

Figure 2.54

Buffalo Park Geographic Area

14,639 NFS Acres 294 Non-NFS Acres 14,933 Total Acres

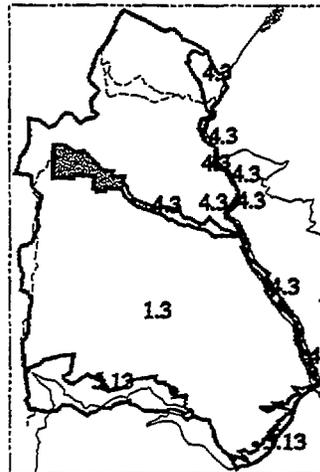
Management Area Prescription Allocation

- 1.3 - Backcountry Recreation
- 4.3 - Dispersed Recreation
- 5.13 - Forest Products

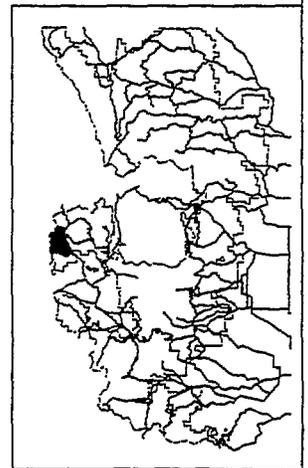
NFS Acres
12,942
543
1,154

Legend

-  Not NFS Lands
-  Roads
-  Trails
-  Utility Corridors (2.12 Mi.)
-  Electronic Sites



Locator Map



Scale 1:200,000
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Miles



BUFFALO GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Setting

The area is located approximately 9 miles northwest of the town of Granby, and includes 14,808 acres of which 197 acres are private lands. Elevations vary from 10,736 feet at the top of Searight Mountain to 8,428 feet along Willow Creek.

Most of the area is forested with aspen, lodgepole pine, subalpine fir, and Engelmann spruce. Meadows and sagebrush parks occur along the tributaries of Buffalo Creek. Major streams in the area include Trail, Buffalo, and Cabin Creeks and Sawmill Gulch. There are no lakes.

The Buffalo grazing allotment, which dates back to 1912, uses much of the area. The area is also popular for elk hunting during the big game season and several outfitter guide, special-use permittees operate in the area.

Goals and Desired Conditions

Management Area 4.3

Encourage motorized travel along main roadways only to perpetuate roadless character of surrounding area. Nonmotorized uses are not encouraged because of safety concerns along the main road.

Harden heavily-used dispersed camping sites along Willow Creek.

Reconstruct developed campgrounds at Denver Creek and Sawmill Gulch.

A full range of silvicultural and harvest practices may be utilized; logging occurs only on an irregular, opportunity- or need-driven basis. Harvest is utilized only to meet other objectives such as habitat improvement and recreation enhancement. Harvesting can occur on tentatively suitable and not available or on unsuitable lands as long as allowed by management area prescriptions and forestwide standards and guidelines.

Manage activities to protect existing Colorado River cutthroat trout habitat and populations and to enhance recovery.

Accept insect and disease losses unless they threaten other ownership or cause unacceptable resource damage.

Management Area 1.3

Restore adequate fencing to insure proper livestock distribution.

Accept insect and disease losses unless they threaten other ownership or cause unacceptable resource damage.

Prohibit summer motorized use. Encourage snowmobile use and nonmotorized uses. Consider creating new snowmobile and nonmotorized routes.

Management Area 5.13

Timber harvest is probable. Manage for enhanced timber productivity. Thin regenerating stands. Use timber harvest to create conditions which make insect and disease epidemics unlikely.

Encourage summer motorized use along main roadways only. Encourage snowmobile use. Do not encourage summer nonmotorized uses because of safety concerns along the roadway. Encourage winter nonmotorized uses.

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

Travel Management Strategy, Buffalo Geographic Area

Management Area	Mode	Existing System	Convert Ways	New Rds/Trls	Extent of Additions	Extent of Obliterations
1.3	4WD	N	N	N	N	L
	MTR	N	N	N	N	N
	WMT	Y	N	Y	L	N
	WNM	Y	N	Y	L	N
	NMT	Y	N	Y	L	N
4.3	4WD	N	N	N	N	N
	MTR	N	N	N	N	N
	WMT	N	N	N	N	N
	WNM	N	N	N	N	N
	NMT	N	N	N	N	N
5.13	4WD	N	N	N	N	L
	MTR	N	N	N	N	N
	WMT	Y	N	N	N	N
	WNM	N	N	N	N	N
	NMT	N	N	N	N	N

