle Use in Wyoming" by the University of Wyoming, July 2006. Registrations for the Big Horn Mountains indicated 76% were residents and 24% non-residents. It showed that residents spent an average of 32.5 use days per person and non-residents spent an average of 10.5 use days per person. (This assumes all use from these registrations was in the Big Horn Mountains, which it may not have been.) This survey also conducted a telephone and mail out survey and these surveys indicated a considerably lower number of use days for the Big Horn Mountains.





**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Tangle Ridge Outfitters (TRO) - pack trips, fishing, photography = 34

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 34 (less than 1% of capacity)

Bear Lodge - ATV and Jeep Tours (6/16-8/30) = 4 road-based

*Because of the limited access for the general public without horses or 4wd vehicles and the low summer recreational use, recommend allocating a high percentage of capacity to outfitter and guides. Recommend allocating up to:*

*2,180 SDs (28.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 16 people per day.*

*115 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use - averages 1 person per day.*

*Leaves 5,354 for summer trail-based general public use - averages 39 people per day*

*1,499 SDs (10%) for summer road-based priority use - averages 19 people per day.*

*750 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use - averages 10 people per day.*

*Leaves 12,742 for summer road-based general public use - 165 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, cattle drives, hiking trips on trails, biking trips, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Tangle Ridge Outfitters (TRO) - pack trips, fishing, photography = 6

Bear Lodge - ATV and Jeep tours (September only) = 1 road-based

TRO (for all hunting) = 140 (split between 6 compartments)

Diamond Tail Outfitters = 16 split between 9 compartments

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = included in 168 total hunting days

Hunting – **This compartment overlaps both Elk area 38 and 40.**

*Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have four in parts of this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39 and 104% in area 40.*

*Recommend allocating up to:*

*693 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season is heavy-averages 6.5 people per day*

*77 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use-averages 1 person per day*

*Leaves 4,361 for fall trail-based general public use - averages 41 people per day*

*1,006 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use - averages 33 people per day.*

*503 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use - averages 17 people per day.*

*Leaves 8,548 for fall road-based general public use - 285 people per day.*

Typical activities are the same as the summer season.

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO (lion) = 30 districtwide

D & D (lion) = 1

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest

Hideout (snowmobiling) = 50 split between 3 compartments  
 B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark  
 Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest  
 Hunting – No new outfitters  
 Snowmobiling - *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest (Outside of Big Game Winter Range designation in Forest Plan)*  
 General - *Recommend allocating up to:*  
*1,031 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 8.5 people per day.*  
*115 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 1 person per day.*  
*Leaves 6,494 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 54 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are ice climbing, dog sledding, cross country skiing, & snowshoeing.

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**2. Cottonwood Creek & Willow Creek (SPM)**

- 2,721 available acres
- 0 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 6 miles of open road
- 5 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Road 12 which a native surface road beyond the Medicine Wheel and is muddy when wet. The major fishing stream is Cottonwood Creek. Moderate dispersed use occurs in the area primarily during the summer with ATV’s and the big game seasons. There are no groomed snowmobile trails in this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 44,036 with average per day of 121 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 16,494  
 Fall = 11,066  
 Winter = 16,476

Current ROS Trail Capacity 0 with average per day of 0 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 0  
 Fall = 0  
 Winter = 0

Current Road Based Capacity 6,831 with an average per day of 64 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,088  
 Fall = 2,743

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Buck Outfitters (spring bear) = included in 168 days all hunting  
*Because of the lack of trails, limited access, and growing general recreation use (ATV's) in this compartment recommend allocating no days for summer outfitted use in this compartment, except for motorized tours on roads as follows:*  
**409 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 5 people per day.**  
**204 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 3 people per day.**  
**Leaves 3,475 for summer road-based general public use – 45 people per day.**

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Wyoming High Country = 91 (for all hunting - rifle elk, 28 archery elk, also moose, bear, & lion split between 5 compartments)  
Big Buck Outfitters (for all hunting) = 168 split between 9 compartments; moose is districtwide  
TRO – 140 split between 6 compartments  
Hunting - *Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have three in this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39.*  
*Recommend no days as there is no trail-based capacity, except for motorized tours on roads as follows:*  
**274 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 9 people per day.**  
**137 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 4.5 people per day.**  
**Leaves 2,332 for fall road-based general public use – 78 people per day.**

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO (lion) = 30 districtwide  
Wyoming High Country (lion) = Included in big game days see fall above  
Big Buck Outfitters (lion) = see fall  
D & D (lion) = 1 split between 12 compartments  
Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of Forest Hideout (snowmobiling) = 50 split between 3 compartments  
B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark  
Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest  
Snowmobiling – *Since there are no groomed trails within this compartment and access is by the Medicine Wheel, recommend that no outfitted snowmobile tours be authorized in this compartment.*  
General- *Recommend no days as there is no trail-based capacity.*

**3. Crystal Creek (SPNM, SPM, RN, R)**

- 4,474 available acres
- 3 miles of trail –0 trailheads

- 4 miles of open road
- 0 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Highway 14A which is paved. Recreational facilities include Crystal Creek Picnic Ground.

Current ROS Area Capacity 806,326 with average per day of 2209 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 302,019

Fall = 202,620

Winter = 301,686

Current ROS Trail Capacity 9,698 with average per day of 27 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 3,632

Fall = 2,437

Winter = 3,628

Current Road Based Capacity 4,555 with an average per day of 42.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,726

Fall = 1,829

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO - pack trips, fishing, photography = 8

Wyoming High Country = 4

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 12 (less than 1% of capacity)

Big Buck Outfitters (spring bear) = included in 168 days all hunting

Hunting-*Remain static*

General-*Because of the limited access for the general public without horses and the low use, recommend that new summer use outfitters be considered in this compartment.*

*Recommend allocating up to:*

*490 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 3.5 people per day.*

*54 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use - averages less than 1 person per day.*

*Leaves 3,087 for summer trail-based general public use - averages 22 people per day*

*273 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use - averages 3.5 people per day.*

*136 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use - averages 2 people per day.*

*Leaves 2,317 for summer road-based general public use - 30 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, hiking trips on trails, biking trips, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO - pack trips, fishing, photography = 2

Big Buck Outfitters (for all hunting) = 168 split between 9 compartments; moose is districtwide

Diamond Tail Outfitters = 16 split between 9 compartments

Wyoming High Country (for all hunting) = 91 split between 5 compartments

TRO (for all hunting) = 140 split between 6 compartments

Hunting – **This compartment overlaps both Elk area 38 and 40. Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have four in parts of this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39 and 104% in area 40**

General-*Due to this compartments small size and proximity to the Medicine Wheel recommend no fall allocation outside of hunting and motorized tours.*

*Leaves 2,437 for fall trail-based general public use – averages 23 people per day*

*183 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 6 people per day.*

*91 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 3 people per day.*

*Leaves 1,555 for fall road-based general public use – 52 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO (lion) = 30 districtwide

D & D (lion) = 1

Big Buck Outfitters (lion) = see fall

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest

Hideout (snowmobiling) = 50 split between 3 compartments

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

Snowmobiling - **Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest (snowmobiling around the Medicine Wheel is restricted by Special Order)**

General-*Due to this compartments small size and proximity to the Medicine Wheel recommend no winter allocation outside of snowmobiling allocation for N1/2 of the forest.*

*Leaves 3,628 for winter trail-based general public use – averages 30 people per day*

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**4. Deer Creek (Mixture of SPNM & SPM)**

- 6,309 available acres (4,543 Trout & 1,766 Deer)
- 1 mile of non-system trail –0 trailheads
- 14 miles of open road
- 18 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Road 11 which is a native surface road and prone to rutting in wet conditions. The major fishing stream is Trout Creek. Considerable dispersed camping occurs in the Cookstove area primarily in the summer and to a lesser extent

during the fall big game season. No groomed snowmobile trails are within or adjacent to this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 73,725 (22,518 Trout & 51,7 Deer) with average per day of 202 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 27,615

Fall = 18,526

Winter = 27,584

Current ROS Trail Capacity 2,368 with average per day of 6.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 887

Fall = 595

Winter = 886

Current Road Based Capacity 15,939 with an average per day of 149 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 9,539

Fall = 6,400

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Buck Outfitters –pack trips, fishing, mtn biking = 13

Wyoming High Country –motorized tours = 18 road-based

Big Buck Outfitters – ATV tours = 8 road-based

Big Buck Outfitters (spring bear) = included in 168 days all hunting

Hunting - *Additional temporary Lion and Bear outfitters could be accommodated in this compartment*

Summer Horseback trips – *Because of the small compartment size and location, recommend not authorizing OGs for summer. Recommend allowing existing outfitters to expand up to:*

*177 SDs (20%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 1 person per day.*

*0 SDs (0%) for summer trail-based temporary use - No current temporary public outfitters authorized.*

*Leaves 710 for summer trail-based general public use -averages 5 people per day*

*954 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 12 people per day.*

*477 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 6 people per day.*

*Leaves 8,108 for summer road-based general public use – 105 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, cattle drives, limited fishing, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips, and Motorized Tours.

#### **Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Buck Outfitters –pack trips, fishing, mtn biking = 2

Big Buck Outfitters – ATV tours = 1 road-based

Big Buck Outfitters (for all hunting) = 168 split between 9 compartments; moose is districtwide

Wyoming High Country = 91 (for all hunting - rifle elk, 28 archery elk, also moose, bear, & lion) split between 5 compartments

Hunting - *Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have three in this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39.*

*Recommend no fall allocation outside of hunting and motorized tours on roads due to limited trail based capacity.*

*Leaves 595 for fall trail-based general public use – averages 5 people per day*

*640 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 21 people per day.*

*320 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 10.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 5,440 for fall road-based general public use – 181 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO (lion) = 30 districtwide

D & D (lion) = 1

Big Buck Outfitters (lion) = see fall

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N<sup>1/2</sup> of forest*

*Recommend no additional winter allocation. Because of the distance of this compartment from a groomed trail, limited trail-based capacity, and the poor winter access there are limited opportunities for winter use.*

*Leaves 886 for winter trail-based general public use – averages 7 people per day*

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**5. Five Springs Creek (SPM, RN, R)**

- 2,815 available acres
- Less than 1 mile of trail –0 trailheads
- 4 miles of open road
- 5 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Road 651 and highway14A which is paved. The major fishing stream is Elk Springs Creek. Moderate dispersed use around the FAA garage occurs primarily during the summer and big game seasons. Three recreation residences are located in the Medicine Mountain summer home group. In addition, the Medicine Wheel NHL its self is in this compartment. There are no groomed snowmobile trails in this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 155,101 with average per day of 425 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 58,095

Fall = 38,975

Winter = 58,031

Current ROS Trail Capacity 335 with average per day of less than 1.0 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 126

Fall = 84

Winter = 125

Current Road Based Capacity 4,555 with an average per day of 42.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,726

Fall = 1,829

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Buck Outfitters (spring bear) = included in 168 days all hunting

*Because of the small size of this compartment and the Medicine Wheel NHL recommend that no summer use outfitters be authorized in this compartment unless use stays on the highway or for motorized tours on roads.*

*Leaves 126 for summer trail-based general public use – averages 1 person per day*

*273 SDs (10%) for summer road-based priority use – averages 3.5 people per day.*

*136 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 2 people per day.*

*Leaves 2,317 for summer general road-based public use – 30 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips along the highway.

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments**

Big Buck Outfitters (for all hunting) = 168 split between 9 compartments; moose is districtwide

Wyoming High Country = 91 (for all hunting - rifle elk, 28 archery elk, also moose, bear, & lion) split between 5 compartments

*Hunting - Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have three in this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39.*

*Because of the small size of this compartment and the Medicine Wheel NHL recommend that no new fall use outfitters be authorized in this compartment unless use stays on the highway, or for motorized tours on roads. In addition, recommend that current outfitters not be authorized to expand their use in this compartment.*

*Leaves 3,087 for fall trail-based general public use – averages 1 person per day*

*183 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 6 people per day.  
91 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 3 people per day.  
Leaves 1,555 for fall road-based general public use – 52 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments**

TRO (lion) = Included in big game days – entire district

D & D (lion) = 1

Big Buck Outfitters (lion) = see fall

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to

Paintrock and Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

**Recommend allocating up to:**

*Snowmobiling - Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest (snowmobiling around the Medicine Wheel is restricted by Special Order)*

*Because of the small size of this compartment and the Medicine Wheel NHL recommend that no new winter use outfitters be authorized in this compartment unless use stays on the highway. In addition, recommend that current outfitters not be authorized to expand their use in this compartment.*

*Leaves 125 for winter trail-based general public use – averages 1 person per day*

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**6. Horse Creek (SPNM, SPM, RN)**

- 7,756 available acres
- 14 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 19 miles of open road
- 22 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Roads 10, 207, and 212, most sections which are native surface. No developed recreational facilities or recreation residences are in this compartment. Heavy dispersed use occurs primarily during the fall big game hunting season with scores of hunting camps set up. Summer dispersed use is low to moderate with the majority grouped along the Hunt Mountain Road (FSR10). The major fishing stream is Horse Creek. There are no groomed snowmobile trails in this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 66,871 with average per day of 183 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 25,047

Fall = 16,804

Winter = 25,020

Current ROS Trail Capacity 36,365 with average per day of 100 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 13,621

Fall = 9,138

Winter = 13,606

Current Road Based Capacity 21,631 with an average per day of 202 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 12,946

Fall = 8,685

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Hideout = 36

TRO - pack trips, fishing, photography = 8

Big Buck Outfitters – pack trips, day use, mountain bike tours = 5

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 49 (less than 1% of capacity)

Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep Tours (6/16-8/30) = 13 road-based

Hunting-*Additional temporary Lion and Bear outfitters could be accommodated in this compartment. Because of the limited access for the general public without horses or 4wd vehicles and the low summer recreational use, recommend that new summer use outfitters be considered in this compartment.*

*Recommend allocating up to:*

*4,563 SDs (33.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 33 people per day.*

*204 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 8,854 for summer trail-based general public use – averages 64 people per day*

*1,295 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 17 people per day.*

*647 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 8 people per day.*

*Leaves 11,004 for summer road-based general public use – 143 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, cattle drives, hiking trips on trails, biking trips, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO - pack trips, fishing, photography = 1

Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep tours (September only) = 2 road -based

Big Buck Outfitters – pack trips, day use, mountain bike tours = 1

Diamond Tail Outfitters – 16 split between 9 compartments

Hunting – *This compartment is in Elk area 40. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have one authorized in this compartment already and the area receives high non-outfitted hunting pressure. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 104% of capacity in area 40.*

*Recommend allocating up to:*

*1,234 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season is heavy-averages 11.5 people per day.*

*137 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use-averages 1 person per day*

*Leaves 7,767 for fall trail-based general public use -averages 73 people per day*

*869 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 29 people per day.  
434 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 14.5 people per day.  
Leaves 7,382 for fall road-based general public use – 246 people per day.*

Types of activities are the same as the summer season.

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO (lion) = Included in big game days

D & D (lion) = 1

Big Buck Outfitters (lion) = included in 168 total hunting

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

**Recommend allocating up to:**

**Snowmobiling - Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest (Outside of Big Game Winter Range designation in Forest Plan)**

**Recommend allocating up to:**

**1,837 SDs (13.5%) for all winter-based priority use-averages 15 people per day.**

**204 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use-averages 1.5 people per day**

**Leaves 11,565 for winter trail-based general public use -averages 96 people per day**

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

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**7. Little Bighorn River near Duncum (SPM, RM, RN)-Small portion on the Tongue RD and handled separately**

- 22,305 available acres
- 19 miles of trail –1 trailhead
- 25 miles of open road
- 24 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Road 14 which is graveled and heavily traveled. The major fishing stream is the Little Bighorn River. Heavy dispersed use occurs in the area primarily during the summer and big game seasons. At least two groomed snowmobile trails are within this compartment and one warming shelter.

Current ROS Area Capacity 3,938,456 with average per day of 10,790 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,475,196

Fall = 989,688

Winter = 1,473,572

Current ROS Trail Capacity 36,155 with average per day of 99 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 13,542

Fall = 9,085  
Winter = 13,527

Current Road Based Capacity 28,462 with an average per day of 266 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 17,034  
Fall = 11,428

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments on MDW/PR:**

Wyoming High Country - trail rides, fishing = 31  
Leader Trek – backpacking trips = 216  
Double Rafter Cattle Drives = 161  
Flyshop of the Bighorns = 10  
Big Buck Outfitters – pack trips, day use, mountain bike tours = 26  
Existing trail-based non-hunting = 463 (3% of capacity)  
Wyoming High Country – Road-based motorized tours = 76  
Big Buck Outfitters – ATV tours = 5  
Existing road-based non-hunting = 81  
Big Buck Outfitters (spring bear) = included in 168 days all hunting

*Because of the large amount of general recreation use in this compartment recommend that no new summer priority use outfitters be authorized in this compartment, with the exception of motorized tours. Current commercial outfitters could expand up to the following:*

*3,859 SDs (28.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 28 people per day.  
203 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day.  
Leaves 9,479 for summer trail-based general public use – averages 69 people per day  
1,703 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 22 people per day.  
851 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 11 people per day.  
Leaves 14,480 for summer road-based general public use – 188 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, hiking trips on trails, biking trips, fishing, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments on MDW/PR:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 5  
Double Rafter Cattle Drives = 126  
Wyoming High Country – trail rides, fishing = 5  
Big Buck Outfitters – pack trips, day use, mountain bike tours = 4  
Existing trail-based non-hunting = 131  
Big Buck Outfitters – ATV tours = 1

Big Buck Outfitters (for all hunting) = 168 split between 9 compartments; moose is districtwide

Hunting - *Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have three in this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39.*

*Recommend allocating up to:*

*1,226 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season is heavy-averages 11.5 people per day.*

*136 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use-averages 1 person per day*

*Leaves 7,722 for fall trail-based general public use -averages 73 people per day*

*1,143 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 38 people per day.*

*571 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 19 people per day.*

*Leaves 9,714 for fall road-based general public use – 324 people per day.*

Types of activities are the same as the summer season

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments on MDW/PR:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 1 (spring)

TRO (lion) = Included in big game days – entire district

Big Buck Outfitters (lion) = see fall

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

*Recommend allocating up to:*

*Snowmobiling - Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

*Recommend allocating up to:*

*1,826 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use-averages 15 people per day.*

*203 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use-averages 1.5 people per day*

*Leaves 11,498 for winter trail-based general public use -averages 95 people per day*

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

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**8. Lodgegrass Creek (Combined Lodgegrass & Eskimo Creek Watersheds) (Mostly SPNM with a slice of SPM on the western edge & a slice of RN along southern edge)**

- 9,070 available acres
- 7 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 9 miles of open road
- 8 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Roads 11 which is a native surface road and prone to rutting in wet conditions and FSR 111 which is graveled. The major fishing stream is Lodgegrass Creek. Considerable dispersed use occurs in the area primarily during the fall big game season. No groomed snowmobile trails are within or adjacent to this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 440,255 with average per day of 1206 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 163,903

Fall = 110,631

Winter = 164,721

Current ROS Trail Capacity 12,965 with average per day of 36 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,856

Fall = 3,258

Winter = 4,851

Current Road Based Capacity 10,246 with an average per day of 96 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 6,132

Fall = 4,114

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Wyoming High Country - trail rides, fishing = 15

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 11

Big Buck Outfitters – pack trips, day use, mountain bike tours = 26

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 55

Nelson Outfitting – spring bear = 35 split between 3 compartments

Big Buck Outfitters (spring bear) = included in 168 days all hunting

***Because of the limited access for the general public without horses or 4wd vehicles, and the low summer recreational use, recommend that new summer use outfitters be considered in this compartment. Recommend allocating up to:***

***1,870 SDs (38.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 13.5 people per day.***

***73 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 4 people per day.***

***Leaves 2,913 for summer trail-based general public use – averages less than 1 person per day***

***613 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 8 people per day.***

***306 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 4 people per day.***

***Leaves 5,213 for summer road-based general public use – 68 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, cattle drives, limited fishing, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips, and Motorized Tours.

