

**Pend Oreille GA Desired Condition Statements for
Inventoried Roadless Areas & Proposed Wilderness
(Combined)**

GENERALLY AGREE and/or Can live with

What criteria of roadless areas are the most important to consider when choosing those to recommend for wilderness designation?

- The existence of adjacent wilderness, as it relates to size, both in terms of adding to existing wilderness, and establishing wilderness designations where none exist. Proximity of existing wilderness areas.
- Critical wildlife migration corridors
- Unique or rare plant species, fragile or sensitive ecological areas
- Watershed preservation
- Historical/archeological sites
- Few invasive species. Spread of noxious weeds and if occurring, methods to address or minimize.

Which of the IRAs should be proposed for Wilderness?

- None of the IRAs should be proposed as wilderness.
- IRAs contiguous to proposed wilderness areas should be part of proposed wilderness.

How should the IRAs that are not recommended for wilderness be managed?

- More management of trail access by user groups
- Not as wilderness – allowing motorized and mechanized use. Open to all types of users and uses.
- Natural wildland fires will be allowed to burn within IRAs and wilderness areas, and buffer area of 3 miles outside designated areas. Suppression of wildland fire is only permitted within 1/4 mile of private structures and property. Should have Wildland Fire Use Plans and Fire Mgmt. Plans.
- All wilderness lands will be withdrawn from future mineral entry, such as the proposed Rock Creek Mine in the Cabinet Wilderness Area.
- Manage vegetation ie. helicopter logging

How should proposed wilderness areas be managed?

- Motorized allowed in winter. Wise multiple use should be permitted (snowmobile/ATV access is important to some, but definitely not all).
- Maintain current access and uses (not necessary level of access or use, but continue it in general).
- Develop a Wildland Fire Use plan – allow natural fires to burn under prescription
- Time limits should be in place for a decision to be made in favor of wilderness or not.
- Time limits should be in place for re-evaluation as wilderness, if not designated by prior designation. Perpetual consideration is defacto wilderness, without actual designation.

GENERALLY ARE SPLIT (Disagree and Agree)

What criteria of roadless areas are the most important to consider when choosing those to recommend for wilderness designation?

- Critical and unique wildlife habitat, especially for TE&S species
- Sufficient size for core habitat (Grizzly bear)
- Historically a non-motorized use area
- Motorized until designated as wilderness. Look at current motorized access and whether that access is having any negative impacts to the land.
- Minimum size 50 acres
- Areas large enough to allow for minimal fire control.
- No commercial use (mining, grazing, no active management). Non-commercial value (timber)
- Low elevation unlogged areas.
- Spectrum of recreation uses available as impacted by being designated wilderness.

How should the IRAs that are not recommended for wilderness be managed?

- No ATV on single track trails.
- Retire existing grazing leases within wilderness as they are vacated or expire, and issue no new grazing allotment leases within wilderness. Recreational livestock shall be prohibited within 100 feet of lakeshores and stream banks, except during watering and through travel.
- Trail and road construction allowed.

How should proposed wilderness areas be managed?

- Same as IRAs – not as wilderness unless actually designated
- Add additional law enforcement officers to enforce non-motorized designated areas in order to protect wilderness characteristics
- Adopt The Lands Council's Forest Restoration Alternative as it applies to IRAs and Wilderness Areas.

GENERALLY DISAGREE

What criteria of roadless areas are the most important to consider when choosing those to recommend for wilderness designation?

- Natural beauty and quiet. Untrammelled by human activities
- Minimum size 660 acres
- Minimum size 5,000 acres (current direction)

Which of the IRAs should be proposed for Wilderness?

- All IRAs should be proposed as wilderness (refer to page 101-102 of AMS Tech Report)
- Current - Scotchman Peak Wilderness and Selkirk Crest only proposed
- IRAs contiguous to proposed wilderness areas should be part of proposed wilderness.
- Pack Saddle should be a proposed wilderness area. No new roads but some current roads allowed.
- Willard-Estelle (Pend Oreille GA – north of Scotchman Peak)
- Buckhorn (Lower Kootenai GA – Bonners Ferry RD – MT border)

How should the IRAs that are not recommended for wilderness be managed?

- Open for winter ORV use only
- No motorized vehicles any season.
- As wilderness, no motorized or mechanized.
- Allow some mechanized (i.e. bicycles) with gated entry to prohibit motorized.
- No logging or road building. Roadless but not managed as wilderness.
- No trail construction.

How should proposed wilderness areas be managed?

- As wilderness – no motorized or mechanized any time of the year.
- No motorized in winter
- Unroaded areas adjacent to IRAS should be managed as wilderness areas or IRAS (look for opportunities to connect larger unroaded areas using the Yukon to Yellowstone Conservation Initiative).

Should we be asking for additional roadless area recommendations?

- Yes – For watershed protection from further road damage, wildlife corridors, and to prevent human caused fires.

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Based on current condition and decision space, where are the areas in the GA where we can potentially change the current condition for:

- Build a campground at the Beehive Lake trail head
- Improve access to Green Bay, Upper Pack
- At Pack River, replace bridge that leads to Chimney Rock.
- Maintain current trails before building new camping or trail facilities.