

Geographic Area Koocanusa/Tobacco

Revision Topic Access and Recreation

Issue Motorized Wheeled Cross-Country Travel

Desired Condition Statement	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The Koocanusa GA will designate and enforce areas for off road vehicle use; specifically for ATVs in the sand along the high water mark to maintain adjacent non-motorized areas. Campfire rings must be above high water mark to maintain water quality. The Forest Service will provide "Pack-It-In/Pack-It-Out" signs or trash receptacles at parking areas at the reservoir. The Forest Service will also provide litter education programs, especially in the schools.2) The Forest Service will provide adequate signage, education, and outreach for rights of way and responsible use in multiple use areas.
Identify Priority Areas or Opportunities	Koocanusa Reservoir and any other applicable areas.
Describe why this is a priority	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Maintain health of the Forest, maintain water quality, and maintain the safety of people and wildlife.2) Avoid potential conflict between user groups.

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Issue Non-Motorized

Desired Condition Statement	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Need areas for non-motorized summertime use with unique features like lakes, streams, and vistas. Roughly 30% of the GA should be for non-motorized use.2) Provide for X-Country skiing opportunity in the Therriault Pass areas. Access should be from the west side of the pass. There should be easy access from nearby communities (within 10 miles) to a trailhead with quality snow through April 1, similar to conditions along FR707. At least one route to the pass should be non-motorized to eliminate conflicts with snowmobiles/4 wheel drive vehicles and non-motorized users. Heavy use trailheads should have restroom facilities.3) Provide, as in 2, for a Williams Creek X-Country ski trail for non-motorized use.4) The Forest Service will monitor types and numbers of trail users in the Ten Lakes area and roadless areas. Restrictions will be enforced.5) The Ten Lakes Wilderness Study Area should no longer allow snowmobile use. Current snowmobile use on the main road accessing the Study area would continue but off road use would be prohibited.6) Maintain adequate winter range for wildlife habitat with regard to winter motorized use including snowmobiles.
Identify Priority Areas or Opportunities	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Ten Lakes areas, McGuire Peak, Boulder Mnt/lakes2) Therriault Pass3) Williams Creek4) Ten Lakes Area5) Ten Lakes Wilderness Study Area6) Tobacco and Koocanusa GA
Describe why this is a priority	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3) Disperse use from popular areas.4) Need variety of winter non-motorized recreation opportunities to scenic areas.5) Same as 2.6) Monitor use and enforce restrictions.7) Maintain character of wilderness study area.8) Protection of wildlife and reduce noise and air pollution.

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Issue Recreation Opportunities

Desired Condition Statement	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Develop and maintain an accessible horse camp at Swisher Lake at the horse unloading area. This includes corrals, wheelchair mounting ramps, rest room facilities, and right of way signage at key locations.2) Same as above at Gateway Boat Camp.3) Provide primitive long distance recreation opportunities for hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers (excluding the Wilderness Study Area which should prohibit mountain bikes).
Identify Priority Areas or Opportunities	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Swisher Lake2) Gateway and any future designated areas3) Wilderness Study Area, for hikers and equestrians
Describe why this is a priority	Area are frequently accessed. Provides access for primitive, quiet use in the backcountry. Allows access for disables equestrians. Swisher Lake could serve the local handicapped riding program as well as independent riders.

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Issue Primitive and Semi-Primitive Areas

Desired Condition Statement	Adopt the following definitions of primitive and semi-primitive areas: Primitive shall be defined as roadless areas, not designated as wilderness or classified as semi-primitive and to be managed as primitive, non-motorized areas as described in 36 CFR 293.17. Primitive areas may allow some uses not generally allowed in wilderness areas, (i.e. mountain bikes, limited timber harvest for specific purposes as described in 36 CFR 294.12 and mineral leasing with no surface occupancy). Semi-primitive shall be defined as roadless areas not designated as wilderness or classified as primitive to be managed as semi-primitive, non-motorized areas. Semi-primitive areas may allow winter motorized use pursuant to written agreements, limited timber harvest for specific purposes as described in 36CFR 294.12 and mineral leasing with no surface occupancy.
Identify Priority Areas or Opportunities	Primitive and Semi-Primitive Areas
Describe why this is a priority	Clarifies mentioned areas and assists in educating the public on boundaries and allowed used in the areas.