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 5

Big Buck Outfitters – pack trips, day use, mountain bike tours = 5  
 Wyoming High Country – trail rides, fishing = 3  
 Big Buck Outfitters (for all hunting) = 168 split between 9 compartments; moose is districtwide  
 Hunting - *Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have three in this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39.*

**Recommend allocating up to:**  
*440 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season is heavy-averages 4 people per day.*  
*49 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use-averages less than 1 person per day*  
*Leaves 2,769 for fall trail-based general public use -averages 26 people per day*  
*411 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 14 people per day.*  
*205 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 7 people per day.*  
*Leaves 3,498 for fall road-based general public use – 117 people per day.*

Types of activities are the same as the summer season

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO (lion) = Included in big game days – entire district  
 Big Buck Outfitters (lion) = see fall  
 Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest  
 B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark  
 Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest  
 Snowmobiling - *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

**Recommend allocating up to:**  
*655 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use-averages 5.5 people per day.*  
*73 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use-averages less than 1 person per day*  
*Leaves 4,123 for winter trail-based general public use -averages 34 people per day*

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

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**9. Medicine Lodge Creek Non-Wilderness (SPM, SPNM, RM, RN)**

- 13,536 available acres
- 1 mile of trail –1 trailhead
- 25 miles of open road
- 16 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via the Paintrock Road FSR17. Moderate to heavy dispersed use occurs primarily during the summer and fall big game hunting seasons. Developed recreation sites as well as the Paintrock Resort are concentrated in the southern part of this compartment. The major fishing stream is Medicine Lodge Creek. A major North/South snowmobile trail follows FSR17 through this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 1,693,494 with average per day of 4,630 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 634,318

Fall = 425,555

Winter = 633,620

Current ROS Trail Capacity 2,045 with average per day of 6 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 766

Fall = 514

Winter = 765

Current Road Based Capacity 28,462 with an average per day of 266 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 17,034

Fall = 11,428

### **Allocation**

**Summer: (remain static)**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Paintrock Outfitters = 52

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 14

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 66

Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep tours (6/16-8/30) = 1 road-based

*Because of the use of this compartment by the general public and only 1 mile of trail, recommend that no new summer use outfitters be looked at in this compartment, with the exception of motorized tours. Also recommend no expansion of service days for existing outfitters unless it is for pass-through use to access another compartment.*

*Leaves 656 service days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 5 people per day*

*1,703 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 22 people per day.*

*851 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 11 people per day.*

*Leaves 14,480 for summer road-based general public use – 188 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, fishing, photography, hiking trips on trails, biking trips, and shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, snowmobile tours, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 6

Diamondtail (for all hunting) = 16 split between 9 compartments

Paintrock Outfitters (for all hunting) = 250 split between 7 compartments

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = included in 168 total hunting days

Hunting – *This compartment is in Elk area 42. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have ones authorized in this compartment already and current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 120% for area 42*  
*Because of the use of this compartment by the general public and only 1 mile of trail, recommend that no new fall use outfitters be looked at in this compartment.*  
*Leaves 514 service days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 5 people per day*  
*1,143 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 38 people per day.*  
*571 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 19 people per day.*  
*Leaves 9,714 for fall road-based general public use – 324 people per day.*

Types of activities are the same as the summer season.

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO (lion) = Included in big game days

D & D (lion) = 1

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

**Recommend allocating up to:**

Snowmobiling - *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of forest*

*Due to only one mile of system trail recommend no winter allocation except snowmobiling.*

*Leaves 765 for winter trail-based general public use – averages 6.5 people per day*

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**10. Medicine Lodge Creek Wilderness (SPNM, P)**

- 4,258 available acres
- 4 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 0 miles of open road
- 9 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via the Edelman trail. Moderate dispersed use occurs primarily during the summer season along this trail system. Emerald Lakes is a popular destination. The major fishing stream is Medicine Lodge Creek.

Current ROS Area Capacity 31,784 with average per day of 87 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 11,905

Fall = 7,987

Winter = 11,892

Current ROS Trail Capacity 8,178 with average per day of 22 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer =3,063

Fall = 2,055  
Winter = 3,060

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Paintrock Outfitters = 53

NOLS = 96

Sierra Club Outings – backpacking trips = 6

Adventure Education Institute – backpacking trips = 34

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 189 (6% of capacity)

*Because of the small size of this compartment, access along one main trail, the current opportunities for outstanding solitude within this Wilderness compartment, and the amount of day use from the heavily used adjacent non-wilderness compartment by the general public, recommend that no new summer use outfitters be considered in this compartment at this time unless they are doing pass through use on the existing trail with no base camps within the compartment.*

*Recommend existing outfitters can expand up to:*

*414 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 3 people per day*

*46 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages less than 1 person per day*

*Leaves 2,603 for summer trail-based general public use – averages 19 people per day*

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, fishing, photography, hiking trips on trails, and shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps.

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Diamonddtail (for all hunting) = 16 split between 9 compartments

Paintrock Outfitters (for all hunting) = 250 split between 7 compartments

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = included in 168 total hunting days

Hunting – *This compartment is in Elk area 42. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have ones authorized in this compartment already and current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 120% for area 42*

*Because of the small size of this compartment, access along one main trail, the current opportunities for outstanding solitude within this Wilderness compartment, and the amount of day use from the heavily used adjacent non-wilderness compartment by the general public, recommend that no new fall use outfitters be considered in this compartment at this time unless they are doing pass through use on the existing trail with no base camps within the compartment.*

*Leaves 2,055 for fall trail-based general public use – averages 20 people per day*

Types of activities are the same as the summer.

#### **Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO (lion) = Included in big game days – entire district

Wyoming High Country (XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest

*Because of the difficult winter access and location within the Cloud Peak Wilderness recommend no winter allocation unless Paintrock Lodge opens in the winter and starts a program.*

*Leaves 3,060 for winter trail-based general public use – averages 25 people per day*

Types of activities are winter camping & ice climbing.

**11. Middle & South Paintrock Creek Non-Wilderness (SPM, SPNM, RM, RN) Most of this compartment is on the Powder River RD**

- 45,877 available acres
- 4 miles of trail –1 trailhead
- 9 miles of open road
- 2 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via the Battle Park Road FSR24. Heavy dispersed use occurs in Battle Park primarily during the summer season. The major fishing stream is Battle Creek. A major North South snowmobile trail goes through this compartment and there is a warming shelter installed at Battle Park during the season.

Current ROS Area Capacity 550,728 with average per day of 1,509 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 206,282

Fall = 138,392

Winter = 206,055

Current ROS Trail Capacity 10,195 with average per day of 28 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer =3,819

Fall = 2,562

Winter =3,814

Current Road Based Capacity 10,246 with an average per day of 96 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 6,132

Fall = 4,114

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Paintrock Adventures = 18

C5 Youth Foundation = 274 (passes through this compartment to Powder River portion of this compartment, so days are actually accounted for in their compartment)

NOLS – backpacking trips = 18 (passes through this compartment to Powder River portion of this compartment, so days are accounted for in their compartment.)

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 18

***Due to the small size and heavy general public use during the summer at Battle Park, recommend allocating no additional days for summer outfitted use in this compartment, with the exception of motorized tours.***

***Leaves 3,819 for summer trail-based general public use – averages 27.5 people per day 613 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 8 people per day.***

***306 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 4 people per day.***

***Leaves 5,213 for summer road-based general public use – 68 people per day.***

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Paintrock Outfitters = 250 split between 7 compartments

Paintrock Adventures = 138 split between 3 compartments

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = included in 168 total hunting days

Hunting – ***This compartment is in Elk area 45. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters due to the small area and general public use during fall big game season.***

***Due to the small size and heavy general public use during the fall at Battle Park, recommend allocating no additional days for fall outfitted use in this compartment.***

***Leaves 2,562 for fall trail-based general public use – averages 24 people per day***

***411 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 14 people per day.***

***205 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 7 people per day.***

***Leaves 3,498 for fall road-based general public use – 117 people per day.***

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO (lion) = Included in big game days

D & D (lion) = 1

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

***Recommend allocating up to:***

***Snowmobiling - Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest***

***Recommend allocating up to:***

***515 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use-averages 4 people per day.***

***57 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use-averages less than 1 person per day***

***Leaves 3,242 for winter trail-based general public use -averages 27 people per day***

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

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**12. North Paintrock Creek Non-Wilderness (SPM, SPNM, RN)**

- 12,344 available acres
- 17 miles of trail –1 trailhead

- 13 miles of open road
- 27 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via the Paintrock Road FSR17 and Cold Springs Road FSR244. Moderate dispersed use occurs primarily during the summer and fall big game hunting seasons. Developed recreation sites are concentrated in the northern part of this compartment. The major fishing stream is the North Fork of Paintrock Creek.

Current ROS Area Capacity 423,377 with average per day of 1160 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 158,581

Fall = 106,390

Winter = 158,406

Current ROS Trail Capacity 35,642 with average per day of 98 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 13,350

Fall = 8,956

Winter = 13,335

Current Road Based Capacity 14,801 with an average per day of 138 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 8,858

Fall = 5,943

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Paintrock Adventures = 109

Paintrock Outfitters = 52

C5 Youth Foundation = 520

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 14

Seven J Outfitters = 15

Existing trail-based outfitters = 710 (5% of capacity)

***As long as there are no conflicts with heavy use at Lower Paintrock Lakes, recommend allocating up to:***

***1,802 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 13 people per day.***

***200 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use - averages 1.5 people per day.***

***Leaves 11,348 for summer trail-based general public use - averages 87 people per day***

***886 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use - averages 11.5 people per day.***

***443 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use - averages 6 people per day.***

***Leaves 7,529 for summer road-based general public use - 98 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, fishing, photography, hiking trips on trails, biking trips, and shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, snowmobile tours, Non-

motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

- Flyshop of the Bighorns = 6
- Existing trail-based non-hunting = 6
- Paintrock Outfitters = 250 split between 7 compartments
- Big Horn Outfitters Outfitters (hunting) = 5
- Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 15
- Paintrock Adventures (for all hunting) = 138 split between 3 compartments
- Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = included in 168 total hunting days
- Hunting – *This compartment is in Elk area 42. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have ones authorized in this compartment already and current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 120% for area 42.*

**Recommend allocating up to:**

- 1,209 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season is heavy-averages 11.5 people per day.*
- 134 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use-averages 1 person per day*
- Leaves 7,613 for fall trail-based general public use -averages 72 people per day*
- 594 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 20 people per day.*
- 297 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 10 people per day.*
- Leaves 5,052 for fall road-based general public use – 168 people per day.*

Types of activities are the same as the summer season

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

- TRO (lion) = Included in big game days
- D & D (lion) = 1
- Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest
- B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark
- Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

**Recommend allocating up to:**

- Snowmobiling - Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of forest*
- 1,800 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use-averages 15 people per day.*
- 200 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use - averages 1.5 people per day*
- Leaves 11,335 for winter trail-based general public use -averages 94 people per day*

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

**13. North Paintrock Creek -Wilderness (SPNM, P)**

- 10,548 available acres
- 17 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 0 miles of open road

- 23 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via the North High Park, Grace Lake, and Lake Solitude trails. Moderate dispersed use occurs primarily during the summer season along these trail systems. Grace and Poacher Lakes, and Lake Solitude are popular destinations. The major fishing stream is the North Fork of Paintrock Creek.

Current ROS Area Capacity 80,222 with average per day of 220 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 30,048

Fall = 20,159

Winter = 30,015

Current ROS Trail Capacity 36,555 with average per day of 100 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 13,692

Fall = 9,186

Winter = 13,677

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Sierra Club Outings – Backpacking trips = 24

Paintrock Adventures = 54

Paintrock Outfitters = 53

NOLS = 286

C5 Youth Foundation = 372

Adventure Education Institute – backpacking trips = 110

Camp Widjiwagan = 30

Seven J Outfitters = 15

Existing Outfitters = 944 (7% of capacity)

***Because of the perceived unregistered day use of this compartment by the general public out of the heavily used Paintrock Lakes area adjacent to the northern portion of this compartment, the heavy and increasing use out of Battle Park on the Southern end of this compartment, and the fragile nature of the high mountain lakes which are the primary destinations within in this compartment, recommend that additional overnight use should not be authorized at heavily used high mountain lakes such as Solitude, Grace, Poacher, Shepherd, Cliff, Middle Cloud Peak, and most others within this compartment. Additional day use should not be authorized at lower lake locations where easier general public access encourages non-outfitted use for example Grace Lake and Lake Solitude. No new commercial outfitter and guides should be authorized in this compartment unless it is a proposed pass through use or use identified at areas outside of the hotspots listed above. Total outfitted use including pass through and non-hotspot areas should not exceed 10% of the areas trail based capacity for commercial outfitters and 5% for temporary.***

*1,848 SDs (13.50%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 13.5 people per day.*

*205 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 11,638 for summer trail-based general public use – averages 84 people per day*

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, fishing, photography, hiking trips on trails, and shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps.

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Paintrock Adventures (for all hunting) = 138 split between 3 compartments

Paintrock Outfitters (for all hunting) = 250 split between 7 compartments

Big Horn Outfitters Outfitters (hunting) = 5

Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 15

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = included in 168 total hunting days

Hunting – *This compartment is in Elk area 42. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have ones authorized in this compartment already and current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 120% for area 42*

General-*Remain static*

*Leaves 9,186 for fall trail-based general public use – averages 86.5 people per day*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO (lion) = Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest

*Because of the difficult winter access and location within the Cloud Peak Wilderness recommend no winter allocation unless Paintrock Lodge opens in the winter and starts a program.*

*Leaves 13,677 for winter trail-based general public use – averages 113 people per day*

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**14. Shell Creek at Shell Reservoir Non-Wilderness (SPNM, SPM, RN)**

- 16,964 available acres
- 2 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 29 miles of open road
- 23 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Road 17 and 271 which are primarily native surface in this compartment Heavy dispersed use occurs primarily during the summer and fall big game hunting seasons. The major fishing streams are Shell, Trapper, and Willet Creeks. There are popular groomed snowmobile trails within this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 353,470 with average per day of 968 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 132,396

Fall = 88,823

Winter = 132,251

Current ROS Trail Capacity 5,170 with average per day of 14 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer =1,937

Fall = 1,299

Winter =1,934

Current Road Based Capacity 33,017 with an average per day of 308.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 19,760

Fall = 13,257

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer: (remain static)**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Hideout = 139

Bighorn River Resort (Forrester) = 103

NOLS = 143

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 385 (20% of capacity)

Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep tours (6/16-8/30) = 47 road-based

***Because of the high use in this compartment by the general public, recommend allocating no additional days for summer outfitted use in this compartment with the exception of a highway-based operation and motorized tours.***

***Leaves 1,172 for summer trail-based general public use – averages 8.5 people per day 1,976 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 26 people per day.***

***988 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 13 people per day.***

***Leaves 16,796 for summer road-based general public use – 218 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips along a highway.

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep tours (September only) = 6 road-based

Diamondtail (for all hunting) = 16 split between 9 compartments

Rawhide Outfitters (Merchant) for all hunting = 42 split between 3 compartments

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = included in 168 total hunting days

Hunting – ***This compartment is in Elk area 41. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have ones authorized in this compartment already, the area is suitable for non-guided hunting opportunities, and other elk areas are over capacity which may lead to shifting current permitted outfitters to this area. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 34% for area 41 (without RC Guest Ranch numbers which is still to be determined).***

***Because of the high use in this compartment by the general public, recommend allocating no additional days for fall outfitted use in this compartment with the exception of a highway-based operation and motorized tours.***

*Leaves 1,299 for fall trail-based general public use – averages 12 people per day  
1,326 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 44 people per day.  
663 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 22 people per day.  
Leaves 11,268 for fall road-based general public use – 376 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO (lion) = Included in big game days

D & D (lion) = 1

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to

Paintrock and Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

**Recommend allocating up to:**

*Snowmobiling - Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

*Due to the popularity of this area for snowmobiling and the potential of conflict  
between this and other winter users recommend no other winter allocation.*

*Leaves 1,934 for winter trail-based general public use – averages 16 people per day*

**15. Shell Creek at Shell Reservoir Wilderness (SPNM, P)**

- 15,458 available acres
- 8 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 0 miles of open road
- 33 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via the Adelaide and Shell Lake trails. Moderate dispersed use occurs primarily during the summer and fall big game hunting seasons along these trails systems. Shell and Emerald Lakes are popular destinations. The major fishing streams are Shell, Porcupine and Buckley Creeks.

Current ROS Area Capacity 137,707 with average per day of 377 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 51,580

Fall = 34,604

Winter = 51,523

Current ROS Trail Capacity 20,405 with average per day of 56 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer =7,643

Fall = 5,128

Winter =7,634

**Allocation**

**Summer: (Remain Static)**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Sierra Club Outings – backpacking trips = 18  
Bighorn River Resort = 50  
Hideout = 58  
NOLS = 101  
Paintrock Outfitters = 15  
TRO - pack trips, fishing, photography = 34  
Adventure Education Institute - backpacking trips = 80  
Existing trail-based non-hunting = 356 (5% of capacity)

***Because of the perceived unregistered day use of this compartment out of the Shell Reservoir area, and the adequate number of existing commercial outfitters in this compartment, recommend that no new commercial outfitters be authorized. Existing commercial outfitters could be authorized up to 10% of the area capacity depending on proposed location of use. Hotspots to avoid include the Shell Lakes, Lakes of the Rough, and Emerald Lake areas.***

***New temporary use could be looked at up to 5% of the trail based capacity as long as the proposed use was a pass through use with no overnight camps proposed. This is because of the high number of base camps all ready authorized in the compartment. 1,032 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 7.5 people per day. 115 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 1 person per day. Leaves 6,497 for summer trail-based general public use – averages 47 people per day***

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO - pack trips, fishing, photography = 6  
Diamondtail (for all hunting) = 16 split between 9 compartments  
Rawhide Outfitters (for all hunting) = 42 split between 3 compartments  
Paintrock Outfitters (for all hunting) = 250 split between 7 compartments  
Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = included in 168 total hunting days

Hunting – ***This compartment is in Elk area 41 and a small part of Elk area 42.***

***Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have ones authorized in this compartment already, and other elk areas are over capacity which may lead to shifting current permitted outfitters to this area. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 34% for area 41 (without RC Guest Ranch numbers which is still to be determined) and 120% for area 42.***

***New temporary use in the fall could be looked at up to 5% of the trail based capacity as long as the proposed use was a pass through use with no overnight camps proposed. This is because of the high number of base camps all ready authorized in the compartment.***

***692 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use - averages 6.5 people per day.***

***77 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 1 person per day.***

***Leaves 4,359 for fall trail-based general public use – averages 41 people per day***

#### **Winter:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO (lion) = Included in big game days  
Wyoming High Country (XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest

***Recommend allocating up to:***

*1,031 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use-averages 8.5 people per day.  
115 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use-averages 1 person per day  
Leaves 6,489 for winter trail-based general public use -averages 54 people per day*

Types of activities are snowshoeing & winter camping.

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**16. Shell Creek in Shell Canyon, White Creek (SPNM, SPM, RN, RM, R)**

- 35,997 available acres
- 25 miles of trail –3 trailheads
- 81 miles of open road
- 46 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Roads 10, 17, and Highway 14. There is a high concentration of developed recreational facilities along Highway 14 and FSR17. The majority of the District’s recreation residences tracts are in this compartment. Heavy developed and dispersed use occurs primarily during the summer and fall big game hunting seasons. The major fishing stream is Shell Creek. There are both groomed snowmobile and cross country ski trails within this compartment. In addition, Shell Ranger Station, Ranger Creek Guest Ranch, and Antelope Butte Ski areas are located in this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 3,911,656 with average per day of 10,717 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,465,157  
Fall = 982,954  
Winter = 1,463,545

Current ROS Trail Capacity 53,774 with average per day of 147 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer =20,142  
Fall = 13,513  
Winter = 20,120

Current Road Based Capacity 92,218 with an average per day of 862 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 55,191  
Fall = 37,027

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Hideout = 144  
Flyshop of the Bighorns = 10  
TRO - pack trips, fishing, photography = 20  
NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 15

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 174

Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep tours (6/16-8/30) = 48 road-based

Black Wolf Mototours – Motorcycle tours = 35 road-based

Existing road-based = 83

***Because of the easy access and high use in this compartment by the general public, recommend allocating no additional days for summer outfitted use in this compartment with the exception of either highway-based operations or operations not using the Bench Trail or Shell Creek areas.***

***Recommend allocating up to:***

***2,719 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 20 people per day.***

***302 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 2 people per day.***

***Leaves 17,121 for summer trail-based general public use – averages 124 people per day***

***5,519 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 72 people per day.***

***2,759 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 36 people per day.***

***Leaves 46,913 for summer road-based general public use – 609 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, cattle drives, hiking trips on trails, biking trips, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 7

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 14

TRO – pack trips, fishing, photography = 3

Existing trail-based priority use = 24

Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep tours (September only) = 6 road-based

Black Wolf Mototours – Motorcycle tours = 6 road-based

Existing road-based priority use = 12

Powder Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 31

TRO (for all hunting) = 100 split between 6 compartments

Diamondtail (for all hunting) = 16 split between 9 compartments

Rawhide Outfitters (for all hunting) = 42 split between 3 compartments

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = included in 168 total hunting days

Powder Horn (elk, deer) = 31

***Hunting – This compartment is in Elk areas 40 & 41. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have ones authorized in this compartment already and the area is suitable for non-guided hunting opportunities. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 104% of capacity in area 40 and 34% for area 41 (without RC Guest Ranch numbers which is still to be determined).***

***Because of the easy access and high use in this compartment by the general public, recommend allocating no additional days for fall outfitted use in this compartment with the exception of either highway-based operations or operations not using the Bench Trail or Shell Creek areas.***

***1,824 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use - averages 17 people per day.***

*203 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 2 people per day.  
 Leaves 11,486 for fall trail-based general public use – averages 108.5 people per day  
 3,703 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 123 people per day.  
 1,851 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 62 people per day.  
 Leaves 31,473 for fall road-based general public use – 1,049 people per day.*

Types of activities are the same as the summer.

