

Figure 2.53

Broken Rack Geographic Area

29,139 NFS Acres 1,560 Non-NFS Acres 30,699 Total Acres

Management Area Prescription Allocation

1.3 - Backcountry Recreation

3.5 - Forested Flora or Fauna Habitats-Limited Management

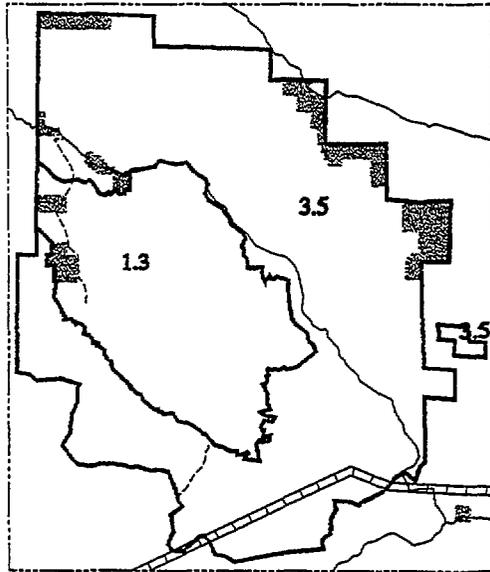
NFS Acres

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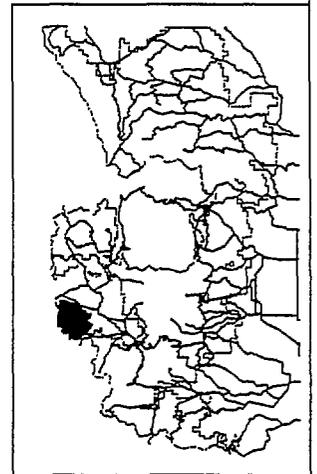
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Legend

-  Not NFS Lands
-  Roads
-  Trails
-  Utility Corridors (3.49 Mi.)
-  Electronic Sites



Locator Map



Scale 1:200,000
0 1
Miles



BROKEN RACK GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Setting

The area is located approximately 6 miles southwest of the Town of Granby, and includes 34,653 acres, of which 1,721 acres are in private ownership. Elevations vary from 10,640 feet at the top of Blue Ridge to 7,810 feet along Little Muddy Creek.

Most of the area is forested with aspen, lodgepole pine, Engelmann spruce, Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, and subalpine fir. Meadows and sagebrush parks occur at the lower elevations along Beaver and Little Muddy Creeks. The major streams include Little Muddy, Beaver, Eightmile, Cub, Strawberry, and Kelly Creeks. There are several small ponds in the area.

Important winter range and migration routes are present. Colorado River cutthroat trout occur in many waterways. Four grazing allotments also occur here. FDRs 133, 134, and 253 are popular routes for sightseeing, four-wheeling, and travel by hunters. Snowmobiling is a common winter use.

Goals and Desired Conditions

Maintain and/or enhance winter range through travel management, noxious weed control, and habitat manipulation (prescribed fire, fertilization, grazing utilization).

Pursue opportunities to improve watershed conditions in Muddy Creek, which was rated Class III (non-functional) in the watershed-condition assessment. Manage activities to protect existing Colorado River cutthroat trout habitat and populations and to enhance recovery.

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

Management Area 1.3

Timber harvest and road construction will not occur.

Summer motorized activities are prohibited. Snowmobile use is discouraged. Nonmotorized activities are encouraged. Some new nonmotorized trails may be added.

Management Area 3.5

Improve watershed conditions by stabilizing or closing old road networks in the upper Beaver and Little Muddy drainages. Protecting or maintaining critical or important wildlife habitat may also require road closures or obliterations.

A full range of silvicultural and harvest practices may be utilized. Logging occurs only on an irregular, opportunity- or need-driven basis. Goals of vegetation management are to 1) provide for future blocks of interior forest by removing remnant stands of ineffective habitat, 2) increase aspen habitat by enlarging existing stands through removal of adjacent lodgepole pine, 3) retain existing blocks of interior forest and currently effective forested corridors, 4) retain and recruit old-growth habitat. Timber harvest is not probable in Timber, Brinker, and lower Beaver Creek drainages.

Summer motorized use is encouraged along existing routes only to protect effective wildlife habitat. No new roads are expected to be added except for timber extraction and firewood opportunities. These roads would be closed after harvest activities have concluded. Some motorized trails may be added to separate uses for safety. Snowmobile use is encouraged except in winter-range areas where use is discouraged. Nonmotorized uses are encouraged and additional trails may be added.

Travel Management Strategy, Broken Rack Geographic Area

Managment 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	N	N	N	N	N
	WNM	Y	N	N	N	N
	NMT	Y	N	Y	L	N
3.5	4WD	Y	N	N	N	M
	MTR	N	Y	Y	M	N
	WMT	Y	Y	Y	H	N
	WNM	Y	Y	Y	L	N
	NMT	Y	Y	Y	L	N

