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Cameron Pass Geographic Area

14,056 NFS Acres 1,684 Non-NFS Acres 15,740 Total Acres

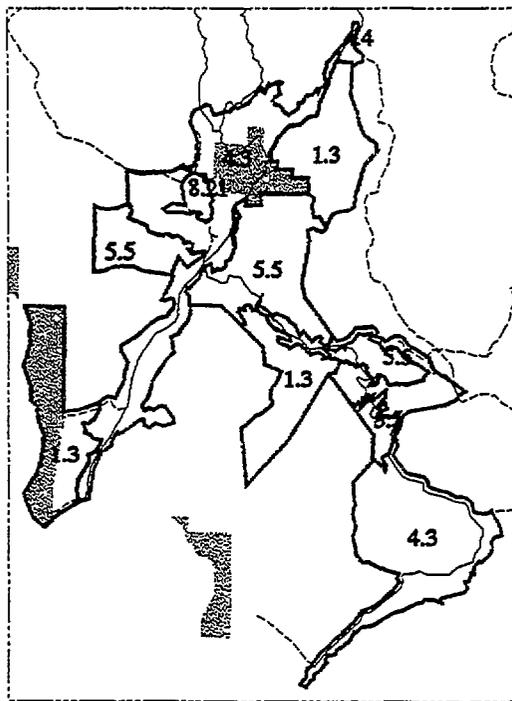
Management Area Prescription Allocation

- 1.3 - Backcountry Recreation
- 4.3 - Dispersed Recreation
- 4.4 - Designated and Eligible Recreation Rivers
- 5.5 - Forest Products and Dispersed Recreation
- 8.21 - Developed Recreation Complexes

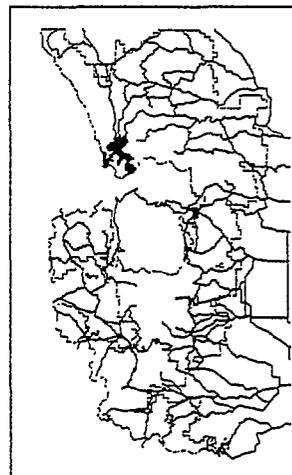
NFS Acres
3,218
7,001
97
3,511
229

Legend

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



Locator Map



Scale 1:200,000
0 1
Miles



CAMERON PASS GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Setting

The area is located approximately 70 miles west of Fort Collins. Elevation varies from 8,900 to 11,355 feet. The area is covered by lodgepole pine and aspen on south- and east-facing slopes and by Engelmann spruce and subalpine fir on north and west aspects. Krummholz spruce and fir are found at timberline. Chambers Lake, Long Draw Reservoir, Joe Wright Reservoir, Peterson Lake and Barnes Meadow Reservoir are major features in the area. Greenback cutthroat trout broodstock population has been established in Zimmerman Lake. Moose populations are increasing.

Vegetation management has occurred throughout the area for the past 100 years beginning with the construction of dams for mountain reservoirs and clearing for the current location of Colorado State Highway 14. Recent harvesting has been primarily in the form of moderate-scale commercial sales. Early structural stages are underrepresented in all tree-cover types. The aspen-cover type is being encroached by conifers as the stands increase in age. There is one vacant livestock grazing allotment. The area is infrequently burned by wildfire. The water resource in the area is highly regulated by the reservoir owners. Recreational use (both motorized and nonmotorized) is high during most of the year, and continues to increase. There are numerous developed facilities such as trailheads and campgrounds.

The current transportation system's primary access routes are Colorado State Highway 14, Laramie River Road (Larimer County Road 103) and Long Draw Road (Forest Development Road 156). There is an extensive network of secondary roads both National Forest System and user-created and some nonmotorized system trails. Motorized and nonmotorized winter travel occurs primarily on the Long Draw, Cameron Pass and Laramie River roads.

Goals and Desired Condition

Protect wetlands and riparian areas. Coordinate fish stocking with the Division of Wildlife. Maintain habitat for threatened and endangered species. Manage activities to protect existing greenback cutthroat trout habitat and populations and to enhance recovery. Seek opportunities to improve or compensate for Class III (non-functional) watershed conditions in la Poudre Pass Creek.