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

- Northwest Community College - ice climbing = 24
- Flyshop of the Bighorns – day fishing = 3 (spring)
- NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 93
- Existing trail-based non-hunting = 120 but 24 are not trail-based
- TRO (lion) = Included in big game days
- D & D (lion) = 1
- Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest
- B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark
- Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest
- Back Country Outfitters Outfitters (lion) = 3
- Beaver Trap (lion) = 5
- Powder Horn Outfitters (lion) = 6 includes all of Tongue RD and south rim of Shell Canyon on MWPR

**Recommend allocating up to:**

*Snowmobiling - Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest  
 2,716 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use-averages 22.5 people per day.  
 302 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use-averages 2.5 people per day  
 Leaves 17,102 for winter trail-based general public use -averages 141 people per day*

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

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**17. Upper Porcupine Creek (P, SPNM, SPM, RM, RN)**

- 22,003 available acres
- 16 miles of trail –2 trailheads
- 36 miles of open road
- 42 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Roads 12, 13 and 14 which are graveled and heavily traveled. The major fishing streams are Porcupine and Bald Mountain Creeks. Heavy dispersed use occurs in the area primarily during the summer and big game seasons. Porcupine Ranger Station, Wyoming High Country Resort, and numerous developed recreation sites are within this compartment. In addition, two summer home tracts, and two isolated recreation residences (at the Jaws) are within the compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 2,779,715 with average per day of 7,616 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,041,175

Fall = 698,510

Winter = 1,040,029

Current ROS Trail Capacity 32,736 with average per day of 90 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 12,262

Fall = 8,226

Winter = 12,248

Current Road Based Capacity 40,987 with an average per day of 383 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 24,530

Fall = 16,457

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Wyoming High Country - trail rides, fishing = 34

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 12

Big Buck Outfitters – pack trips, day use, mountain bike tours = 21

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 67 (less than 0.5% of capacity)

Wyoming High Country – Motorized tours = 87 road-based

Big Buck Outfitters – ATV tours = 8 road-based

Existing road-based non-hunting = 95

Big Buck Outfitters (spring bear) = included in 168 days all hunting

***Because of the large amount of general recreation use in this compartment and the easy access recommend that no new summer use outfitters be authorized in this compartment, with the exception of motorized tours. Current outfitters could expand up to the following:***

##### ***Recommend allocating up to:***

***736 SDs (6%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 5 people per day.***

***184 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day.***

***Leaves 11,342 for summer trail-based general public use – averages 87 people per day***

***2,453 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 32 people per day.***

***1,226 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 16 people per day.***

***Leaves 20,851 for summer road-based general public use – 271 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, cattle drives, fishing, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

#### **Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 8  
Wyoming High Country – trail rides, fishing = 6  
Big Buck Outfitters – pack trips, day use, mountain bike tours = 4  
Existing trail-based = 18  
Big Buck Outfitters – ATV tours = 1 road-based  
Wyoming High Country – Motorized tours = 15 road-based  
Existing road-based = 16  
Big Buck Outfitters (for all hunting) = 168 split between 9 compartments; moose is districtwide  
TRO = 140 split between 5 compartments  
Wyoming High Country = 91 (for all hunting - rifle elk, 28 archery elk, also moose, bear, & lion) split between 5 compartments  
Hunting - *Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have three in this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39*  
*Recommend no fall allocation outside of hunting and motorized tours due the high hunting pressure this area receives.*  
*Leaves 8,226 for fall trail-based general public use – averages 77.5 people per day*  
*1,646 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 55 people per day.*  
*823 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 27 people per day.*  
*Leaves 13,988 for fall road-based general public use – 466 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO (lion) = 30  
D & D (lion) = 1  
Big Buck Outfitters (lion) = see fall  
Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest  
B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark  
Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

**Recommend allocating up to:**

*Snowmobiling - Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*  
*1,653 SDs (13.5%) for all winter-based priority use-averages 13.5 people per day.*  
*184 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use-averages 1.5 people per day*  
*Leaves 10,411 for winter trail-based general public use -averages 86 people per day*

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

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**18. West Fork Little Bighorn River (P, SPNM, SPM, RM, RN)**

- 12,562 available acres
- 18 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 21 miles of open road
- 12 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Roads 111 and 110 which are graveled. The major fishing streams are Mann and Pumpkin Creeks. Considerable dispersed use occurs in the area primarily during the fall big game season. No groomed snowmobile trails are within or adjacent to this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 1,719,101 with average per day of 4,710 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 643,910  
Fall = 431,990  
Winter = 643,201

Current ROS Trail Capacity 22,526 with average per day of 174 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 8,437  
Fall = 5,660  
Winter = 8,428

Current Road Based Capacity 23,909 with an average per day of 223 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 14,309  
Fall = 9,600

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Double Rafter Cattle Drives = 35  
Flyshop of the Bighorns = 14  
Big Buck Outfitters – pack trips, day use, mountain bike tours = 37  
Existing trail-based non-hunting = 86 (1% of capacity)  
Big Buck Outfitters – ATV tours = 8 road-based  
Nelson Outfitting – spring bear - 35 split between 3 compartments

***Because of the large area of primitive ROS class and steep terrain in this compartment Recommend allocating up to:***

***506 SDs (6%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 3.7 people per day.  
127 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 1 person per day.  
Leaves 7,804 for summer trail-based general public use – averages 60 people per day  
1,431 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 19 people per day.  
715 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 9 people per day.  
Leaves 12,163 for summer road-based general public use – 158 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, cattle drives, limited fishing, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

#### **Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 6

Double Rafter Cattle Drives = 42

Big Buck Outfitters – pack trips, day use, mountain bike tours = 7

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 55

Big Buck Outfitters – ATV tours = 1 road-based

Big Buck Outfitters (for all hunting) = 168 split between 9 compartments; moose is districtwide

Hunting - *Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have three in this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39.*

**Recommend allocating up to:**

*764 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season is heavy-averages 7 people per day.*

*85 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use-averages 1 person per day*

*Leaves 4,811 for fall trail-based general public use -averages 45 people per day*

*960 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 32 people per day.*

*480 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 16 people per day.*

*Leaves 8,160 for fall road-based general public use – 272 people per day.*

Types of activities are the same as the summer season

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

TRO (lion) = Included in big game days

Big Buck Outfitters (lion) = see fall

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling/XC skiing/snowshoeing) = 80 N. end of forest

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

Snowmobiling - *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

*1,138 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use-averages 9.5 people per day.*

*126 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use-averages 1 person per day*

*Leaves 7,164 for winter trail-based general public use -averages 59 people per day*

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

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## Powder River District Allocation

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### 19. Clear Creek Non-wilderness

- 7,660 available acres
- 8 miles of trail –5 miles motorized, 3 miles non-motorized, 1 trailhead – Elgin Park
- 13 miles of open road
- 18 miles of fishable stream.

The primary access to this area is via Elgin Park Loop Road. Dispersed camping is a popular activity. The compartment includes portions of an ORV trail network. Road access is restricted – open to motorized use only from 6/15 to the end of big game season for roads east of Elgin Loop, FR 22. Fishing is available at Tie Hack Reservoir, owned by the city of Buffalo.

Current ROS Area Capacity 840,912 with average per day of 2,303 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 314,973

Fall = 211,311

Winter = 314,627

Current ROS Trail Capacity 17,096 with average per day of 47 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 6,404

Fall = 4,296

Winter = 6,396

Current Road Based Capacity 14,801 with an average per day of 138 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 8,858

Fall = 5,943

### Allocation

#### **Summer:**

#### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters = 30

Johnson County Schools #1 = 55

Klondike Ranch = 56

Paradise Ranch = 100

YMCA Johnson County = 120

YMCA Sheridan County = 300

South Fork = 100

Ultimate Outdoors=50

Existing trail-based trail-based = 811 days total (13% of capacity)

Triple Three Outfitters – ATV/jeep tours = 83 road-based  
Ultimate Outdoors – ATV/jeep tours = 80 road-based  
Existing road-based non-hunting = 163

***Remain static. Very popular dispersed recreation area with considerable use by motorized recreationists. Easy access for general public.***

***Calculated allocation up to:***

***865 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 6 people per day.***

***96 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day.***

***Leaves 5,443 days for general public use – averages 39.5 people per day.***

***886 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 11.5 people per day.***

***443 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 6 people per day.***

***Leaves 7,529 for general public use – 98 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are spring bear hunting, ATV/Jeep tours, Historic/Geologic/bird & wildlife tours, cattle/sheep drives, mountain bike tours, educational activities.

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Johnson County Schools = 56

South Fork - hunting = 50 days east side

Big Horn Outfitters - hunting = 10 days east side

Seven J Outfitters – hunting = 5

Hunting = ***Remain static***

***Calculated allocation up to:***

***580 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 5.5 people per day.***

***64 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.***

***Leaves 3,652 days for general public use – averages 26 people per day.***

***594 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 20 people per day.***

***297 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 10 people per day.***

***Leaves 5,052 for general public use – 168 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are the same as for summer.

#### **Winter:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Seven J Outfitters (lion) = 5

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 20 split between all compartments on PR

Hunting = ***Remain static***

Snowmobiling = ***Allocate up to 1,500 service days for S<sup>1/2</sup> of forest.***

***Calculated allocation up to:***

***863 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 7 people per day.***

***96 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 1 person per day.***

***Leaves 5,437 days for general public use – averages 45 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips (cross-country ski, snowshoe).

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**20. East Tensleep Creek - Non-wilderness**

- 15,437 available acres
- 19 miles of trail – 11 miles motorized, 8 miles non-motorized
- 13 miles of open road
- 19 miles of fishable stream.

The primary access to this compartment is via East Tensleep Lake and Upper Meadows. Dispersed camping is a popular activity. The compartment includes portions of an ORV trail network. Road access is prohibited for wheeled motorized vehicles during winter snowmachine season in the Sitting Bull and East Tensleep areas. Fishing is available at Meadowlark Lake and East Tensleep Lake along with stream fishing.

Current ROS Area Capacity 2,979,550 with average per day of 8163 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,116,026  
Fall = 748,726  
Winter = 1,114,797

Current ROS Trail Capacity 43,314 with average per day of 119 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 16,224  
Fall = 10,884  
Winter = 16,206

Current Road Based Capacity 14,801 with an average per day of 138 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 8,858  
Fall = 5,943

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 21  
Seven J Outfitters = 10  
Klondike Ranch = 26  
YMCA Johnson County = 60  
Ultimate Outdoors= 60  
Big Horn Outfitters = 10  
NOLS=162 – Off trail use not counted in total  
Existing trail-based non-hunting = 187 days total (1% of capacity)

Ultimate Outdoors – ATV/jeep tours = 40 road-based

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**2,190 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 16 people per day.**

**243 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 2 people per day.**

**Leaves 13,790 days for general public use – averages 100 people per day.**

**886 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 11.5 people per day.**

**443 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 6 people per day.**

**Leaves 7,529 for general public use – 98 people per day.**

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 10

Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 10

20- total days (west side permits)

Hunting = **Remain static**

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**1,469 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 14 people per day.**

**163 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.**

**Leaves 9,251 days for general public use – averages 87 people per day.**

**594 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 20 people per day.**

**297 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 10 people per day.**

**Leaves 5,052 for general public use – 168 people per day.**

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments: (west side permits)**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 42

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 1

Trophies Unlimited = 20 split between all compartments on PR

Hunting = **Remain static**

Ultimate Outdoors (snowmobiling) = 250 total days for compartments west of divide

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark

Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of the forest**

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**2,188SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 18 people per day.**

**243 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 2 people per day.**

**Leaves 13,775 days for general public use – averages 114 people per day.**

Types of activities suitable are ATV tours, Winter Nordic skiing, Lake based, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle services, pack trips, trail rides, educational activities depending on season.

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## 21. East Tensleep Creek - Wilderness

- 4,128 available acres
- 2 miles of trail – non-motorized
- 0 miles of open road
- 7 miles of fishable stream.

The primary access into this compartment is by trail to McClain and Maybelle Lakes. Fishing is available at the lakes and in the streams flowing from the lakes. The entire area is in the Cloud Peak Wilderness.

Current ROS Area Capacity 9326 with average per day of 25.6 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 3493

Fall = 2343

Winter = 3489

Current ROS Trail Capacity 1081 with average per day of 3.0 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 405

Fall = 272

Winter = 404

### Allocation

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters = 20

Seven J Outfitters = 20

YMCA Johnson County = 20

Existing trail-based = 60

NOLS = 115 off-trail days (2% of capacity)

*Outfitted days in this compartment are authorized to NOLS for off-trail trips, so days do not contribute to trail capacity.*

##### **Calculated allocation up to:**

*55 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use – averages less than 0.5 person per day*

*6 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day*

*Leaves 344 days for general public use – averages 2.5 people per day.*

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 5

Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 12

17 total days (west side permits)

Hunting = **Remain static**

##### **Calculated allocation up to:**

*See East Tensleep Nonwilderness Writeup.*  
**37 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - Would average less than 0.5 person per day .**  
**4 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day, limit use to September only as above.**  
**Leaves 231 days for general public use – averages 2 people per day.**

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments: (west side permits)**

No Winter Use

Hunting = **Remain static**

Snowmobiling = **Not Applicable as designated Wilderness.**

**55 SD (13.5%) for all winter trail based priority use. Would average less than 0.5 person per day.**

**6 SD (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.**

**Leaves 343 days for general public use – averages 3 people per day.**

Types of activities suitable are shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips (cross-country ski, snowshoe) and pack trips depending on season of use.

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**22. French Creek Non-wilderness**

- 4,955 available acres
- 21 miles of trail – 12 miles motorized, 9 miles non-motorized
- 10 miles of open road
- 8 miles of fishable stream.

The primary access into this area is by a high clearance road through French Creek Swamps. There is little summer use and heavy hunting season use since the area is within a General Hunt area for elk. No developed sites are located in this watershed. Road access is by high clearance vehicle.

Current ROS Area Capacity 195,259 with average per day of 534.9 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 73,137

Fall = 49,066

Winter = 73,056

Current ROS Trail Capacity 52,386 with average per day of 143.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 19,622

Fall = 13,164

Winter = 19,600

Current Road Based Capacity 11,385 with an average per day of 106 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 6,814

Fall = 4,571

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters = 65

Seven J Outfitters = 2

Johnson County Schools= 55

YMCA Sheridan County = 100

Paradise Ranch = 700

Triple Three Outfitters= 20

Ranch at Ucross = 33

Existing outfitters = 975 days total (5% of capacity) *Remain static. Very popular general public use area with the fourth busiest TH, Hunter, accessing the Cloud Peak Wilderness from this compartment with nearly 9000 RVDS in 2013.*

##### **Calculated allocation up to:**

**2,649 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 19 people per day.**

**294 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 2 people per day.**

**Leaves 16,679 days for general public use – averages 121 people per day.**

**681 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 9 people per day.**

**340 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 4.5 people per day.**

**Leaves 5,793 for general public use – 75 people per day.**

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Johnson County Schools = 56

Paradise Ranch = 100

Existing trail-based = 156

Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 5 days

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 20 days

Triple Three Outfitters (Archery big game) = 20

Ranch at Ucross (hunting) = 33

78 total days hunting. Previously authorized up to 225 days. Approximately 50 days available for fall hunting.

##### **Calculated allocation up to:**

**1,777 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 17 people per day.**

**197 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 2 people per day, limit use to September only as above.**

**Leaves 11,189 days for general public use – averages 105.5 people per day.**

**457 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 15 people per day.**

**228 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 7.5 people per day.**

*Leaves 3,886 for general public use – 129.5 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 20 split between all compartments on PR

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

*Calculated allocation up to:*

*2,646 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 22 people per day.*

*294 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 2.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 16,660 days for general public use – averages 137.5 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are spring bear hunting, historic/geologic/biological tours, shuttle/game packing service, drop trips, moose hunting, mountain bike tours, bird hunting depending on season of year.

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**23. Leigh Creek Non-wilderness**

- 11,186 available acres
- 3 miles of trail – 3 miles non-motorized
- 8 miles of open road
- 13 miles of fishable stream.

The primary access to this compartment is the hike up the canyon. The area is designated as a “Recommended for Research Natural Area” in the 2005 Forest Plan decision. Permitted activities need to be compatible with the objectives of the RNA guidelines.

Current ROS Area Capacity 2,215,339 with average per day of 6,069 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 829,782

Fall = 556,689

Winter = 828,868

Current ROS Trail Capacity 5,649 with average per day of 15.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,116

Fall = 1,419

Winter = 2,113

Current Road Based Capacity 9,108 with an average per day of 85 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 5,451

Fall = 3,657

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Seven J Outfitters = 5

NOLS = 15

**Calculated allocation up to:**

*286 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 2 people per day.*

*32 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 1,799 days for general public use – averages 13 people per day.*

*545 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 7 people per day.*

*272 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 3.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 4,634 for general public use – 60 people per day.*

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 5

Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 12

17 total days hunting (west side permits) Previously authorized approximately 80 days – some days available.

Hunting = *Remain static*

**Calculated allocation up to:**

*192 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 2 people per day.*

*21 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.*

*Leaves 1,206 days for general public use – averages 11.5 people per day.*

*366 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 12 people per day.*

*183 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 6 people per day.*

*Leaves 3,108 for general public use – 104 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments: (west side permits)**

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 1

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 service days for S<sup>1/2</sup> of forest*

**Calculated allocation up to:**

*285 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail based priority use - averages 3 people per day.*

*32 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.*

*Leaves 1,796 days for general public use – averages 15 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are spring bear hunting, rock/ice climbing, winter backcountry, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/packing service, moose hunting, mountain bike tours, bird hunting, educational activities depending on season.

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**24. Middle/South Paintrock Creek Non-wilderness (includes North Paintrock Creek NW on PRRD)**

- 36,419 available acres

- 22 miles of trail –13 miles motorized, 9 miles non-motorized, 1 trailhead – Lily Lake
- 53 miles of open road
- 56 miles of fishable stream.

There are many popular dispersed camping areas in the watershed including the Battle Park area. There are also many miles of ORV trails and fishing streams available including access to the Cloud Peak Wilderness.

Current ROS Area Capacity 6,700,192 with average per day of 18,357 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,509,637

Fall = 1,683,680

Winter = 2,506,874

Current ROS Trail Capacity 55,672 with average per day of 152.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 20,852

Fall = 13,990

Winter = 20,830

Current Road Based Capacity 60,341 with an average per day of 564 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 36,113

Fall = 24,228

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Seven J Outfitters = 15

Camp Widjiwagan = 24

C5 Youth Foundation= 274 –MWPR permit.

NOLS = 18

Existing trail-based = 331 days total (1.5% of capacity) Days available.

Ultimate Outdoors – ATV/jeep tours = 40 road-based

##### ***Calculated allocation up to:***

***2,815 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 21 people per day.***

***313 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 2.5 people per day.***

***Leaves 17,724 days for general public use – averages 128 people per day.***

***3,611 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 47 people per day.***

***1,805 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 23 people per day.***

***Leaves 30,697 for general public use – 399 people per day.***

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 5  
Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 10  
15 total days hunting (west side permits)  
Hunting = 70 days are available.

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**1,889 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 18 people per day.**

**210 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 2 people per day, limit use to September only as above.**

**Leaves 11,892 days for general public use – averages 112 people per day.**

**2,423 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 81 people per day.**

**1,211 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 40 people per day.**

**Leaves 20,594 for general public use – 686 people per day.**

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:** (west side permits)

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 1

Hunting = **Remain static**

Ultimate Outdoors (snowmobiling) = 250 for compartments west of divide.

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark

Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest**

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**2,812 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 23 people per day.**

**312 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 2.5 people per day.**

**Leaves 17,706 days for general public use – averages 146 people per day.**

Types of activities suitable ATV tours, rock/ice climbing, winter non-motorized, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/packing services, progressive pack trips, trail rides, pack trips, bird hunting, and educational activities.

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**25. Middle Fork Clear Creek Non-wilderness**

- 4,399 available acres
- 8 miles of trail - 5 miles motorized, 3 miles non-motorized, 1 trailhead – Elgin Park
- 10 miles of open road
- 12 miles of fishable stream.

The primary access in this area is by the Circle Park and Schoolhouse Park roads. A Wilderness Trailhead is located at Circle Park. The area includes one privately operated resort at Pines Lodge.

Current ROS Area Capacity 785,816 with average per day of 2,152 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 294,337

Fall = 197,466  
Winter = 294,013

Current ROS Trail Capacity 15,591 with average per day of 42.7 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 5,840  
Fall = 3,918  
Winter = 5,834

Current Road Based Capacity 11,385 with an average per day of 106 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 6,814  
Fall = 4,571

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Paradise Ranch = 500 (*these service days consist primarily of 1-2 hours on forest per day on trails near the private inholding, consequently not much time is contributing to overall capacity*)

Johnson County Schools = 55 days

Big Horn Outfitters = 10 days

South Fork = 100

YMCA Sheridan County = 100

Camp Widjiwagan = 24

Ultimate Outdoors = 50

Existing trail-based = 839 days total (14% of capacity)

Ultimate Outdoors – ATV/jeep tours = 80 road-based

***Remain static. Very popular area for general public with easy access.***

##### ***Calculated allocation up to:***

***700 SDs (12.0%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 15 people per day.***

***88 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day.***

***Leaves 3,679 days for general public use – averages 26.5 people per day.***

***681 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 9 people per day.***

***340 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 4 people per day.***

***Leaves 5,793 for general public use – 75 people per day.***

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Johnson County Schools = 56

Paradise Ranch = 100 days

Existing trail-based = 156

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 5

South Fork (hunting) = 30 days

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 20 days

55 days total hunting (east side permits)

Hunting = *Remain static.*

*Calculated allocation up to:*

*529 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 5 people per day.*

*59 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.*

*Leaves 3,330 days for general public use – averages 31.5 people per day.*

*457 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 15 people per day.*

*228 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 8 people per day.*

*Leaves 3,886 for general public use – 129.5 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 20 split between all compartments on PR

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

*Calculated allocation up to:*

*788 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 6.5 people per day.*

*88 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 4,959 days for general public use – averages 41 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are ORV tours, non-motorized winter sports, historic/geologic/biologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, moose hunting, mountain bike tours, horse drawn activities, and educational activities depending on the season.

