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# Never Summer Wilderness Geographic Area

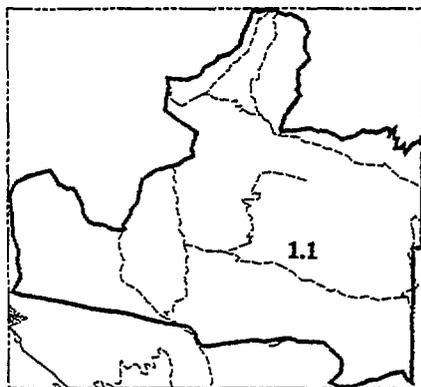
14,257 NFS Acres    0 Non-NFS Acres    14,257 Total Acres

Management Area Prescription Allocation  
1.1 - Wilderness

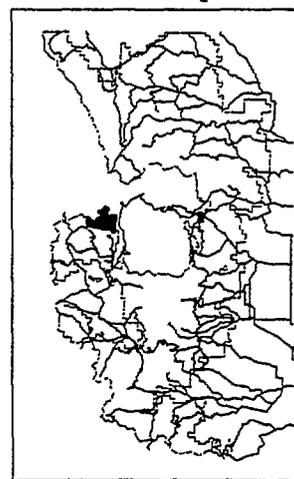
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### Legend

-  Not NFS Lands
-  Roads
-  Trails
-  Utility Corridors (0.00 Mi.)
-  Electronic Sites



Locator Map



Scale 1:200,000  
0 1  
Miles



**NEVER SUMMER WILDERNESS GEOGRAPHIC AREA**

**Setting**

The Never Summer Wilderness is located approximately 18 miles north of the Town of Granby, and totals 14,100 acres, of which 301 acres are privately owned. The area was declared a Wilderness by Congress in 1980. Elevations vary from 12,706 feet at the top of Mt. Nimbus to 8,944 feet along Baker Gulch. The area is forested with lodgepole pine, Engelmann spruce, subalpine fir, and aspen. Much of the area is above timberline, with alpine meadows and tundra on the high ridges and peaks. The major streams are Bowen and Baker Gulches. The area contains Bowen, Parika and Blue lakes. The area was mined early in the century, and the old mines are still visible. Grand Ditch, built in the 1890s, is a non-wilderness intrusion to the area. There are no roads, but a network of trails, including the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, provides access to most of the area.

**Goals and Desired Conditions**

Emphasize wilderness ecosystems and recreation as the primary functions of the Never Summer Wilderness. Closely monitor camping in select areas. Implement measures to control use if damage occurs beyond limits of acceptable change. Continue to allow dogs if they are kept under control.

Complete a fire management plan for the Never Summer Wilderness that considers sustaining old growth and biodiversity. Timber harvest will not occur.

Acquire isolated, undeveloped parcels within the Baker Gulch, Ruby Mountain, and Blue Lakes areas to enhance the wilderness recreational experience.

Maintain habitat quality for bighorn sheep.

Fire management prescriptions for the geographic area are shown on the *wildland fire management strategy map* included with this document.

**Travel Management Strategy, Never Summer Geographic Area**

Management Area	Mode	Existing System	Convert Ways	New Rds/Trls	Extent of Additions	Extent of Obliterations
1.1	4WD	N	N	N	N	N
	MTR	N	N	N	N	N
	WMT	N	N	N	N	N
	WNM	Y	N	Y	L	N
	NMT	Y	N	Y	L	N

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