Maintain healthy willow communities in areas used by moose.

The wildland fire management strategy is perimeter control.

Close the vacant Corral Park grazing allotment because of its proximity to Rocky Mountain National Park and the Rawah Wilderness.

Implement seasonal road closures to provide for wildlife habitat and resource protection during critical periods of the year.

Establish and maintain designated campsites along the Long Draw and Peterson Lake road corridors.

Monitor use of trails to insure that unauthorized outfitting and guiding activities are not occurring. Limit commercial outfitting and guiding to prevent negative impacts on noncommercial public uses.

Management Areas 1.3 and 4.4

Emphasize nonmotorized, dispersed recreation.

Timber harvest is not allowed. Accept insect and disease losses. Natural processes will be the primary actions that affect the vegetation mix and structure. Although not scheduled, prescribed fire (mixed/variable and stand-replacement fires) may be implemented.

Designate and maintain winter travel routes for nonmotorized uses. Explore opportunities to expand crosscountry skiing and hiking trails.

Management Area 4.3

Emphasize dispersed recreation.

Manage vegetation to address insect and disease problems, to enhance scenic values, and to assure public safety. Limited timber harvest is suitable and available for the Long Draw Campground and Joe Wright area for visual enhancement and to complete previous silvicultural treatments.

Designate or close dispersed recreational sites adjacent to the Laramie River Road to reduce or eliminate negative environmental or visual impacts. Consider closure of roads and trails that cause resource damage or are in excess of National Forest System needs.

Accomodate motorized use on the existing transportation system during the summer and fall seasons and on maintained designated routes during winter. Explore opportunities to provide loop routes to enhance snowmobile use. Consider opportunities for creating nonmotorized loop trails to expand and distribute use throughout the year.

Management Area 5.5

Emphasize dispersed recreation.

Manage the removal of forest products to maintain natural appearances and to complement

recreational values in the Sawmill and Barnes Meadow areas.

Manage vegetation to provide the needed mix of wildlife habitats, enhance scenic values, reduction of fuels, and production of timber products. Encourage recruitment and retention of old growth. Timber harvest is probable in the Sawmill and Barnes Meadow areas. Use temporary access roads, as needed, to achieve fuels reduction and to improve wildlife habitat; close roads once the activity is completed.

Accomodate motorized use on the existing transportation system during the summer and fall seasons and on maintained designated routes during winter. Explore opportunities to provide loop routes to enhance snowmobile use. Consider opportunities for creating nonmotorized loop trails to expand and distribute use throughout the year. Consider closure of roads and trails that cause resource damage or are in excess of National Forest System needs.

Management Area 8.21

Emphasize developed recreation.

Manage vegetation to address insect and disease problems, to enhance scenic values, and to assure public safety. Accept insect and disease losses unless unacceptable resource damage would occur. Limited timber harvest is tentatively suitable and not available.

Standards and Guidelines

1. (GL) Limit camping in the Long Draw and Peterson Lake Road corridors to designated sites only.

Travel Management Strategy, Cameron Pass 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	N
	MTR	N	N	N	N	N
	WMT	N	N	N	N	N
	WNM	Y	N	Y	L	N
	NMT	Y	Y	Y	L	N
4.3	4WD	Y	N	N	N	L
	MTR	N	N	N	N	N
	WMT	Y	N	Y	L	N
	WNM	Y	N	Y	L	N
	NMT	Y	Y	Y	L	N

Management Area	Mode	Existing System	Convert Ways	New Rds/Trls	Extent of Additions	Extent of Obliterations
4.4	4WD	N	N	N	N	N
	MTR	N	N	N	N	N
	WMT	N	N	N	N	N
	WNM	Y	N	N	N	N
	NMT	Y	N	N	N	L
5.5	4WD	Y	N	N	N	L
	MTR	N	N	N	N	N
	WMT	Y	N	N	N	N
	WNM	Y	Y	Y	L	N
	NMT	Y	Y	Y	L	N
8.21	4WD	Y	N	N	N	N
	MTR	N	N	N	N	N
	WMT	N	N	N	N	N
	WNM	Y	N	N	N	N
	NMT	Y	N	N	N	N