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**26. Middle Fork Clear Creek - Wilderness**

- 4829 available acres
- 8 miles of trail – 8 miles non-motorized
- 0 miles of open road
- 4 miles of fishable stream.

This area is within the Cloud Peak Wilderness and the third busiest area within the wilderness.

Current ROS Area Capacity 41,516 with average per day of 113.7 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 15550

Fall = 10433

Winter = 15533

Current ROS Trail Capacity 18,302 with average per day of 50.1 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 6855

Fall = 4599

Winter = 6848

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Paradise Guest Ranch = 250

YMCA Sheridan County = 50

South Fork = 55

Camp Widjiwagan = 30

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

NOLS (off trail use) = 71 (*does not contribute to trail-based capacity*)

Existing outfitters = 358 total (5% of capacity) ***Compartment includes Circle Park TH the second busiest TH accessing Cloud Peak Wilderness with 18,000 plus public RVDs in 2013. Due to the heavy public use recommend to additional allocation to permitted OGs.***

***Calculated allocation up to:***

***925 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use. - Would average 6.5 people per day.***

***103 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day.***

***Leaves 5,827 days for general public use – averages 42 people per day.***

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Hunting = ***Remain static.***

***Calculated allocation up to:***

***621 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - Would average 6 people per day.***

***69 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.***

***Leaves 3,909 days for general public use – averages 37 per day.***

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 20 split between all compartments on PR

Hunting = ***Remain static***

Snowmobiling = ***Not appropriate use - designated wilderness.***

***Calculated allocation up to:***

***924 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail based priority use - Would average 7.5 people per day.***

***103 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 1 person per day.***

***Leaves 5,821 days for general public use – averages 48 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are winter non-motorized, historic/geologic/biological tours, shuttle/packing services and moose hunting depending on the season.

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## 27. Middle Fork Crazy Woman Creek - Non-wilderness

- 21,199 available acres
- 1 mile of trail – 1 miles non-motorized, Development stages for 5 – 6 miles of ORV trails east of Doyle Creek Campground
- 28 miles of open road
- 20 miles of fishable stream.

Doyle Creek CG is in the watershed. Fishing streams include Doyle and Basco Creeks. The area south of Doyle Creek CG in the Taylor Creek area is important spring/summer big game habitat.

Current ROS Area Capacity 4,469,745 with average per day of 12,246 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,674,197

Fall = 1,123,195

Winter = 1,672,354

Current ROS Trail Capacity 2,486 with average per day of 6.8 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 931

Fall = 625

Winter = 930

Current Road Based Capacity 31,879 with an average per day of 298 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 19,079

Fall = 12,800

### Allocation

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Seven J Outfitters = 5

Klondike Ranch = 36

South Fork = 50

Johnson County Schools = 55

Existing trail-based = 146 days priority use total (16% of capacity)

Ultimate Outdoors – ATV/jeep tours = 80 road-based

Triple Three Outfitters – ATV/jeep tours = 83 road-based

Exiting priority use road-based = 163

##### ***Remain static. Calculated allocation up to:***

***126 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 1 person per day.***

***14 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 people per day.***

***Leaves 791 days for general public use – averages 5.5 people per day.***

***1,908 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 25 people per day.***

*954 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 12 people per day.  
Leaves 16,217 for general public use – 211 people per day.*

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Klondike Ranch = 20

Johnson County Schools #1= 56 Weekday use only. *(Not counted against capacity)*

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 5

Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 5

Hunting = *Remain static*

**Calculated allocation up to:**

*84 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 1 person per day.*

*9 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.*

*Leaves 531 days for general public use – averages 5 people per day.*

*1,280 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 43 people per day.*

*640 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 21 people per day.*

*Leaves 10,880 for general public use – 363 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Seven J Outfitters (lion) = 5

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 20 split between all compartments on PR

D & D Outfitters = 1

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

**Calculated allocation up to:**

*126 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 1 person per day.*

*14 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 791 days for general public use – averages 6.5 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle service, moose hunting, bird hunting, education activities including alpine activities in the Hazelton Peaks areas outside the Cloud Peak Wilderness.

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**28. North Clear Creek - Non-wilderness**

- 6,051 available acres
- 7 miles of trail – 4 miles motorized, 3 miles non-motorized
- 17 miles of open road
- 13 miles of fishable stream.

This area contains considerable developed recreation sites including North Fork Picnic Ground, Hunter Campground/Trailhead. The general forest area has large amounts of dispersed camping, fishing, ORVing, with access to popular areas of the Cloud Peak

Wilderness and Recommended Wilderness Rock Creek area. Access is by graveled roads.

Current ROS Area Capacity 768,834 with average per day of 2,106 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 287,976

Fall = 193,199

Winter = 287,659

Current ROS Trail Capacity 8,601 with average per day of 23.6 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 3,222

Fall = 2,161

Winter = 3,218

Current Road Based Capacity 19,354 with an average per day of 181 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 11,583

Fall = 7,771

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters = 50

Seven J Outfitters = 2

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters = 5

Paradise Ranch = 700 (*these service days consist primarily of 1-2 hours on forest per day on trails near the private inholding, consequently not much time is contributing to overall capacity*)

YMCA Sheridan County = 100

South Fork = 100

Camp Widjwagan = 24

YMCA Johnson County = 50

Triple Three Outfitters = 20

Johnson County Schools = 56

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing outfitters = 1,107 days total (34% of capacity) ***Remain static. No additional days to permitted O/Gs. Look for opportunities to reduce permitted days.***

##### ***Calculated allocation up to:***

***434 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 3 people per day.***

***48 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.***

***Leaves 1,547 days for general public use – averages 11 people per day.***

***1,158 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 15 people per day.***

***579 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 7.5 people per day.***

***Leaves 9,846 for general public use – 128 people per day.***

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Johnson County Schools = 56 Weekday use only. *(not counted against capacity)*

Paradise Ranch = 100 days

100 days total non-hunting trail-based

Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 5 days

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 24

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters (hunting) = 5

34 total days hunting. Previously allocated 205 days.

Hunting = **Remain static**

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**292 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 2.5 people per day.**

**32 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.**

**Leaves 1,837 days for general public use – averages 17.5 people per day.**

**777 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 26 people per day.**

**388 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 13 people per day.**

**Leaves 6,606 for general public use – 220 people per day.**

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 20 split between all compartments on PR

Hunting = **Remain static**

Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest**

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**434 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 3.5 people per day.**

**48 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 people per day.**

**Leaves 2,735 days for general public use – averages 22.5 people per day.**

Types of activities suitable winter backcountry skiing, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/packing/drop trips, and moose hunting.

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**29. North Clear Creek Wilderness (includes North/Middle/South Rock Wilderness)**

- 7,021 available acres
- 14 miles of trail – All in Cloud Peak Wilderness.
- 0 miles of open road
- 11 miles of fishable stream.

This is a very popular wilderness destination area. Many miles of fishable streams are in area with some high mountain lakes.

Current ROS Area Capacity 72,404 with average per day of 198 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 27,120  
Fall = 18,194  
Winter = 27,090

Current ROS Trail Capacity 35,466 with average per day of 97.2 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 13,284  
Fall = 8,912  
Winter = 13,270

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters = 5  
Paradise Ranch = 250  
South Fork = 180  
Camp Widjiwagan = 30  
YMCA Sheridan County = 50  
NOLS = 269

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing outfitters = 784 days (6% of capacity) *Remain static.*

*Analysis of the wilderness required registration determined that use is already in excess of the capacity numbers. This includes commercial public permitted use as well as general public use. Recommend allocating no additional days for outfitted use in this compartment.*

*Leaves 12,384 days for general public use – averages 89.5 per day.*

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters (hunting) = 5  
Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 12  
South Fork (hunting) = 50  
67 days total hunting (east side permits).  
Hunting = *Remain static*

##### **Calculated allocation up to:**

*1,203 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - Would average 11.5 people per day.*

*134 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 1 person per day, limit use to September only as above.*

*Leaves 7,575 days for general public use – averages 71.5 per day.*

#### **Winter:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Not Applicable for this watershed all area within Designated Wilderness.*

*Calculated allocation up to:*

*1,791 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - Would average 15 people per day.*

*199 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 11,280 days for general public use – averages 93 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable rock/ice climbing, winter backcountry non-motorized tours, historic/geologic tours; shuttle/packing/drop trips, moose hunting and progressive pack trips.

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**30. North Fork Crazy Woman Creek above TA Ranch - Non-wilderness**

- 27,625 available acres
- 8 miles of trail – 8 miles motorized
- 65 miles of open road
- 38 miles of fishable stream.

This is a very accessible watershed with many miles of graveled roads. The Clear/Crazy ORV decision will be adding some miles of designated ORV trails in this watershed along with other on the east side of the district.

Current ROS Area Capacity 12,552,416 with average per day of 34,390 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,701,658

Fall = 3,154,277

Winter = 4,696,482

Current ROS Trail Capacity 21,845 with average per day of 59.8 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 8,182

Fall = 5,489

Winter = 8,173

Current Road Based Capacity 74,002 with an average per day of 692 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 44,289

Fall = 29,713

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Klondike Ranch = 86

South Fork = 100

Big Horn Outfitters = 5  
YMCA Johnson County = 150  
YMCA Sheridan County = 50  
Ultimate Outdoors – 20  
Johnson County Schools = 55  
NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined  
Existing trail-based = 466 days total (6% of capacity)  
Ultimate Outdoor – ATV/jeep tours = 80 road-based  
Triple Three Outfitters – ATV/jeep tours = 85 road-based  
Existing road-based = 165

***Days available Calculated allocation up to:***

***1,105 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 8 people per day.***

***123 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 1 person per day.***

***Leaves 6,955 days for general public use – averages 50.5 people per day.***

***4,429 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 57 people per day.***

***2,214 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 29 people per day.***

***Leaves 37,646 for general public use – 489 people per day.***

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Johnson County Schools = 56

Existing trail-based = 56

South Fork (hunting) = 50 days

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 10 days

60 days total hunting (east side permits). Previously allocated an additional 120 days.

***Calculated allocation up to:***

***741 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 7 people per day.***

***82 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 1 person per day, limit use to September only as above.***

***Leaves 4,666 days for general public use – averages 44 people per day.***

***2,971SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 99 people per day.***

***1,485SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 49.5 people per day.***

***Leaves 25,257 for general public use – 842 people per day.***

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 28

Seven J Outfitters (lion) = 5

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 20 split between all compartments on PR

Hunting = ***Remain static***

Snowmobiling = ***Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest***

***Calculated allocation up to:***

***1,103 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 9 people per day.***

***123 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 1 person per day.***

*Leaves 6,947 days for general public use – averages 57.5 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, ATV tours, rock/ice climbing, winter backcountry tours, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/packing/drop trips, moose hunting, mountain bike tours, bird hunting and educational activities depending on the season.

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**31. North Fork Crazy Woman below Munkres - Non-wilderness**

- 5,746 available acres
- 4 miles of trail – miles motorized
- 15 miles of open road
- 8 miles of fishable stream.

Currently there is limited use of this area by the general public. There is some dispersed camping and ORV use. When Clear/Crazy ORV trail system is completed there may be more opportunity for motorized tours.

Current ROS Area Capacity 2,628,219 with average per day of 7,200 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 984,431  
Fall = 660,441  
Winter = 983,347

Current ROS Trail Capacity 12,694 with average per day of 34.8 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,755  
Fall = 3,190  
Winter = 4,749

Current Road Based Capacity 17,078 with an average per day of 160 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 10,221  
Fall = 6,857

**Allocation**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

**Summer:**

South Fork = 150  
Johnson County Schools = 55  
Existing trail-based = 205  
Triple Three Outfitters – ATV/jeep tours = 83 road-based

***Calculated allocation up to:***

***642 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 4.5 people per day.***

***71 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day.***

***Leaves 4,042 days for general public use – averages 29.5 people per day.***

*1,022 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 13 people per day.  
511 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 7 people per day.  
Leaves 8,688 for general public use – 113 people per day.*

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Johnson County Schools = 56

Hunting = 50 days previously allocated are available

**Calculated allocation up to:**

*431 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 4 people per day.*

*48 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.*

*Leaves 2,712 days for general public use – averages 25.5 people per day.*

*686 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 23 people per day.*

*343 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 11 people per day.*

*Leaves 5,828 for general public use – 194 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are the same as for summer.

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Seven J Outfitters (lion) = 5

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 20 split between all compartments on PR

Hunting = **Remain static**

Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest**

**Calculated allocation up to:**

*641 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 5 people per day.*

*71 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 4,037 days for general public use – averages 33.5 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, moose hunting, educational activities depending on the season.

**32. North Fork Powder River near Powder River - Non-wilderness**

- 9,543 available acres
- 0 miles of trail
- 14 miles of open road
- 6 miles of fishable stream.

Hazelton Peaks, on the eastside of area, includes some popular dispersed camping areas and fishing streams.

Current ROS Area Capacity 1,024,304 with average per day of 2,806 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,025,433  
Fall = 687,949  
Winter = 1,024,304

Current ROS Trail Capacity 0 with average per day of 0 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 0  
Fall = 0  
Winter = 0

Current Road Based Capacity 15,939 with an average per day of 149 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 9,539  
Fall = 6,400

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Seven J Outfitters = 5  
Johnson County Schools = 55  
Existing trail-based = 60  
Ultimate Outdoors – ATV/jeep tours = 40 road-based  
Triple Three Outfitters – ATV/jeep tours = 83 road-based  
Existing road-based = 123

***Remain static. No days available since there are no trails and no trail-based capacity. However fishing and some road-based opportunities are available.***

***Calculated allocation up to:***

***65 for all summer trail-based priority use***

***0 SDs for temporary use***

***Leaves 0 days for general public use***

***954 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 12 people per day.***

***477 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 6 people per day.***

***Leaves 8,108 for general public use – 105 people per day.***

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Johnson County Schools = 55  
Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 5  
Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 5  
Hunting = ***Remain static***

***Calculated allocation up to:***

***0 SDs for all fall trail-based priority use***

***0 SDs for temporary use***

***Leaves 0 days for general public use***

***640 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 21 people per day.***

*320 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 11 people per day.  
Leaves 5,440 for general public use – 181 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:** (west side permits)

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 1

Seven J Outfitters (lion) = 5

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 20 split between all compartments on PR

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

*Calculated allocation up to:*

*0 SDs for all winter trail-based priority use*

*0 SDs for temporary use*

*Leaves 0 days for general public use*

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**33. North/Middle/South Rock Creek - Non-wilderness**

- 22,560 available acres
- 45 miles of trail – 45 miles non-motorized
- 4 miles of open road
- 37 miles of fishable stream.

Most of this compartment is recommended Wilderness by the Forest Plan decision of 2005. It includes a large area of non motorized non-wilderness. The trails are non motorized designated with road access by high clearance vehicle. The major use period is during fall hunting season as this is an elk general hunt area. The Tongue District has a very small portion that includes #319, which is a service road open only to authorized use. The beginning of the road is located on private land near Story.

Current ROS Area Capacity 260,790 with average per day of 714.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 97,682

Fall = 65,534

Winter = 97,575

Current ROS Trail Capacity 93,617 with average per day of 256.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 35,066

Fall = 23,525

Winter = 35,027

Current Road Based Capacity 4,555 with an average per day of 43 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,726

Fall = 1,829

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters = 60

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters = 5

Paradise Ranch = 700

Seven J Outfitters = 2

YMCA Sheridan County = 100

Camp Widjiwagan = 24

HF Bar Ranch = 425

Ranch at Ucross = 35

Triple Three Outfitters = 20

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based = 1371 days (4% of capacity) *Remain static. With increasing public use through Hunter TH north into Rock, additional permitted use is not recommended. Updated 3/27/2014.*

*Calculated allocation is:*

*4,207 SDs (12.0%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 34.5 people per day.*

*526 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 4 people per day.*

*Leaves 29,806 days for general public use – averages 216 people per day.*

*273 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 3.5 people per day.*

*136 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 2 people per day.*

*Leaves 2,317 for general public use – 30 people per day*

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Paradise Ranch = 100

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 100

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters (hunting) = 15

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 20

Triple Three Outfitters (hunting) = 25

60 days total hunting (east side permits)

Hunting = 200 days were previously allocated

*Calculated allocation up to:*

*3,176 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 30 people per day.*

*353 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 3.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.*

*Leaves 19,996 days for general public use – averages 188.5 people per day.*

*183 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 6 people per day.*

*91 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 3 people per day.*

*Leaves 1,555 for general public use – 52 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Ranch at Ucross (hunting) = 33

Seven J Outfitters (lion) = 5

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 20 split between all compartments on PR

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

*Calculated allocation up to:*

*4,729 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 39 people per day.*

*525 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 4.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 29,773 days for general public use – averages 246 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, winter backcountry trips, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/pack/drop trips, moose hunting, progressive pack trips, bird hunting and educational activities.

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**34. Rock Creek Non-wilderness**

- 3,325 available acres
- 10 miles of trail – 10 miles non-motorized
- 3 miles of open road
- 0 miles of fishable stream.

Access is difficult by non motorized and motorized methods. There is limited summer use. There is heavy use during big game season as area is a general elk hunt area.

Current ROS Area Capacity 58,956 with average per day of 16.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 22,082

Fall = 14,815

Winter = 22,058

Current ROS Trail Capacity 26,128 with average per day of 71.6 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 9,787

Fall = 6,566

Winter = 9,776

Current Road Based Capacity 3,415 with an average per day of 32 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,044

Fall = 1,371

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters = 30  
Seven J Outfitters = 2  
Paradise Ranch= 300  
YMCA Sheridan County = 50  
HF Bar Ranch = 300  
Ranch at Ucross = 33  
Triple Three Outfitters = 20  
NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined  
Existing outfitters = 735 days total (8% of capacity) *Approximately 600 days available.*  
**Calculated allocation up to:**  
*1,321 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 9.5 people per day.*  
*147 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 1 person per day.*  
*Leaves 8,319 days for general public use – averages 60 people per day.*  
*204 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 3 people per day.*  
*102 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 1 person per day.*  
*Leaves 1,738 for general public use – 23 people per day*

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Paradise Ranch = 100  
Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 5  
Hunting = 90 days previously allocated are available

**Calculated allocation up to:**

*886 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 8.5 people per day.*  
*98 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 1 person per day, limit use to September only as above.*  
*Leaves 5,581 days for general public use – averages 52.5 people per day.*  
*137 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 5 people per day.*  
*68 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 2 people per day.*  
*Leaves 1,166 for general public use – 39 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Seven J Outfitters (lion) = 5  
Ranch at Ucross (hunting) = 33  
Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 20 split between all compartments on PR  
Hunting = **Remain static**

Snowmobiling = **Not appropriate as all trails are non-motorized.**

**Calculated allocation up to:**

*1,320 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 11 people per day.*  
*147 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 1 person per day.*  
*Leaves 8,310 days for general public use – averages 68.5 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/packing/drop trips, mountain bike tours.

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**35. South Clear Creek - Non-wilderness**

- 14,060 available acres
- 5 miles of trail – 4 miles motorized, 1 mile non-motorized (more when Clear/Crazy ORV decision fully implemented.)
- 25 miles of open road
- 19 miles of fishable stream.

This is an easily accessible area with three developed sites within it. Also the Sourdough and Elgin areas receive heavy dispersed camping use. It includes the main area of the ORV trail system. There is access to Cloud Peak Wilderness through this area.

Current ROS Area Capacity 6,185,739 with average per day of 16,947 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,316,942

Fall = 1,554,404

Winter = 2,314,392

Current ROS Trail Capacity 7,598 with average per day of 20.8 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,846

Fall = 1,909

Winter = 2,843

Current Road Based Capacity 28,462 with an average per day of 266 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 17,034

Fall = 11,428

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Klondike Ranch = 56

Paradise Ranch = 200

South Fork = 100

Big Horn Outfitters = 10

YMCA Johnson County = 90

YMCA Sheridan County = 100

Ultimate Outdoors = 50

Johnson County Schools = 55

Existing trail-based = 661 days total (23% of capacity) ***Reduce days when opportunities arises.***

Ultimate Outdoors – ATV/jeep tours = 80 road-based

Triple Three Outfitters – ATV/jeep tours = 83 road-based  
Existing road-based = 163

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**527 SDs (18.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 4 people per day.**  
**43 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day.**  
**Leaves 2,277 days for general public use – averages 16.5 people per day.**  
**1,703 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 22 people per day.**  
**851 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 11 people per day.**  
**Leaves 14,480 for general public use – 188 people per day**

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Paradise Ranch = 200  
Johnson County Schools = 56  
Existing trail-based = 256  
Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 24  
Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 5  
South Fork (hunting) = 120  
149 days total hunting  
Hunting = 90 days previously allocated are available

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**258 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 2.5 people per day.**  
**29 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day, limit use to September only as above.**  
**Leaves 1,623 days for general public use – averages 15.5 people per day.**  
**1,143 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 38 people per day.**  
**571 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 19 people per day.**  
**Leaves 9,714 for general public use – 324 people per day.**

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Seven J Outfitters (lion) = 5  
Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 20 split between all compartments on PR  
Hunting = **Remain static**  
Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest**

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**384 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 3 people per day.**  
**43 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day.**  
**Leaves 2,417 days for general public use – averages 20 people per day.**

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, ATV tours, winter backcountry trips, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/packing/drop trips, moose hunting.

