

Collaborative Meetings Geographic Area: Yaak

Attendance and Logistics

- 08/25/05 6:00 pm at the Upper Ford Work Center
- 18 attendees plus Forest Service personnel; Bob Castanada, Mark Mason, and Bob Cummings

Major Points

- Starting point is bad. Why not go back to original plan.
- Manage like we did in the past. This area is like it is because it was managed.
- Starting Options eliminates too much, go back to the baseline of the old plan.
- Wilderness people were the only ones listened to.
- General feeling of the public is not being depicted by this map.
- Not a diverse enough group(no timber, mining, ranching, etc).
- NW Peaks is not negotiable.
- Use level doesn't warrant this protection(wilderness).
- Does the color blue(Wild and Scenic Rivers Act) add any rules and regulations to our private property if it is on the river.
- We are back to managing everything like it is wilderness.
- Willing to negotiate basin by basin.
- Common sense needs to be used.
- Kootenai Ridge Riders presentation was mostly agreed upon(some disagreement on ATVs in Yaak GA). Offer Areas/trails for ATVs where suitable. ***See Next Page.

Points of Agreement

- Everyone has a different view of wilderness and its experience.
- Add a 5c designation – winter motorized.
- No more meetings.
- Factions could see no trade-offs in the Yaak GA but agreed to submit their proposals for the area by Aug 31st if they could get Forest Wide Starting Options Maps to help them with their decisions. Six maps were requested.

Points of Disagreement

- ATVs over wood gathering
- Starting Option is no good.

Meeting Summary for Website

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Goal: Provide opportunities for recreational access of ATV's

Access and Recreation – Kootenai Ridge Riders

Desired Condition Statement	<p>Adequate and proactive management of ATV recreational access is planned and provided within the Yaak Geographic area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Work with user-group partnerships ion evaluating, planning and maintaining an ATV road & trail systemB. Evaluate current road closures for possible routesC. Provide clear signing of routesD. Provide opportunities for loop routesE. Create an ATV map for users with routes, restrictions and points of interest. (i.e. "California ATV map" example)F. Work with user groups to evaluate and identify a multi use motorized trail between Libby and TroyG. Evaluate and identify potential "loop routes" from provided maps by user groups and implement where possible taking into consideration all "filters"
Identify Priority Areas	<p>Bull G.A.</p>
Describe why this is a priority	<p>Creating an "ATV System" will disperse use in unwanted areas and provide proper use of KNF Lands. Will benefit the Yaak economy.</p>