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**36. South Clear Creek Wilderness**

- 5,982 available acres
- 7 miles of trail – all non motorized
- 0 miles of open road
- 14 miles of fishable stream.

This is a very popular area of the Cloud Peak Wilderness with two-wheel vehicle access to the Circle Park TH. Historically this area is the third busiest portion of the Cloud Peak Wilderness.

Current ROS Area Capacity 58,521 with average per day of 160.3 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 21,920

Fall = 14,706

Winter = 21,896

Current ROS Trail Capacity 18,007 with average per day of 49.3 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 6,745

Fall = 4,525

Winter = 6,737

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Paradise Ranch = 150

South Fork = 79

NOLS = 107 – Days are off trail. *Not totaled in trail based days.*

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing outfitters = 229 days total (3.4% of capacity) ***Remain static***

***Analysis of the wilderness required registration determined that use is already in excess of the capacity numbers. This includes commercial permitted use and general public use. Recommend allocating no additional days for outfitted use in this compartment.***

***Calculated allocation up to:***

***263 SDs (4%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 2 people per day.***

***0 SDs for all summer trail-based temporary use***

***Leaves 6,482 days for general public use – averages 47 per day.***

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Paradise Ranch = 100

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 2

South Fork (hunting) = 50

Hunting = ***Remain static***

***Calculated allocation up to:***

*611 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 6 people per day.*

*68 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day, limit use to September only as above.*

*Leaves 3,846 days for general public use – averages 36.5 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Not appropriate- designated wilderness*

*Calculated allocation up to:*

*909 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 7.5 people per day.*

*101 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 1 person per day.*

*Leaves 5,726 days for general public use – averages 47.5 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, ATV tours, winter backcountry tours, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/packing/drop trips, moose hunting.

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**37. South Piney Creek above Willow - Non-wilderness**

- 1,062 available acres
- 4 miles of trail – non-motorized
- 0 miles of open road
- 2 miles of fishable stream.

There is a moderate amount of dispersed camping in this compartment, mainly around Gem Lake. All trails are non-motorized. The area is used mainly for summer trips with excursions into the Cloud Peak Wilderness. There is also fall hunting as this is in the general elk hunt area.

Current ROS Area Capacity 50,574 with average per day of 137.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 18,943

Fall = 12,709

Winter = 18,922

Current ROS Trail Capacity 10,106 with average per day of 27.7 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 3,785

Fall = 2,540

Winter = 3,781

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters = 53

Seven J Outfitters = 2

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters = 15

Paradise Ranch = 100

Triple Three Outfitters = 20

Existing outfitters = 190 priority use days total (5% of capacity) **Remain static. Very small area in compartment with no destinations.**

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**511 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 4 people per day.**

**This leaves only 37 days available for additional priority use**

**57 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day.**

**Leaves 3,217 days for general public use – averages 23.5 people per day.**

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters (hunting) = 15

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 15

Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 5

Hunting = 40 days previously allocated are available

**Recommend allocating up to:**

**343 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 3 people per day.**

**38 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day, limit use to September only as above.**

**Leaves 2,159 days for general public use – averages 20.5 people per day.**

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 20 split between all compartments on PR

Hunting = **Remain static**

Snowmobiling = **Not suitable for motorized uses as all trails are non-motorized.**

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**510 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 4 people per day.**

**57 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day.**

**Leaves 3,214 days for general public use – averages 26.5 people per day.**

Types of activities suitable are moose hunting, winter backcountry non motorized tours.

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**38. South Piney Creek above Willow - Wilderness**

- 1,964 available acres
- 3 miles of trails – non motorized
- 0 miles of open road
- 1 mile of fishable stream.

This compartment includes a portion of the Cloud Peak Wilderness. Access is very difficult.

Current ROS Area Capacity 19,017 with average per day of 52.1 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 7,123

Fall = 4,779

Winter = 7,115

Current ROS Trail Capacity 4,590 with average per day of 12.6 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,719

Fall = 1,153

Winter = 1,717

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters = 60

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters = 15

Paradise Ranch = 100

Camp Widjiwagan = 30

NOLS = 54. Off trail. *Days not totaled in trail use.*

Existing outfitters = 205 days total (12% of capacity) ***Remain static. Over allocation.***

##### ***Calculated allocation up to:***

***232 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 1.5 people per day.***

***26 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.***

***Leaves 1,461 days for general public use – averages 10.5 people per day.***

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Paradise Ranch = 100 Not used.

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 15

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters (hunting) = 5

Hunting = ***Remain static***

##### ***Calculated allocation up to:***

***156 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time – averages 1.5 people per day.***

***17 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day, limit use to September only as above.***

***Leaves 980 days for general public use – averages 9 people per day.***

#### **Winter:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Not appropriate designated wilderness*

*Calculated allocation up to:*

*232 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 2 people per day.*

*26 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.*

*Leaves 1,459 days for general public use – averages 12 people per day.*

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### **39. Tensleep Creek including Canyon Creek below Tensleep - Non-wilderness**

- 10,918 available acres
- 2 miles of trail
- 22 miles of open road
- 8 miles of fishable stream.

Access within this compartment is very good with US 16 running through the area in addition to 18 (Old Tensleep Road) which is a gravel surfaced road. There are two campgrounds and the High Park Lookout in the area. The canyon walls have a lot of bolted routes already in place.

Current ROS Area Capacity 2,094,499 with average per day of 5,738 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 784,520

Fall = 526,323

Winter = 783,656

Current ROS Trail Capacity 4,706 with average per day of 13 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,763

Fall = 1,183

Winter = 1,761

Current Road Based Capacity 25,047 with an average per day of 234 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 14,990

Fall = 10,057

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

#### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Seven J Outfitters = 5

Ultimate Outdoors = 10

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based = 15 days total (Less than 1% of capacity) **Remain static. Tensleep Canyon is a very popular rock climbing destination. Over 700 climbing routes are bolted as of 2013. This area is known nationally and internationally as a premier climbing destination. BNF needs to address climbing management now!!**

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**238 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 2 people per day.**

**26 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.**

**Leaves 1,499 days for general public use – averages 11 people per day.**

**1,499 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 19 people per day.**

**749 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 10 people per day.**

**Leaves 12,742 for general public use – 165 people per day**

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 5

Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 12

Hunting = 50 days previously allocated are available

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**160 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 1.5 people per day.**

**18 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day, limit use to September only as above.**

**Leaves 1,006 days for general public use – averages 9.5 people per day.**

**1,006 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 33 people per day.**

**503 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 17 people per day.**

**Leaves 8,548 for general public use – 285 people per day.**

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 1

Hunting = **Remain static**

Ultimate Outdoors (snowmobiling) = 500 for compartments west of divide.

Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest**

**Calculated allocation up to:**

**238 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 2 people per day.**

**26 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.**

**Leaves 1,497 days for general public use – averages 12.5 people per day.**

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, rock/ice climbing, winter backcountry tours, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, bird hunting and educational activities.

**40. Upper Canyon Creek Non-wilderness**

- 9,703 available acres
- 0 miles of trail – Pasture Park Trail FST 410.
- 19 miles of open road

- 10 miles of fishable stream.

This compartment includes one developed facility, the Leigh Creek dump station. There is very popular dispersed camping along s 25 and 452. These roads also provide access to the Canyon Creek Estates outside of the south Forest boundary.

Current ROS Area Capacity 3,091,264 with average per day of 8,469 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,157,870

Fall = 776,799

Winter = 1,156,595

Current ROS Trail Capacity 178 with average per day of 0.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 67

Fall = 45

Winter = 67

Current Road Based Capacity 21,631 with an average per day of 202 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 12,946

Fall = 8,685

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Seven J Outfitters = 5

(7.4% of capacity) *Remain static. Little to no trail-based capacity. Could support non trail days for fishing.*

Ultimate Outdoors – ATV/jeep tours = 40 road-based

**Calculated allocation up to:**

***14 SDs (21.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages less than 0.5 person per day.***

***1 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0 people per day.***

***Leaves 52 days for general public use – averages 0.5 person per day.***

***1,295 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 17 people per day.***

***647 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 8 people per day.***

***Leaves 11,004 for general public use – 143 people per day***

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 5

Sven J Outfitters (hunting) = 10

Hunting = 50 days previously allocated are available.

**Calculated allocation up to:**

*6 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages less than 0.5 person per day.*

*1 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day, limit use to September only as above.*

*Leaves 38 days for general public use – averages 0.5 person per day.*

*869 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 29 people per day.*

*434 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 14 people per day.*

*Leaves 7,382 for general public use – 246 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:** (west side permits)

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 1

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 20 split between all compartments on PR

Hunting = *Remain static*

Ultimate Outdoors (snowmobiling) = 250 for compartments west of divide.

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

*Calculated allocation up to:*

*9 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages less than 0.5 person per day.*

*1 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.*

*Leaves 57 days for general public use – averages 0.5 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are spring bear hunting, ATV tours, winter backcountry, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, moose hunting, mountain bike tours, horse drawn activities, educational activities.

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**41. West Tensleep Creek - Non-wilderness**

- 11,751 available acres
- 18 miles of trail –2 miles motorized, 16 miles non-motorized
- 20 miles of open road
- 19 miles of fishable stream.

This is a very popular area on the district. There is easy access on a two-lane gravel road to a most popular wilderness trailhead with nearly 20,000 Recreation Visitor Days use by the general public in 2013. There are seven developed recreation sites in the area with two privately run resorts and a downhill ski area. The West Tensleep Road #027 is a very popular dispersed camping area.

Current ROS Area Capacity 3,953,508 with average per day of 10,831 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,480,834

Fall = 993,471

Winter = 1,479,204

Current ROS Trail Capacity 46,485 with average per day of 127.4 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 17,412

Fall = 11,681

Winter = 17,392

Current Road Based Capacity 22,771 with an average per day of 213 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 13,628

Fall = 9,143

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Seven J Outfitters = 40

Ultimate Outdoors = 10

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based = 50 (3% of capacity)

Ultimate Outdoors – ATV/jeep tours = 40 road-based

##### ***Remain static***

***Due to the large amount of general public recreation use in this compartment and the easy access, no new summer use is authorized for commercial or temporary use authorizations. There is more general public use at the West Tensleep TH than the total capacity for this compartment. In 2013 required registration counts for visitors to the Cloud Peak Wilderness was nearly 20,000 RVDs. Numerous Forest Plan Standards and Guides are being exceeded in this area.***

##### ***Calculated allocation up to:***

***88 SDs for all summer trail-based priority use - Would average 0.5 person per day.***

***0 SDs for temporary use – averages 0 people per day.***

***Leaves 17,324 days for general public use – averages 125.5 per day.***

***1,363 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 18 people per day.***

***681 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 9 people per day.***

***Leaves 11,584 for general public use – 150 people per day***

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 11

Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 20

31 total days hunting (west side permits)

Hunting = ***Remain static***

##### ***Calculated allocation up to:***

***1,577 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 15 people per day.***

*175 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.*

*Leaves 9,929 days for general public use – averages 93.5 people per day.*

*914 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 30 people per day.*

*457 SDs (5%) for temporary use – averages 15 people per day.*

*Leaves 7,772 for general public use – 259 people per day.*

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:** (west side permits)

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 11

Washakie County Schools = 200 (Willow Park Ski Area)

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 1

Hunting = *Remain static*

Ultimate Outdoors (snowmobiling) = 250 days for compartments west of divide.

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end of forest to Paintrock and Meadowlark

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

*Calculated allocation up to:*

*2,348 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 19.5 people per day.*

*261 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 2 people per day.*

*Leaves 14,784 days for general public use – averages 122 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable winter backcountry trips, lake based activities such as canoeing/ice fishing/scenic cruises at Meadowlark Lake.

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**42. West Tensleep Creek - Wilderness**

- 9,732 available acres
- 8 miles of trail – nonmotorized in designated wilderness
- 0 miles of open road
- 11 miles of fishable stream.

This area is the most frequently visited section of the Cloud Peak Wilderness with 40% of the wilderness use from the West Tensleep trailhead. In 2013 visitors exceeded 19,000 Recreation Visitor Days based on the required registration for the Cloud Peak Wilderness. This area provides the the main access for those climbing Cloud Peak. There are numerous lakes in Middle and West Tensleep drainages.

Current ROS Area Capacity 47,094 with average per day of 129 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 17,639

Fall = 11,834

Winter = 17,620

Current ROS Trail Capacity 19,470 with average per day of 53 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 7,293

Fall = 4,893  
Winter = 7,285

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Seven J Outfitters = 40

Camp Widjiwagan = 30

NOLS = 215 *Off trail use not totaled in permitted numbers for trail based activity.*

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing outfitters = 70 priority use days total (4% of capacity) ***Remain static***  
***Analysis of the wilderness required registration determined that use is already in excess of the capacity numbers. This includes commercial permitted use as well as general public use. Recommend allocating no additional days for summer outfitted use in this compartment.***

##### ***Calculated allocation up to:***

***323 SDs for all summer trail-based priority use - Would average 2.5 people per day.***

***0 SDs for temporary use – averages 0 people per day.***

***Leaves 6,970 days for general public use – averages 50.5 people per day.***

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Big Horn Outfitters (hunting) = 5

Seven J Outfitters (hunting) = 19

24 days total hunting

Hunting = ***Remain static***

##### ***Calculated allocation up to:***

***661 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 6 people per day.***

***73 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.***

***Leaves 4,159 days for general public use – averages 39 people per day.***

#### **Winter:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments: (west side permits)**

Hunting = ***Remain static***

Snowmobiling = ***Not appropriate as designated wilderness.***

##### ***Recommend allocating up to:***

***983 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 8 people per day.***

***109 SDs (1.5%) for temporary use – averages 1 person per day.***

***Leaves 6,192 days for general public use – averages 51 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable shuttle/pack/drop trips, progressive pack trips, trail rides, and pack trips.

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## Tongue District Allocation

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### 43. Cross Creek NW (SPM)

- 272 available acres
- 0 miles of trail (less than 0.5 mile)
- 0 miles of open road
- 0 miles of fishable stream

This is a very small compartment consisting almost entirely of Cross Creek Reservoir and a portion of the trail (#625) leading to it. The area receives light use, mainly in the summer months.

Current ROS Area Capacity 4,908 with average per day of 13 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,838

Fall = 1,233

Winter = 1,836

Current ROS Trail Capacity 0 with average per day of 0 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 0

Fall = 0

Winter = 0

### Allocation

#### **Summer, Fall and Winter:**

##### **Existing service day assignments:**

Triple Three Outfitters (archery) = 35 split between 7 compartments (fall)

Hunting = *Remain static*

*Recommend allocating no additional OGs for summer, fall and winter use as very minimal trail-based capacity available.*

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing service day assignments:**

Triple Three Outfitters (archery big game) = see above

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)

Hunting = *Remain static*

#### **Winter:**

##### **Existing service day assignments:**

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide  
 Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR  
 Hunting = ***Remain static***  
 Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service  
 B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark  
 Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

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**44. Cross Creek W (P)**

- 2,859 available acres
- 3 miles of trail
- 0 miles of open road
- 2 miles of fishable stream

This compartment is small with only a portion of the Solitude Loop trail #38 crossing through along the NE corner. Cross-country travel is not too common in this compartment, with most heading to Cross Creek Lakes. 2013 wilderness trailhead registrations indicate 199 users for summer use, which is 7% of total trail-based capacity for the summer season.

Current ROS Area Capacity 58,458 with average per day of 160 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 21,896  
 Fall = 14,690  
 Winter = 21,872

Current ROS Trail Capacity 7,629 with average per day of 21 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,858  
 Fall = 1,917  
 Winter = 2,855

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

NOLS = 89  
 Sheridan College - Spear-O-Wigwam = 190 (7 % of capacity)  
 Existing trail-based non-hunting = 279 (10% of capacity)  
 Triple Three Outfitters (archery) = 35 split between 7 compartments (summer and fall)

***Recommend allocating up to:***

***386 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use – averages 3 people per day.***

***43 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.***

***Leaves 2,427 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 20 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Triple Three Outfitters (archery big game) = see above

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)

Hunting = *Remain static*

**Recommend allocating up to:**

*259 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use – averages 2.5 people per day.*

*29 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.*

*Leaves 1,629 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 15 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR

Hunting = *Remain static*

**Recommend allocating up to:**

*385 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use – averages 3 people per day.*

*43 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.*

*Leaves 2,427 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 20 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable would be cross-country skiing/winter camping

**45. Dry Fork Little Bighorn River (Primarily SPNM and P)**

- 25,480 available acres
- 26 miles of trail
- 40 miles of open road
- 33 miles of fishable stream

Considerable dispersed camping occurs in this compartment during summer and fall, primarily along FSR#15, 177 and 149. Additional 4-wheel drive roads receive camping and ATV pressure. #15 is a groomed snowmobile route as well and receives heavy use during the winter. Bull Elk Park RNA is located in the center of this compartment,

accessible by several non-motorized trails. Primary trails include Lick Creek #076, Lake Creek #006 and Dry Fork #004.

Current ROS Area Capacity 4,485,699 with average per day of 12,290 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,680,172

Fall = 1,127,204

Winter = 1,678,323

Current ROS Trail Capacity 34,906 with average per day of 96 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 13,074

Fall = 8,771

Winter = 13,060

Current Road Based Capacity 45,540 with an average per day of 426 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 27,255

Fall = 18,285

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Leader Trek = 60

Double Rafter Cattle Drives = 56

Rangeland Hunting Adventures (horseback and fishing) = 120

Bear Lodge – ATV Tours = 15 trail-based

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Bighorn Wild & Scenic Trail Run Recreation Event annually mid-June = 465 participants + 150 spectators (passes through this compartment and others)

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 251 (2% of capacity)

Bear Lodge - ATV and Jeep tours = 26 road-based

Bliss Creek (spring bear) = 56 split between 3 compartments

Rangeland Hunting Adventures (spring bear) = 30 split between 5 compartments

Beaver Trap (spring/fall bear) = 35 split between 9 compartments

Hunting = *Remain static*

##### ***Recommend allocating up to:***

***1,765 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use – averages 13 people per day.***

***196 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day.***

***Leaves 11,113 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 80.5 people per day.***

***2,726 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 35 people per day.***

***1,363 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 18 people per day.***

***Leaves 23,166 for summer road-based general public use – 301 people per day***

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips, and Motorized Tours.

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Bear Lodge – ATV Tours = 2 trail-based

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 2

Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep Tours = 3 road-based

Beaver Trap Outfitters (rifle big game) = 107 split between 8 compartments

Rangeland Hunting Adventures (archery) = 43 split between 4 compartments

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter Outfitters (archery/rifle) = 70 split between 8 compartments

Big Buck Outfitters = 168 total for fall hunting split between 9 compartments, moose districtwide

Hunting = *Remain static*

**Recommend allocating up to:**

***1,184 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use - averages 11 people per day.***

***132 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 1 person per day.***

***Leaves 7,455 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 70 per day.***

***1,829 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 61 people per day.***

***914 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 30 people per day.***

***Leaves 15,542 for fall road-based general public use – 518 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting with regards to shuttle/packing/drop camps services.

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Rangeland Hunting Adventures (spring bear) = 15 split between 5 compartments

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 districtwide on Tongue and 5 districtwide on MWPR

Bliss Creek (spring bear) = 28 split between 3 compartments

Hunting = *Remain static*

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

**Recommend allocating up to:**

*1763 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 14.5 people per day.  
196 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day.  
Leaves 11,101 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 92 per day.*

Types of activities suitable would be dog sledding, ice climbing.

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**46. East and West Fork Big Goose Creek Non-Wilderness (Primarily SPNM and SPM, with sections of RN and RM)**

- 35,336 available acres
- 31 miles of trail
- 43 miles of open road
- 68 miles of fishable stream

This compartment is a very large area with numerous developed sites as well as areas of concentrated dispersed recreation. Developed sites include East Fork, Ranger Creek, and Cross Creek CGs; Twin Lakes PG, Coney TH, Big Goose RS. Areas of concentrated dispersed use include Park Reservoir, Sawmill Lakes and Twin Lakes. There is heavy summer and fall use. Access is primarily from Red Grade #26. There are several 4 wheel-drive roads offering vehicle and ATV opportunities. There are several recreation residences and two private inholdings that also have numerous cabins. Despite the heavy general public use, there is still a need for some types of outfitted services.

Current ROS Area Capacity 3,279,210 with average per day of 8,984 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,228,267  
Fall = 824,027  
Winter = 1,226,915

Current ROS Trail Capacity 84,792 with average per day of 232 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 31,760  
Fall = 21,307  
Winter = 31,725

Current Road Based Capacity 48,955 with an average per day of 457 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 29,299  
Fall = 19,656

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns – day fishing trips includes fall – 14  
NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 21

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 14

Black Wolf Mototours – Motorcycle Tours = 23 road-based

Jessie James Outfitting (archery) = 14 split between 3 compartments

***Areas of high concentrated developed and dispersed use (see narrative above) should generally be unavailable for outfitted use because of the easy access, high levels of use, and reduced need for services. Recommend allocating up to:***

***4,288 SDs (13.5%) for summer trail-based priority use - averages 31 people per day***

***476 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 3.5 people per day.***

***Leaves 26,996 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 195.5 people per day.***

***2,930 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 38 people per day.***

***1,465 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 19 people per day.***

***Leaves 24,905 for summer road-based general public use – 323 people per day***

Activities may include Day horseback rides, photography, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, shuttle services, and Motorized Tours.

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns – day fishing = 6

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 6

Black Wolf Mototours – Motorcycle Tours = 4 road-based

Jessie James Outfitting (rifle big game) = 42 split between 3 compartments

Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (rifle big game) = 70 split between 8 compartments

Triple Three Outfitters (archery big game) = 35 split between 7 compartments

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)

Hunting = ***Remain static***

***Same rationale applies to fall as to summer use – see above. Recommend allocating up to:***

***2,876 SDs (13.5%) for fall trail-based priority use - averages 27 people per day***

***320 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 3 people per day.***

***Leaves 18,111 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 171 people per day.***

***1,966 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 65 people per day.***

***983 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 33 people per day.***

***Leaves 16,707 for fall road-based general public use – 557 people per day.***

Activities may include same as for summer in addition to pack/drop camp services for hunting.

#### **Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR

Hunting = **Remain static**

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest**

**Recommend allocating up to:**

**4,283 SDs (13.5%) for winter trail-based priority use - averages 35.5 people per day**

**476 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 4 people per day.**

**Leaves 26,966 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 223 people per day.**

Activities may include dog sled, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, winter camping.

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**47. East and West Fork Big Goose Creek Wilderness (Primitive and Pristine)**

- 7,558 available acres
- 4 miles of trail
- 0 of open road
- 13 miles of fishable stream

Access into this compartment is via 2 trails, Coney #21 and Geddes Lake #23. Coney Trailhead is a developed facility located along #26. Geddes Lake trail has no developed facility and is somewhat difficult to access due to the roughness of the road/trail into Weston Reservoir. Stull and Coney Lakes are popular destinations and receive moderately heavy use. 2013 wilderness trailhead registration data for Coney/Twin Lakes/Stull Lakes TH indicates 3,711 users for summer use, which is 90% of the total trail-based capacity for summer use. Data from Geddes Lake/ Weston/Babione trailhead shows 30 users, which is 0.7% of the total trail-based capacity.

Current ROS Area Capacity 89,848 with average per day of 246 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 33,654

Fall = 22,578

Winter = 33,617

Current ROS Trail Capacity 10,988 with average per day of 30 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,116

Fall = 2,761

Winter = 4,111

## **Allocation**

### **Summer:**

#### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns – day fishing trips – 14

Spear-O-Wigwam = 210

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 224 (5% of capacity)

*Additional outfitted use should not be permitted to Coney or Stull Lakes because of the ease of access and amount of general public use the area is already receiving.*

*Trailhead data indicates that the average existing use to these lakes is 90% of the general public use days. Recommend allocating up to:*

*556 SDs (13.5%) for summer trail-based priority use - averages 4 people per day*

*62 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.*

*Leaves 3,498 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 25 people per day.*

Activities may include shuttle services and drop camps, photography.

### **Fall:**

#### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns – day fishing trips - 6

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 6

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)

Hunting = *Remain static*

*No outfitted use should be allowed to Coney or Stull Lakes as ease of access and amount of general public use the area is already receiving. Recommend allocating up to:*

*373 SDs (13.5%) for fall trail-based priority use - averages 3.5 people per day*

*41 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 2,347 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 22 people per day.*

Activities may include shuttle/pack/drop camp services

### **Winter:**

#### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide  
 Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide  
 Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide  
 Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR  
 Hunting = *Remain static*  
 Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

**Recommend allocating up to:**

**555 SDs (13.5%) for winter trail-based priority use - averages 4.5 people per day**  
**62 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day.**  
**Leaves 3,494 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 29 people per day.**

Activities suitable may include cross-country skiing/snowshoeing/winter camping.

**48. East and West Pass Creek (Primarily SPNM and SPM)**

- 5,756 available acres
- 7 miles of trail
- 5 miles of open road
- 15 miles of fishable stream

Access is limited. Road access is restricted for motorized use, open only from 6/16 to 11/15. One road accesses area via Kerns Big Game Winter Range and the other via Riley Point Road #149. The only trail, West Pass Trail #428, access is restricted via private land from the east face, but open from the top at the end of FSR #149.

Current ROS Area Capacity 376,729 with average per day of 1,032 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 141,108  
 Fall = 94,668  
 Winter = 140,953

Current ROS Trail Capacity 10,441 with average per day of 29 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 3,911  
 Fall = 2,624  
 Winter = 3,907

Current Road Based Capacity 5,693 with an average per day of 53 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 3,407  
 Fall = 2,286

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Rangeland Hunting Adventures (horseback and fishing) = 5  
Bear Lodge ATV and Jeep tours = 1 road-based  
Beaver Trap (spring/fall bear) = 35 split between 9 compartments

**Recommend allocating up to:**

**528 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 4 people per day.**  
**59 SDs 1.(5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day.**  
**Leaves 3,324 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 24 per day.**  
**341 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 4 people per day.**  
**170 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 2 people per day.**  
**Leaves 2,896 for summer road-based general public use – 38 people per day**

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips, and Motorized Tours.

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide  
Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide  
Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)  
Beaver Trap (rifle big game) = 107 split between 8 compartments  
Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (archery/rifle) = 70 split between 8 compartments  
Hunting = **Remain static**

**Recommend allocating up to:**

**354 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time – averages 3.5 people per day.**  
**39 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 people per day.**  
**Leaves 2,231 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 21 per day.**  
**229 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 8 people per day.**  
**114 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 4 people per day.**  
**Leaves 1,943 for fall road-based general public use – 65 people per day.**

Types of activities suitable are the same as for summer.

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide  
Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide  
Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide  
Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR  
Hunting = **Remain static**  
Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service  
B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark  
Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N<sup>1/2</sup> of forest*

*Recommend allocating up to:*

*527 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 4.5 people per day.*

*59 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 0.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 3,321 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 27 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable would be dog sledding, non-motorized, unless snowmobile for other than snowmobile tours.

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#### **49. East Fork Big Goose Creek NW (RN, SPM, SPNM)**

- 2,132 available acres
- 2 miles of trail
- 3 miles of open road
- 4 miles of fishable stream

This compartment is very small. The only road access is via FSR #293 into Coffeen Park CG and TH. This is the major wilderness portal on the north end of the forest. The area receives moderately heavy use in summer and fall. The adjacent concentrated use area around Park Reservoir contributes to this use (fishing, ATV, vehicle, hiking, camping, horseback riding). There are two recreation residences in this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 215,125 with average per day of 589 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 80,578

Fall = 54,059

Winter = 80,489

Current ROS Trail Capacity 3,745 with average per day of 10 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,403

Fall = 941

Winter = 1,401

Current Road Based Capacity 3,415 with an average per day of 32 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,044

Fall = 1,371

#### **Allocation**

##### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Sierra Club Outings – 6

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

*Commercial use is recommended at lower levels here due to the high general public use within the compartment. Refer to use information for the East Fork Big Goose Creek Wilderness compartment since access to that compartment is primarily via this compartment. Recommend allocating up to:*

*94 SDs (7%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 0.5 person per day.*

*11 SDs (1%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.*

*Leaves 1,298 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 9 people per day.*

*204 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 3 people per day.*

*102 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 1 person per day.*

*Leaves 1,738 for summer road-based general public use – 23 people per day*

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips, and Motorized Tours.

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)

*Same rationale for fall use as for summer use. Recommend allocating up to:*

*66 SDs (7%) for all fall trail-based priority use – averages 0.5 people per day.*

*9 SDs (0.8%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 866 days for fall trail-based general public use– averages 8 people per day.*

*137 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 5 people per day.*

*68 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 2 people per day.*

*Leaves 1,166 for fall road-based general public use – 39 people per day.*

Types of activities are the same as for summer.

#### **Winter:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR

Hunting = *Remain static*

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N<sup>1/2</sup> of forest*  
*189 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use – averages 1.5 people per day*  
*21 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.*  
*Leaves 1,191 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 10 people per day*

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**50. East Fork Big Goose Creek W (P)**

- 4,568 available acres
- 12 miles of trail
- 0 miles of open road
- 11 miles of fishable stream

This is the primary wilderness portal for the north end of the CPW. Several trails criss-cross the compartment, including #38, 25, 592, 122, and 123. Day use to several lakes is common for both hikers and horseback visitors. 2013 wilderness trailhead registration data for Coffeen Park TH indicates 7,941 users for the summer season which is 67% of the total trail-based capacity for summer use.

Current ROS Area Capacity 58,754 with average per day of 161 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 22,007  
 Fall = 14,764  
 Winter = 21,983

Current ROS Trail Capacity 31,761 with average per day of 87 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 11,896  
 Fall = 7,981  
 Winter = 11,883

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Sierra Club Outings – 30  
 NOLS = 83  
 Big Horn River Resort = 14  
 Paintrock Outfitters = 25  
 NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined  
 Existing trail-based non-hunting = 152 (1% of capacity)

*Due to the high general public use within the compartment, no additional outfitted use is allowed at Lake Geneva or Crystal Lake and no additional overnight outfitted use is allowed due to the high use indicated from the wilderness trailhead data.*

**Recommend allocating up to:**

*1,606 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 12 people per day.  
178 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 1 person per day.  
Leaves 10,112 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 73 per day.*

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Powder Horn (moose) =6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)

Paintrock Outfitters = 250 total for fall hunting split between 9 compartments

*Same rationale for fall use as for summer use. Recommend allocating up to:*

*1,077 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use – averages 10 people per day.*

*199 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 2 people per day.*

*Leaves 6,705 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 63 per day.*

Types of activities are the same as for summer.

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

*Recommend allocating up to:*

*1,604 SDs (13.5%) for winter trail-based priority use - averages 13 people per day*

*178 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 10,101 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 83.5 people per day.*

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**51. Little Bighorn River near Duncum (Primarily SPNM) - Tongue’s portion of this compartment is small – bulk is on MWPR**

- 3,819 available acres
- 2 miles of trail – These 2 miles should be on the MWPR portion of this compartment
- 7 miles of open road
- 1 mile and of fishable stream

The bulk of this compartment lies on the MWPR district. Access to Tongue's portion is via FSR #15 and 145 only. There are no trails in this portion of the compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 809,225 with average per day of 2,217 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 303,105

Fall = 203,349

Winter = 302,771

Current ROS Trail Capacity 203 with average per day of 0.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 76

Fall = 51

Winter = 76

Current Road Based Capacity 7,970 with an average per day of 74 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,770

Fall = 3,200

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Rangeland Hunting Adventures (horseback and fishing) = 5

Double Rafter Cattle Drives = 161

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 166

Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep Tours = 5 road-based

Bighorn Wild & Scenic Trail Run Recreation Event annually mid-June = 465 participants + 150 spectators (passes through this compartment and others)

Bliss Creek (spring bear) = 56 split between 3 compartments

Rangeland Hunting Adventures (spring) = 30 split between 5 compartments

Hunting = *Remain static*

*Recommend no additional days for commercial or temporary use as very minimal trail-based capacity and pressure for general public use is high. Limit road-based commercial use.*

*Leaves 76 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 0.5 person per day.*

*477 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 6 people per day.*

*238 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 3 people per day.*

*Leaves 4,055 for summer road-based general public use – 53 people per day*

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Double Rafter Cattle Drives = 126

Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep Tours = 1 road-based

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide  
 Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)  
 Rangeland Hunting Adventures (archery) = 43  
 Hunting = **Remain static**  
**Recommend no additional days for commercial or temporary use as very little trail-based capacity and pressure for general public use is high. Limit road-based commercial use.**  
**Leaves 51 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 0.5 person per day.**  
**320 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 11 people per day.**  
**160 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 5 people per day.**  
**Leaves 2,720 for fall road-based general public use – 91 people per day.**

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Rangeland Hunting Adventures (spring bear) = 15 split between 5 compartments  
 Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide  
 Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide  
 Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide  
 Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR  
 Hunting = **Remain static**  
 Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service  
 B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark  
 Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest  
 Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest**  
**Recommend allocating no additional days for commercial or temporary use as very little trail-based capacity.**  
**Leaves 76 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 0.5 person per day**

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**52. Little Goose Creek Above Bighorn NW (SPM)**

- 22,673 available acres
- 23 miles of trail
- 38 miles of open road
- 42 miles of fishable stream

This compartment offers a unique semi-primitive motorized experience to remote backcountry destinations, as well as access to the CPW. There are numerous motorized trails in the area and only 1 non-motorized trail, #19. Little Goose CG is the only developed facility in the compartment. There are several recreation residences within the area.

Current ROS Area Capacity 1,654,000 with average per day of 4,531 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 619,525  
 Fall = 415,631  
 Winter = 618,843

Current ROS Trail Capacity 56,458 with average per day of 155 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 21,147

Fall = 14,187

Winter = 21,124

Current Road Based Capacity 43,263 with an average per day of 404 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 25,892

Fall = 17,371

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Spear-O-Wigwam = 120

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 14

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 134

Black Wolf Mototours – Motorcycle Tours = 11 road-based

Nelson Outfitting (spring bear) = 35 split between 3 compartments

Rangeland Hunting Adventures (spring bear) = 30 split between 5 compartments

Hunting = *Remain static*

##### ***Recommend allocating up to:***

***2,855 SDs (13.5%) for summer trail-based priority use - averages 20.6 people per day***

***317 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 2 people per day.***

***Leaves 17,975 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 130 people per day.***

***2,589 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 34 people per day.***

***1,294 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 17 people per day.***

***Leaves 22,009 for summer road-based general public use – 289 people per day***

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips, and Motorized Tours.

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 6

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 6

Black Wolf Mototours – Motorcycle Tours = 2 road-based

Triple Three Outfitters (archery big game) = 35 split between 7 compartments

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide  
 Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)  
 Hunting = *Remain static*  
**Recommend allocating up to:**  
*1,915 SDs (13.5%) for fall trail-based priority use - averages 18 people per day*  
*213 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 2 people per day.*  
*Leaves 12,059 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 114 people per day.*  
*1,737 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 58 people per day.*  
*868 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 29 people per day.*  
*Leaves 14,766 for fall road-based general public use – 492 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting

**Winter:**  
**Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide  
 Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide  
 Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide  
 Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR  
 Nelson Outfitters (spring bear) = 15 split between 3 compartments  
 Rangeland Hunting Adventures (spring bear) = 15 split between 5 compartments  
 Hunting = *Remain static*  
 Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service  
 B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark  
 Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest  
 Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*  
**Recommend allocating up to:**  
*2,852 SDs (13.5%) for winter trail-based priority use - averages 18 people per day*  
*317 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 2.5 people per day.*  
*Leaves 17,955 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 148 people per day.*

Types of activities dog sledding, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing/winter camping.  
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**53. Little Goose Creek Above Bighorn W (P)**

- 5,291 available acres
- 5 miles of trail
- 0 miles of open road
- 3 miles of fishable stream

Access into this compartment is difficult, via Little Goose Road #314 or from within the CPW. The Little Goose Trail #27 is the primary trail that bisects the compartment. A small portion of the Solitude Loop trail #38 cuts across a corner of the compartment. Cross-country travel is very difficult, which funnels close to 100% of use along the trail corridor. 2013 wilderness trailhead registration data shows 816 users for summer use which is 14% of the total trail-based capacity for summer use.

Current ROS Area Capacity 54,946 with average per day of 150 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 20,577

Fall = 13,805

Winter = 20,554

Current ROS Trail Capacity 15,518 with average per day of 42 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 5,813

Fall = 3,900

Winter = 5,806

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Spear-O-Wigwam = 30

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

*Due to the remoteness of this compartment and expectations of the users, demand for outfitted use may be higher. Access is difficult and demand indicates that it remain that way. Recommend allocating up to:*

*785 SDs (13.5%) for summer trail-based priority use - averages 6 people per day*

*87 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 1 person per day.*

*Leaves 4,941 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 36 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Triple Three Outfitters (rifle big game)= 35 split between 7 compartments

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)

Hunting = *Remain static*

*Same rational as for summer use. Recommend allocating up to:*

**526 SDs (13.5%) for fall trail-based priority use - averages 5 people per day**  
**58 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day.**  
**Leaves 3,316 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 31 people per day.**

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting.

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR

Hunting = *Remain static*

**Recommend allocating up to:**

**784 SDs (13.5%) for winter trail-based priority use - averages 6.5 people per day**

**87 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day.**

**Leaves 4,935 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 41 people per day.**

Types of activities cross-country skiing/snowshoeing/winter camping.

**54. Little Tongue River (SPNM, RN)**

- 8,955 available acres
- 8 miles of trail
- 11 miles of open road
- 22 miles of fishable stream

Primary access into this compartment is via Black Mountain Road #16. A few other 4 wheel-drive roads provide additional access. Trails include Black Mountain Lookout Trail #11, #005, and #427. Heavy use and camping occur along Black Mountain Road in summer and fall. The northern part of Walker Prairie is located in this compartment and this area receives its highest use in the fall. One recreation residence is located within this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 1,729,387 with average per day of 4,738 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 647,763

Fall = 434,575

Winter = 647,050

Current ROS Trail Capacity 15,971 with average per day of 44 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 5,982

Fall = 4,013  
Winter = 5,975

Current Road Based Capacity 12,523 with an average per day of 117 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 7,495  
Fall = 5,028

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 14  
NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined  
Existing trail-based non-hunting = 14  
Beaver Trap (spring/fall bear) = 35 split between 9 compartments  
Rangeland Hunting Adventures (spring bear) = 30 split between 5 compartments  
Hunting = *Remain static*

##### ***Recommend allocating up to:***

***808 SDs (13.5%) for summer trail-based priority use - averages 6 people per day***  
***90 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day.***  
***Leaves 5,085 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 37 people per day.***  
***750 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 10 people per day.***  
***375 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 5 people per day.***  
***Leaves 6,370 for summer road-based general public use – 83 people per day***

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips.

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 6  
NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined  
Existing trail-based non-hunting = 6  
Beaver Trap (big game) = 107 split between 8 compartments and moose districtwide  
Rangeland Hunting Adventures (archery/rifle) = 85 split between 4 compartments  
Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide  
Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide  
Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)  
Hunting = *Remain static*

##### ***Recommend allocating up to:***

***542 SDs (13.5%) for fall trail-based priority use - averages 5 people per day***  
***60 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day.***  
***Leaves 3,411 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 32 people per day.***

**503 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 17 people per day.**  
**251 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 8 people per day.**  
**Leaves 4,274 for fall road-based general public use – 142 people per day.**

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

- NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 54
- NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined
- Rangeland Hunting Adventures (spring bear) = 15 split between 5 compartments
- Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide
- Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide
- Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR
- Hunting = **Remain static**
- Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service
- B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark
- Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest
- Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest**

**Recommend allocating up to:**

**807 SDs (13.5%) for winter trail-based priority use - averages 6.5 people per day**  
**90 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day.**  
**Leaves 5,079 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 42 people per day.**

Types of activities suitable would be dog sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing.

**55. North Piney Creek Near Story NW (SPM)**

- 16,076 available acres
- 25 miles of trail
- 9 miles of open road
- 27 miles of fishable stream

This compartment offers a unique semi-primitive motorized experience into remote backcountry settings. The primary access is via the Story-Penrose trail #33, open to both motorized and non-motorized use. Motorized use is seasonally restricted on this trail, open from mid-June to the end of March. The trail receives moderately heavy use during summer and fall, and light use by snowmobilers during winter. Other trails in the compartment include #112, 86, 28, and FSR 320 which functions as a trail since it is open to vehicles only for administrative use. The Penrose GS, a G&F cabin, a cow camp, and one recreation residence are all located within this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 131,089 with average per day of 359 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 49,101

Fall = 32,941

Winter = 49,047

Current ROS Trail Capacity 67,762 with average per day of 186 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 25,381

Fall = 17,028

Winter = 25,353

Current Road Based Capacity 10,246 with an average per day of 96 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 6,132

Fall = 4,114

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 13

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters = 5

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 18

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (archery) = 20 split between 10 compartments

##### ***Recommend allocating up to:***

***3,426 SDs (13.5%) for summer trail-based priority use - averages 25 people per day***

***381 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 2.5 people per day.***

***Leaves 21,574 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 156 people per day.***

***613 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 8 people per day.***

***306 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 4 people per day.***

***Leaves 5,213 for summer road-based general public use – 68 people per day***

Types of activities suitable would be ATV and Jeep Tours, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps into remote locations

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 6

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 6

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (rifle big game) = 50 split between 8 compartments

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide  
 Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)  
 Buffalo Mountain Outfitters (hunting) = 5  
 Hunting = **Remain static**  
**Recommend allocating up to:**  
*2,299 SDs (13.5%) for fall trail-based priority use - averages 21.6 people per day*  
*255 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 2.5 people per day.*  
*Leaves 14,474 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 136 people per day.*  
*411 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 14 people per day.*  
*205 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 7 people per day.*  
*Leaves 3,498 for fall road-based general public use – 117 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable would be the same as for summer but with hunting as emphasis

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns –day fishing = 1  
 NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined  
 Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide  
 Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide  
 Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide  
 Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR  
 Hunting = **Remain static**  
 Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service  
 B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark  
 Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest  
 Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N<sup>1/2</sup> of forest**

**Recommend allocating up to:**  
*3,423 SDs (13.5%) for winter trail-based priority use - averages 28 people per day*  
*380 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 3 people per day.*  
*Leaves 21,550 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 178 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable would be winter camping based

**56. North Piney Creek Near Story W (Pristine)**

- 2,644 available acres
- 0 miles of trail
- 0 miles of open road
- 2 miles of fishable stream

There is no trail access into this compartment, and therefore, no trail-based capacity for allocation purposes.

Current ROS Area Capacity 12,209 with average per day of 33 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,573

Fall = 3,068

Winter = 4,568

Current ROS Trail Capacity 0 with average per day of 0 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 0

Fall = 0

Winter = 0

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (archery) = 20 split between 10 compartments

***Recommend allocating no additional OGs for summer, fall AND winter use as no trail-based capacity available.***

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (rifle big game) = 50 split between 8 compartments

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)

Hunting = ***Remain static***

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR

Hunting = ***Remain static***

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**57. North Tongue River (SPM, RM, RN, R)**

- 49,330 available acres
- 13 miles of trail
- 69 miles of open road
- 64 miles of fishable stream

Compartment receives heavy general public use, particularly in summer and fall. There are many miles of open road used by a range of vehicles and ATVs. Primary access is via Highway 14A and a small portion of Highway 14. Major Forest roads include a portion of FSR #15 and 168 as well as a number of 4 wheel-drive roads and low level roads to recreation residences. Numerous streams are very popular and accessible for fishing. The North Tongue River is a blue ribbon trout stream, exceedingly popular to fishermen. There are several developed facilities in this compartment including Bear Lodge Resort, North Tongue CG, Burgess PG, Burgess Visitor Center, Burgess RS, several fishing access parking areas, and numerous recreation residences. The Garden of the Gods area is located in the central portion of this compartment. Major groomed snowmobile routes travel through this compartment as well.

Current ROS Area Capacity 8,539,467 with average per day of 23,396 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 3,198,560

Fall = 2,145,868

Winter = 3,195,039

Current ROS Trail Capacity 11,482 with average per day of 31 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,301

Fall = 2,885

Winter = 4,296

Current Road Based Capacity 78,557 with an average per day of 734 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 47,015

Fall = 31,542

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 54

Rangeland Hunting Adventures (horse rides and fishing) = 5

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based priority use non-hunting = 59

B-Y Ranch Associates – ATV and Jeep Tours = 61 road-based

Black Wolf Mototours – Motorcycle Tours = 26 road-based

Beaver Trap (spring/fall bear) = 35 split between 9 compartments

Hunting = *Remain static*

***Recommend no outfitted services for fishing in the North Tongue River due to easy access and high general public use. 2003 sampling efforts found E. coli concentrations above the State defined water quality standards for primary contact recreation use. In addition, human waste concentrations are occurring along the stream near the developed access sites. Additional fishing pressure may only add to***

*these identified concerns. It is also recommended that areas close to developed facilities remain non-outfitted as there is generally no need for outfitted services in these locations. Recommend allocating up to:*

*581 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use – averages 4 people per day.*

*65 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day.*

*Leaves 3,656 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 26 people per day.*

*4,701 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 61 people per day.*

*2,350 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 30.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 39,964 for summer road-based general public use – 519 people per day*

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips.

### **Fall:**

#### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 36

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 36

Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep Tours = 8 road-based

Black Wolf Mototours – Motorcycle Tours = 4 road-based

Diamond Tail Outfitters = 16 split between 9 compartments

TRO = 140 split between 6 compartments

Beaver Trap (big game) = 107 split between 8 compartments and moose districtwide

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)

Hunting = *Remain static*

*Same recommendations as for summer use apply to the fall season. Recommend allocating up to:*

*389 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use – averages 3.7 people per day.*

*43 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day.*

*Leaves 2,452 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 23 people per day.*

*3,154 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 105 people per day.*

*1,577 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 53 people per day.*

*Leaves 26,811 for fall road-based general public use – 894 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting with regards to packing and drop camp services.

### **Winter:**

#### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 11

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined Wyoming's Finest Outfitter

(lion) = 10 Districtwide

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide  
 Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide  
 TRO (lion) = 30 split between 6 compartments  
 Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR  
 Hunting = ***Remain static***  
 Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service  
 B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark  
 Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest  
 Snowmobiling = ***Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N<sup>1/2</sup> of forest***  
***Recommend allocating up to:***  
***580 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use – averages 5 people per day.***  
***64 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day.***  
***Leaves 3,652 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 30 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable would be dog sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing into back country settings.

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**58. South Piney Creek Above Willow NW (Primarily SPM)**

- 6,268 available acres
- 11 miles of trail
- 1 miles of open road (Service Road restricted to authorized use)
- 6 miles of fishable stream

Access into this compartment is via the Story-Penrose trailhead from the north and via the Hunter Trailhead from the south. Willow Park and Cloud Peak Reservoirs are both popular destinations, as are Frying Pan and Flatiron Lakes. Use is moderately heavy in summer and fall. Trails include #38, 200, 118, 37 and 82. There is access into and from CPW.

Current ROS Area Capacity 331,386 with average per day of 908 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 124,125

Fall = 83,276

Winter = 123,988

Current ROS Trail Capacity 26,113 with average per day of 71 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 9,781

Fall = 6,562

Winter = 9,770

Current Road Based Capacity 1,138 with an average per day of 11 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 681

Fall = 457

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

HF Bar = 125

Paradise Ranch = 100

Big Horn Outfitters Outfitters = 76

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters = 5

Camp Widjiwagan = 24

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 330 (3% of capacity)

##### ***Recommend allocating up to:***

***1,320 SDs (13.5%) for summer trail-based priority use - averages 9.5 people per day. Only leaves 119 remaining days available for outfitted use for summer. Recommend leaving these days available for existing outfitters to increase business rather than additional outfitters in this area.***

***147 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 1 person per day. Leaves 8,314 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 60 people per day.***

***68 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages less than 1 person per day.***

***34 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages less than one person per day.***

***Leaves 579 for summer road-based general public use – 7.5 people per day***

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, ATV Tours

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Buffalo Mtn. Outfitters (hunting) = 10

Big Horn Outfitters Outfitters (hunting) = 22

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)

Hunting = ***Remain static***

##### ***Recommend allocating up to:***

***886 SDs (13.5%) for fall trail-based priority use - averages 8 people per day***

***98 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 1 person per day.***

***Leaves 5,578 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 53 people per day.***

***46 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 1.5 people per day.***

***23 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages less than 1 person per day.***

*Leaves 388 for fall road-based general public use – 13 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR

Hunting = ***Remain static***

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

Snowmobiling = ***Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest***

***Recommend allocating up to:***

***1,319 SDs (13.5%) for fall trail-based priority use - averages 11 people per day***

***147 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 1 person per day.***

***Leaves 8,305 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 69 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable would be dog sledding, ice climbing, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, winter camping.

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**59. South Piney Creek Above Willow W (P)**

- 3,836 available acres
- 4 miles of trail
- 0 miles of open road
- 2 miles of fishable stream

Access into this compartment is primarily via the Willow Park and Cloud Peak Reservoir area and trails. Trails include #118 into the head of Penrose Creek. The area receives light use from the public. Most use occurs near the lakes in the southern part of this compartment, not along trail #118, which the capacity is based on.

Current ROS Area Capacity 19,287 with average per day of 53 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 7,224

Fall = 4,847

Winter = 7,216

Current ROS Trail Capacity 2,896 with average per day of 8 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,085

Fall = 728

Winter = 1,084

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

NOLS = 71

Paradise Ranch = 100

Big Horn Outfitters Outfitters = 53

Camp Widjiwagan = 30

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 254 (23% of the capacity)

*There is limited trailhead data for this area. Currently at 23% of total summer capacity for outfitted use.*

*Recommend allocating no additional days for commercial use in this compartment during summer season, unless it is non trail-based.*

*Leaves 878 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 6.4 people per day.*

*Use should be monitored and existing OG service days reduced accordingly, if necessary.*

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Big Horn Outfitters Outfitters (hunting) = 2

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters (hunting) = 5

Hunting = *Remain static*

*Recommend allocating up to:*

*98 SDs (13.5%) for fall trail-based priority use - averages 1 person per day*

*11 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.*

*Leaves 619 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 6 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

#### **Winter:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR

Hunting = *Remain static*

*Recommend allocating up to:*

*146 SDs (13.5%) for winter trail-based priority use - averages 1 person per day*

*16 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.*

*Leaves 921 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 8 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable would be cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, winter camping.  
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**60. South Piney Creek near Story Non-Wilderness (Primarily SPM)**

- 9,918 available acres
- 16 miles of trail
- 8 miles of open road (Administrative use for vehicles, open trail for motorized use)
- 19 miles of fishable stream

This compartment receives use from the adjacent compartment, North Piney Creek Near Story. The area includes two popular destinations, Kearney and Beaver Lakes. South Piney Creek is popular for fishing. Trails include #33, 80, 38, 36, 621, and a portion of FSR#320 which is open only as a trail for general public use. The compartment receives moderately heavy use in summer and fall. Trail #36 provides access into CPW and the Highland Park and Sawtooth Lakes areas.

Current ROS Area Capacity 334,550 with average per day of 916 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 125,310

Fall = 84,069

Winter = 125,172

Current ROS Trail Capacity 36,625 with average per day of 100 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 13,718

Fall = 9,203

Winter = 13,703

Current Road Based Capacity 9,111 with an average per day of 85 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 5,451

Fall = 3,657

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 13

Spear-O-Wigwam = 310

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters = 5  
NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined  
Existing trail-based non-hunting = 328 (2% of capacity)

***Recommend allocating up to:***

***1,852 SDs (13.5%) for summer trail-based priority use - averages 13.5 people per day***  
***206 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day.***  
***Leaves 11,660 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 84 people per day.***

***545 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 7 people per day.***  
***272 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 3.5 people per day.***  
***Leaves 4,634 for summer road-based general public use – 60 people per day***

Types of activities suitable are ATV tours, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps into remote locations combined with hiking/backpacking

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 6  
NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined  
Existing trail-based non-hunting = 6 (less than 0.5% of capacity)  
Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (rifle big game) = 50 split between 8 compartments  
Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide  
Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide  
Buffalo Mtn. Outfitters (hunting) = 5  
Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)  
Hunting = ***Remain static***

***Recommend allocating up to:***

***1,242 SDs (13.5%) for fall trail-based priority use - averages 11.7 people per day***  
***138 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day.***  
***Leaves 7,823 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 74 people per day.***  
***366 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 12 people per day.***  
***183 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 6 people per day.***  
***Leaves 3,108 for fall road-based general public use – 104 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 1  
NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 11  
NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined  
Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide  
Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide  
 Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR  
 Hunting = ***Remain static***  
 Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service  
 B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark  
 Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest  
 Snowmobiling = ***Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest***

***Recommend allocating up to:***

***1,850 SDs (13.5%) for winter trail-based priority use - averages 15 people per day***  
***206 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day.***  
***Leaves 11,648 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 96 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable would be dog sledding, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, winter camping.

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**61. South Piney Creek Near Story W (P)**

- 3,066 available acres
- 5 miles of trail
- 0 miles of open road
- 6 miles of fishable stream

This compartment includes the somewhat popular CPW destinations of Highland Park, Spear Lake, and Sawtooth Lakes, among others. Access is difficult, following a long, rough route just to the wilderness boundary. The only trails are #36 to Spear Lake, and a portion of the Solitude Loop trail #38 and a connector trail #414. Blacktooth Mountain and Mt. Woolsey lie on the boundary of this compartment, both popular climbing destinations. The Story-Penrose Trailhead is located on State land adjacent to this compartment. This is a developed facility with parking, information boards and a toilet (summer- early fall only). Wilderness trailhead registration data is limited for this compartment as there are no registration boxes nearby. The lakes basin is a popular wilderness destination, however access is difficult, primarily coming in from Kearney Reservoir or Little Goose trailhead. 2013 registration data for the Little Goose trailhead indicates 816 users for the summer period. This is 18% of the total trail-based capacity and only a portion of this use actually occurs in this compartment. Trail data from Kearney Reservoir shows 20 users which is very minimal.

Current ROS Area Capacity 31,297 with average per day of 86 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 11,723

Fall = 7,865

Winter = 11,710

Current ROS Trail Capacity 12,217 with average per day of 33 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,567  
Fall = 3,070  
Winter = 4,571

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

NOLS = 118

Spear-O-Wigwam = 140

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 258 (6% of capacity)

##### ***Recommend allocating up to:***

***616 SDs (13.5%) for summer trail-based priority use – averages 2 people per day.***

***69 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.***

***Leaves 3,882 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 28 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are Day Horseback Rides, Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

#### **Fall:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Triple Three Outfitters (big game archery) = 35 split between 7 compartments

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (rifle big game) = 50 split between 8 compartments

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)

Hunting = ***Remain static***

##### ***Same rationale applies to fall use as to summer use. Recommend allocating up to:***

***414 SDs (13.5%) for fall trail-based priority use - averages 1.5 people per day***

***46 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day.***

***Leaves 2,610 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 19 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting

#### **Winter:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide  
Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR  
Hunting = *Remain static*

*Recommend allocating up to:*

*617 SDs (13.5%) for winter trail-based priority use - averages 5 people per day*

*69 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 0.5 person per day.*

*Leaves 3,885 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 32 people per day.*

Types of activities cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, winter camping.

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## **62. South Tongue River (RN, RM, SPM)**

- 48,879 available acres
- 22 miles of trail
- 89 miles of open road
- 82 miles of fishable stream

There is heavy summer and fall use in this compartment. Numerous developed sites are located within the area including Owen Creek, Tie Flume, Dead Swede, Sibley, and Prune Creek CGs, Pine Island PG, Woodrock GS. An inholding of private land also exists in the compartment which includes Big Horn Mountain Resort. The area is easily accessed via Highway 14 and FSR#26 and #16, and includes numerous 4 wheel-drive roads. ATV use is heavy and remnants of the historic Tie Hack days draw many exploring visitors and history buffs. Dispersed camping and developed camping use is very high. Average season-long occupancy rates at the developed CGs range from 33 to 51%, with some monthly averages up to 100%. Average annual use for 2002-2004 was 18,673 for these campgrounds. Trails include Tie Prune #430, very popular for fishermen and ATVers, as well as snowmobiling in winter; also several user-created and non-system trails within the “C” area where cross-country motorized travel is still allowed.

Current ROS Area Capacity 16,508,923 with average per day of 45,230 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 6,183,614

Fall = 4,148,501

Winter = 6,176,808

Current ROS Trail Capacity 55,332 with average per day of 152 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 20,725

Fall = 13,904

Winter = 20,702

Current Road Based Capacity 101,326 with an average per day of 947 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 60,642

Fall = 40,684

## **Allocation**

### **Summer:**

#### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 34

Rangeland Hunting Adventures (horseback and fishing) = 5

Big Buck Outfitters - Pack Trips and Mountain Bike tours = 15

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 37

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 91

Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep Tours = 152 road-based

Black Wolf Mototours – Motorcycle Tours = 28 road-based

Existing non-hunting road-based = 180

Beaver Trap (spring/fall bear) = 35 split between 9 compartments

Jessie James Outfitting (archery) = 14 split between 3 compartments

Old West Adventures (archery) = 20 split between 6 compartments

Hunting = *Remain static*

*General public use is very high within this compartment due to the concentration of developed facilities and easy access. There is no visitor count data except for campground use, which if compared to total trail-based capacity is at 90%. Many of the campground visitors utilize this compartment for ATV-ing, hiking, fishing, etc. As a result the recommendation for outfitted services is reduced to only 2% for priority use and 1% for temporary use. It is also generally recommended that outfitted services not be authorized adjacent to developed facilities because of the high use and reduced need for outfitted services at these locations. Road-based activities are the exception.*

*Recommend allocating up to:*

*415 SDs (2%) for summer trail-based priority use – averages 3 people per day*

*207 SDs (1%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day.*

*Leaves 20,103 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 146 people per day.*

*6,064 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 79 people per day.*

*3,032 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 39 people per day.*

*Leaves 51,546 for summer road-based general public use – 669 people per day*

Types of activities suitable are ATV and Jeep Tours, day horseback rides, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips, Motorized Vehicle tours.

### **Fall:**

#### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 16

Big Buck Outfitters – Pack Trips and Mountain Bike tours = 3

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 14

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 33  
 Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep Tours = 19 road-based  
 Black Wolf Mototours – Motorcycle Tours = 5 road-based  
 Existing non-hunting road-based = 24  
 Beaver trap (big game rifle) = 107 split between 8 compartments  
 Jessie James Outfitting (big game archery/rifle) = 42 split between 3 compartments  
 Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (archery/rifle big game) = 70 split between 8 compartments  
 Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide  
 Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 3 Districtwide  
 Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)  
 Hunting = **Remain static**  
***The same rationale applies to fall use as to summer use. Recommend allocating up to:  
 278 SDs (2%) for fall trail-based priority use - averages 2.6 people per day  
 139 SDs (1%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day.  
 Leaves 13,487 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 127 people per  
 day.  
 4,068 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 136 people per day.  
 2,034 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 68 people per day.  
 Leaves 34,582 for fall road-based general public use – 1,153 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer.

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 32  
 NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple  
 compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined  
 Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide  
 Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide  
 Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide  
 Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR  
 Hunting = **Remain static**  
 Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service  
 B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to  
 Meadowlark  
 Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest  
 Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest**  
**Recommend allocating up to:**  
***414 SDs (2%) for winter trail-based priority use - averages 3.5 people per day  
 207 SDs (1%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 1.5 people per day.  
 Leaves 20,081 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 161 people per  
 day.***

Considerable snowmobile use, so use should not conflict with this activity.

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**63. Tongue River above Dayton Non-Wilderness (Primarily SPNM and SPM)**

- 15,295 available acres
- 10 miles of trail
- 27 miles of open road
- 43 miles of fishable stream

Compartment accessed by end of FSR #168 from top and from seasonally restricted roads out of Amsden Winter Range area from the bottom. Trails include Tongue River #002, Horse Creek #159, Cutler #202 and some old stock driveway trails. Tongue River is the primary fished stream. The Tongue River Trailhead is the main trail access and is located on state land. The Tongue River Cave and this trailhead are heavily used year-round. A few recreation residences are located in this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 2,883,853 with average per day of 7,900 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,080,182

Fall = 724,679

Winter = 1,078,993

Current ROS Trail Capacity 25,783 with average per day of 71 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 9,657

Fall = 6,479

Winter = 9,646

Current Road Based Capacity 30,739 with an average per day of 287 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 18,397

Fall = 12,342

### **Allocation**

#### **Summer:**

##### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Rangeland Hunting Adventures (horseback and fishing) = 5

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 45

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 50

Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep Tours = 26 road-based

Bighorn Wild & Scenic Trail Run Recreation Event annually mid-June = 465 participants + 150 spectators (passes through this compartment and others)

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (archery) = 20 split between 6 compartments

Beaver Trap (Spring/fall bear) = 35 split between 9 compartments

Hunting = *Remain static*

##### ***Recommend allocating up to:***

***1,304 SDs (13.5%) for summer trail-based priority use - averages 9.5 people per day***

***145 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 1 person per day.***

*Leaves 8,208 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 59.5 people per day.*

*1,840 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 24 people per day.*

*920 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 12 people per day.*

*Leaves 15,637 for summer road-based general public use – 203 people per day*

Types of activities suitable are Day horseback rides, rock climbing, photography, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, shuttle services and Motorized Tours.

### **Fall:**

#### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 30

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 30

Bear Lodge – ATV and Jeep Tours = 3 road-based

Beaver Trap (rifle big game) = 107 split between 8 compartments

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (archery) = 20 split between 6 compartments

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)

Hunting = **Remain static**

#### **Recommend allocating up to:**

*875 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use – averages 8 people per day.*

*97 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 1 person per day.*

*Leaves 5,507 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 52 people per day.*

*1,234 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 42 people per day.*

*617 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 21 people per day.*

*Leaves 10,491 for fall road-based general public use – 350 people per day.*

Same activities as summer in addition to packing/drop camp for hunting

### **Winter:**

#### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Flyshop of the Bighorns = 15

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR

Hunting = **Remain static**

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of forest**

**Recommend allocating up to:**  
**1,302 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use – averages 11 people per day.**  
**145 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 1 person per day.**  
**Leaves 8,200 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 68 people per day.**

Types of activities suitable include skiing/snowshoeing and winter camping.

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**64. West Fork Little Bighorn River (Primarily SPM)**

- 2,232 available acres
- 4 miles of trail –1 trailhead
- 6 miles of open road
- 5 miles of fishable stream
- Compartment shared with MWPR.

Primary access is via Little Bighorn Trailhead. Parking is very limited and the road to it is narrow and rough. Compartment includes portions of Little Bighorn Trail #050 and Dry Fork #004. Road access is restricted – open to motorized use only from 6/15 to 11/15. FSRs 114 and 116 begin in Kerns Big Game Winter Range and lead into the forest. Popular fishing streams are Little Bighorn River and Dry Fork. Three recreation residences are located on forest near the Forest boundary.

Current ROS Area Capacity 25,141 with average per day of 69 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 9,471  
Fall = 6,318  
Winter = 9,407

Current ROS Trail Capacity 4,786 with average per day of 35 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,793  
Fall = 1,203  
Winter = 1,791

Current Road Based Capacity 6,831 with an average per day of 64 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,088  
Fall = 2,743

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Leader Treks = 124  
Rangeland Hunting Adventures (horseback and fishing) = 5  
Existing trail-based non-hunting = 129 (7% of capacity)

Bighorn Wild & Scenic Trail Run Recreation Event annually mid-June = 465 participants + 150 spectators (passes through this compartment and others)

Bliss Creek (spring bear) = 56 split between 3 compartments

Hunting = **Remain static**

**Recommend allocating up to:**

**242 SDs (13.5%) for all summer trail-based priority use - averages 2 people per day.**

**27 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.**

**Leaves 1,524 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 11 per day.**

**409 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages 5 people per day.**

**204 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages 3 people per day.**

**Leaves 3,475 for summer road-based general public use – 45 people per day**

Types of activities suitable are shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips, and Motorized Tours.

### **Fall:**

#### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (big game) = 70 rifle split between 8 compartments

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Big Buck Outfitters = 168 total fall/winter hunting split between 9 compartments, moose districtwide

Hunting = **Remain static**

**Recommend allocating up to:**

**162 SDs (13.5%) for all fall trail-based priority use, but limit use to September as general public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 1.5 people per day.**

**18 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day, limit use to September only as above.**

**Leaves 1,023 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 9.5 per day.**

**274 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 9 people per day.**

**137 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages 5 people per day.**

**Leaves 2,332 for fall road-based general public use – 78 people per day.**

Types of activities suitable are the same as for summer.

### **Winter:**

#### **Existing OG service day assignments:**

Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Bliss Creek (spring bear) = 28 split between 3 compartments

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR

Big Buck Outfitters = 168 total fall/winter hunting split between 9 compartments, moose districtwide

Hunting = **Remain static**

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service  
B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

*Recommend allocating up to:*

*242 SDs (13.5%) for all winter trail-based priority use - averages 2 people per day.*

*27 SDs (5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages less than 0.5 person per day.*

*Leaves 1,522 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 12.5 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips (cross-country ski, snowshoe)

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**65. Wolf Creek Above Wolf (Primarily P and SPM)**

- 14,984 available acres
- 25 miles of trail
- 0 miles of open road
- 38 miles of fishable stream

This compartment is non-motorized (except for snowmobiles operating on snow), primarily located in Walker Prairie. Trails include #1, 3, 5, 14, 16, and 72. Numerous streams are available for fishing.

Current ROS Area Capacity 2,557,802 with average per day of 7,008 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 958,055

Fall = 642,746

Winter = 957,001

Current ROS Trail Capacity 50,447 with average per day of 138 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 18,895

Fall = 12,677

Winter = 18,875

Current Road Based Capacity 1,138 with an average per day of 11 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 681

Fall = 457

**Allocation**

**Summer:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Eaton's Ranch = 510 (3% of capacity)  
NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined  
Existing trail-based non-hunting = 510  
Rangeland Hunting Adventures (spring bear) = 30 split between 5 compartments  
Jessie James Outfitting (archery) = 14 split between 3 compartments  
Beaver Trap (archery) = 20 split between 6 compartments  
Hunting - **Remain static**

**Recommend allocating up to:**

**2,551SDs (13.5%) for summer trail-based priority use - averages 18.5 people per day**

**283 SDs (1.5%) for summer trail-based temporary use – averages 2 people per day.**

**Leaves 16,061 days for summer trail-based general public use – averages 116 people per day.**

**68 SDs (10%) for all summer road-based priority use – averages less than 1 person per day.**

**34 SDs (5%) for summer road-based temporary use – averages less than 1 person per day.**

**Leaves 579 for summer road-based general public use – 7.5 people per day**

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips, and ATV Tours.

**Fall:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

Eaton's Ranch = 90

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Existing trail-based non-hunting = 90

Jessie James Outfitting (big game) = 42 split between 3 compartments

Beaver Trap Outfitters (big game rifle) = 107 split between 8 compartments

Triple Three Outfitters (big game) = 35 split between 7 compartments

Rangeland Hunting Adventures (archery/rifle big game) = 85 split between 4 compartments

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Wilderness Adventures (moose) = 30 Districtwide

Big Buck Outfitters (moose) = Districtwide (included in 168 days all hunting)

Hunting = **Remain static**

**Recommend allocating up to:**

**1,711 SDs (13.5%) for fall trail-based priority use - averages 16 people per day**

**190 SDs (1.5%) for fall trail-based temporary use – averages 2 people per day.**

**Leaves 10,775 days for fall trail-based general public use – averages 101.5 people per day.**

**46 SDs (10%) for all fall road-based priority use – averages 2 people per day.**

**23 SDs (5%) for fall road-based temporary use – averages less than 1 person per day.**

**Leaves 388 for fall road-based general public use – 13 people per day.**

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting

**Winter:**

**Existing OG service day assignments:**

NWCCD – Sheridan College Field Classes = 639 year-round split between multiple compartments forestwide – exact locations to be determined

Rangeland Hunting Adventures (spring bear) = 15 split between 5 compartments

Wyoming’s Finest Outfitter (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Back Country Outfitters (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 10 Districtwide Tongue and 5 districtwide MWPR

Hunting = ***Remain static***

Wyoming High Country (snowmobiling) = 80 days N. end of Forest Service

B-Y Ranch Associates (snowmobiling/snowcoach) = 1,000 days N. end to Paintrock to Meadowlark

Back Country Navigators (snowmobiling) = 200 days N. end of forest

Snowmobiling = ***Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest***

***Recommend allocating up to:***

***2,548 SDs (13.5%) for winter trail-based priority use - averages 21 people per day***

***283 SDs (1.5%) for winter trail-based temporary use – averages 2.5 people per day.***

***Leaves 16,044 days for winter trail-based general public use – averages 132.5 people per day.***

Types of activities suitable would be cross-country skiing/snowshoeing/winter camping

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## APPENDIX A

### Recreation Use and the Forest Service Recreation Agenda

Recreation participation has grown, and continues to grow with the expanding population. Survey results from the National Survey on Recreation and the Environment (NSRE) estimates that “98.5 percent of Americans 16 years of age or older participated in at some type of outdoor recreation in the 12 months prior to being interviewed, which means that almost 210 million people age 16 or older are involved in some form of outdoor recreation.” (Cordell, March 2002).

In response to the growing importance of the National Forests for recreation, the Forest Service, in the spring of 2001, finalized a Recreation Agenda meant to direct management on Forests into the Agency’s second millennium (USDA Forest Service 2000a). As stated in the Agenda, “National Forests have a unique niche of nature-based, dispersed recreation to offer, including undeveloped settings, built environments reinforcing the natural character, and wildland settings that complement enjoyment of these special places.”

Although there are numerous opportunities to recreate off of the Forest since Wyoming is 49% federally owned, the Bighorn Mountains offer an environment which is in sharp contrast to the surrounding semiarid and desert lands. As a result, they will remain particularly attractive to the recreating general public.

Outdoor recreation expenditures contribute significantly to Wyoming’s economy. Tourism in Wyoming is the second largest industry behind minerals. Recent studies indicate that visitors have spend \$34.6 million and generated \$56.3 million in total economic impact for the four county area surrounding the Big Horn Mountains.

National trends in outdoor recreation will also affect visitation in the Forest. Recreational use of forests and grasslands has been increasing for decades, and is expected to continue to increase. Almost 99 percent of the U.S. population 16 years old and older participate in some form of outdoor recreation (NSRE, 2002). The most popular activities are walking, family gathering, viewing natural scenery, visiting a nature center, nature trail or zoo and picnicking. The five fastest-growing outdoor recreation activities through the year 2050 are projected to be visiting historic places, downhill skiing, snowmobiling, sightseeing, and participating in nonconsumptive wildlife activity. The Rocky Mountain region is expected to experience a significant increase in hunting participation though 2050. Other national trends that will most likely affect the Bighorn, given its location and what it has to offer, include increased visitation by families, single people and the elderly. Use by the elderly is likely to increase proportionately faster than the other groups given the national aging phenomenon. At the same time, use by younger (20-30 year olds) may increase as the popularity of high risk, individual sports such as rock and ice climbing and back country skiing increase.

Nationally, ATV and snowmobile use continue to grow in popularity. On the Bighorn, an increase in use of ATVs and snowmobiles will increase conflicts between them and the non-motorized user groups. In addition, these motorized vehicles will make larger and larger portions of the Forest accessible to a greater number of users, which will impact recreational experience, habitat and aesthetics. According to SnoWest magazine (2002), the Big Horn Mountains are rated ninth in the nation among the “Top 10” snowmobile trail systems. However, results from the Bighorn Social Assessment (2002) indicate that fewer than five percent of the four-county area respondents list snowmobiling, skiing/snowshoeing, or ATV/off road among their three favorite Forest activities. Snowboarders are a growing use group as are cross-country skiers. Day hiking and walking are also increasingly popular pastimes.

Dispersed recreation includes all those activities that occur outside of developed sites (i.e., campgrounds, picnic areas, visitor centers, etc) and wilderness. From 1989 to 2000, dispersed use accounted for 70 percent of the total Forest RVDs. Dispersed use increased at an average of 2.25 percent. All activities identified in dispersed use increased during this period except fishing, which remained fairly constant.

Many areas off the Forest provide hunting opportunities for deer, antelope, and small game. Elk, moose, and lion hunting occur almost entirely on the Forest. Quality fishing opportunities are available in areas off the Forest, but occur in different settings and sometimes for different fish species than on the Forest.

Forest trails provide the means of access for many dispersed recreation activities. The Forest has approximately 1,158 miles of trail with 143 miles within the Cloud Peak Wilderness, including 12 miles of National Recreation Trail (Bucking Mule Falls). This mileage also includes groomed snowmobile and ski trails. There are over 700 miles open to motorized vehicles. There are a total of 11 developed trailheads with a capacity of 1,001 PAOTs. The majority of trailheads are undeveloped with no facilities, some with spacious area for parking, others with limited parking area. Motorized trails include those trails where ATVs and/or dirt bikes are acceptable uses. Nonmotorized trails include those trails for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking. Total miles includes miles of trail added to the forest trail system with the 1997 Little Goose/Park Reservoir decision on the Tongue Ranger District and miles of trail in the Cloud Peak Wilderness. Trail use projections are included in dispersed recreation and wilderness projections. Table A-1 displays approximate trail miles on the Bighorn National Forest and Table A-2 displays summer use at developed site trailheads and trails.

**Table A-1. Miles of Trail**

Use Type	Snow Trails	Non-snow Trails	Totals by Use Type
Motorized	286	432	718

Non-Motorized	41	399	440
Totals by Snow/ Non-snow	327	831	1,158

**Table A-2. Summer Use Developed Site Trailheads and Trails**

Trail and Trailhead Location	Non-motorized Trails outside Wilderness (miles)	Miles of Wilderness Trails	Miles of Motorized Trails	Capacity (PAOT)*	Season-long Capacity**
Bucking Mule Falls	12	0	2.6	90	12,510
Coney	5.6	1.8	0	80	11,120
Battle Park	.9	6.4	18.5	75	9,300
Circle Park	2.4	13	0	70	11,550
Edelman	.6	5.6	0	50	6,200
Hunter	26.7	22.7	1.8	133	21,945
West Tensleep Lake	3.6	17.5	0	250	34,750
Elgin Park	2.6	0	9.3	70	11,550
Paintrock Lake	0	8.3	13.9	60	7,440
Coffeen Park	1	20.1	0	25	3,475
<b>Total</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>129,840</b>

\*PAOT Capacity is defined as persons at one time per parking site.

\*\*Season-long Capacity is PAOT capacity multiplied by number of days in a season.

Season-long capacities for trailheads are calculated based on design capacity of 3.5 people per parking site per day, for the whole season. Use is generally split unevenly between weekend and weekday, but this system provides an average. All developed facility capacities are estimated using this same method. The majority of trails (634 miles) are not accessed by a developed trailhead, although these facilities attract a large share of the overall users.

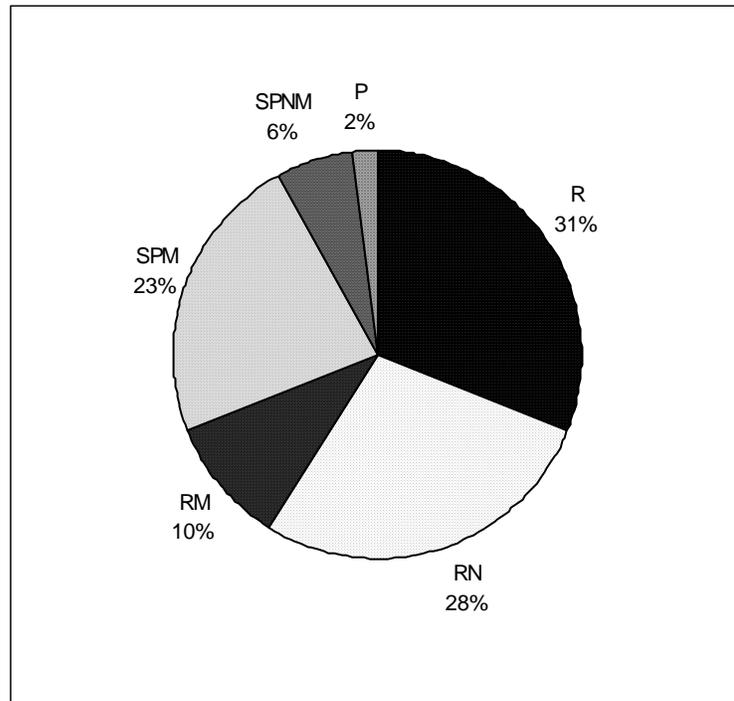
Several caves are located within the Forest, four of which have been determined as significant, as defined and described in the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act, of 1988. One of these caves, Tongue River cave, receives a tremendous amount of recreational use due to its relatively easy access and close proximity to several communities.

### **Dispersed Recreation Demand and Trends**

Demand for dispersed recreation opportunities is high and expected to rise. From 1991-2000 dispersed recreation accounted for 70 percent of the total

Forest RVDs and increased at an average of 2.25 percent. Original estimates in the 1985 Forest Plan have been updated and revised using historical growth patterns (Bighorn RVD data specific to dispersed recreation) adjusted to reflect the national projection index by activity (Bowker, English, Cordell). This data was further broken down into use by ROS class based on current use patterns. These estimates are very similar to those estimated in the original Forest Plan and the ASQ Amendment.

**Figure A-1. Dispersed Recreation Use (RVDs) by ROS Class**



R=Rural; RN=Roaded Natural; RM=Roaded Modified; SPM=Semi-primitive Motorized; SPNM=Semi-primitive Non-Motorized; P= Primitive

The NSRE report indicates that participation in numerous activities categorized as dispersed recreation can be expected to increase over the next 50 years (Bowker et al. 1999). From 1982 to 1995, NRSE reports that bird watching increased significantly at 155 percent; sightseeing activities increased 40%; backpacking 73%; off-road vehicle driving 44%; hiking 93%; primitive area camping 73%; snowmobiling 34%; cross-country skiing 23%.

Forest-wide use data indicates that snowmobile use has increased 32 percent from 1989 to 2000. Other winter use (ice skating, sledding, snowplay, and cross-country skiing) increased 91 percent during this time.

Use projections based on historic RVD data and national projection index by Bowker et al. 1999 predict that by 2055 dispersed non-motorized recreation will notably increase by 128 percent; dispersed motorized recreation will increase 24

percent; big game hunting will increase 31 percent; fishing will increase one percent; and non-consumptive wildlife recreation will increase tremendously at 150 percent.

Summer motorized trail uses include riding off-road vehicles (ATVs, OHVs, and ORVs), 4-wheelers, and motorbikes on rough trails and 2-track roads. Motorized trail participation rates increased tremendously between 1989 and 2000, over 400 percent. This was overwhelmingly from ATV, as motorcycle use decreased. According to the Bighorn Social Assessment, respondents indicated a desire for designated ATV trails. Neither snowmobiling nor ATV/off road vehicle use ranked among the top favorite activities for these local respondents. This points to the fact that most of the increase in motorized use is from non-local visitors.

## APPENDIX B

### Current Outfitter and Guide Permits authorized on the Bighorn National Forest

TONGUE RANGER DISTRICT			
Permittee	Activity	Season	Service Days
B-Y Ranch Associates (Bear Lodge Resort)	snowmobile	winter	1,000
	ATV/Jeep Tours	summer	399
	ATV/Jeep Tours	fall	51
Jessie James Outfitting (Coy)	archery, rifle, big game	fall	42
Wyoming's Finest Outfitter (Kris Powers)	archery & rifle big game	fall	70
	lion	winter	10
Flyshop of the Big Horns (Miller)	fishing	summer	300
		fall	161
		winter	21
Back Country Navigators (Sander)	snowmobile	winter	200
Bliss Creek Outfitters (Doud)	spring bear, horseback	spring/summer	56
Rangeland Hunting Adventures (Hilman)	trail rides, camping	summer	150
	spring bear	spring/summer	30
	archery, rifle, big game	fall	85
Eaton Brothers	trail rides, camping, and fishing	summer	510
		fall	90
HF Bar (Schroth)	trail rides, camping	summer	550
Wilderness Adventures (Gines)	moose	fall	30
Double Rafter Cattle Drives (Kerns)	cattle drives, trail rides, and camping	summer	252
		fall	168
Beaver Trap Outfitters (Adney)	spring bear	spring/summer	35
	archery & rifle big game	fall	107
	lion	winter	15
Powder Horn Outfitters (Darwin Powers)	lion	winter	12
	moose, big game	fall	51
Triple Three Outfitters (Smith)	archery, big game	fall	60
	horseback, fishing, pack service, drop camps	summer	100
	ATV/Jeep tours	summer (road)	500
Spear-O-Wigwam – NWCCD Sheridan College	educational Trips	summer	1,000
NWCCD - Sheridan College	field Classes	winter	239
	1,000 total but only 361 currently used	summer	94
		fall	28
Elk Rock Inc. (Paul Wallop) terminated	fishing	summer	65
Nelson Outfitting (Dave Nelson)	spring bear	spring/summer	35
Back Country Outfitters (Dawson Powers)	lion	winter	10
Sierra Club Outings	backpacking	summer	84

Leader Treks	backpacking	summer	400
<i>Total use by season– Tongue Ranger District</i>		spring/summer	4,560
		fall	943
		winter	1,507
<b><i>Total service days offered - Tongue Ranger District</i></b>			<b>7,010</b>
<b>POWDER RIVER RANGER DISTRICT</b>			
<b>Permittee</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Service Days</b>
Camp Widjiwagan	backpacking	summer	300
Big Horn Outfitters 472 total	pack trips, fishing	summer	509
	hunting	fall	277
YMCA Johnson County	backpacking	summer	490
Johnson Co. Schools #1 1,000 total	backpacking	summer	496
		fall	504
D&D Outfitters	lion	winter	20
Klondike Ranch 280 total	hiking, trail riding, fishing	summer	260
		fall	20
Paradise Guest Ranch 5,150 total	trail rides, camping, fishing	summer	4,250
		fall	900
YMCA Sheridan County	backpacking	summer	1,000
Seven J Outfitters 325 total	horseback, fishing	summer	180
	hunting	fall	145
South Fork Resort 1,364 total	trail rides, camping	summer	1,014
	hunting	fall	350
Washakie Co. Schools #1	snowshoeing	winter	200
Buffalo Mountain Outfitters 125 total	trail rides, fishing	summer	60
	hunting, pack service	fall	65
Trophies Unlimited	lion	winter	20
Ultimate Outdoors 1,100 total	drop camps	summer	250
	ATV/Jeep tours	summer	600
	snowmobile tours	winter	250
<i>Total use by season– Powder River Ranger District</i>		spring/summer	9,409
		fall	2,261
		winter	490
<b><i>Total service days offered - Powder River Ranger District</i></b>			<b>12,160</b>
<b>MEDICINE WHEEL/PAINROCK RANGER DISTRICT</b>			
<b>Permittee</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Service Days</b>
Diamondtail Outfitters (Stan Flitner)	hunting	fall	16
The Hideout Ranch	trail rides, cattle drives	summer	377
	snowmobile	winter	50
NOLS	education, backpacking	summer	2,013
Paintrock Adventures	drop trips pack trips, fishing	summer	181
	hunting	fall	138
Paintrock Outfitters	fishing, trail rides	summer	250
	hunting	fall	250
Big Horn River Resort	fishing	summer	167
Big Buck Outfitters (Beisher)	pack trips/day use/mtn bike	summer	156
		fall	28

	ATV tours	summer (road)	29
		fall (road)	4
	big game, moose, bear and lion	fall	168 ↑
		winter	↓
Lost Creek Outfitters	lion	winter	54
Tangle Ridge Outfitters	spring bear	spring/summer	80
120 days summer	horseback, fishing	summer	101
170 days big game & lion		fall	19
	big game, moose	fall	140
	lion	winter	30
Wyoming High Country	horseback, fishing	summer	80
290 days horsebk, fish, motorized		fall	14
91 days hunting	motorized activities	summer (road)	181
80 days snowmo/ski/shoe		fall (road)	15
	hunting	fall	91
	snowmobile, ski, snowshoe	winter	80
C5 Youth Foundation	backpacking	summer	1,166
Adventure Education Institute	backpacking	summer	224
Black Wolf Mototours	motorcycle tours	summer (road)	170
		fall (road)	30
NW Community College	ice climbing	winter	24
Rawhide Outfitters	big game hunting	fall	42
<i>Total use by season– Medicine Wheel / Paintrock Ranger District</i>		spring/summer	5,175
		fall	787 + 168 split between fall & winter
		winter	238 + 168 split between fall & winter
<b><i>Total service days offered - Medicine Wheel / Paintrock Ranger District</i></b>			<b>6,368</b>

- Most outfitter/guide operations include spring bear and lion hunt service days in with the big game service days.