

**1997 Revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan
Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests
and
Pawnee National Grassland**

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Amendment No. 7

Forest Plan:	<u>New Page Numbers</u>	<u>Superseded Page Numbers</u>
	77-78	same
	113-116	same
	319-321	same

Description

This amendment is based on the environmental assessment conducted for the Forest Plan Amendment for Berthoud Pass and its associated decision notice and finding of no significant impact. This amendment changes the Forest Plan by modifying the management area direction for the Berthoud Pass, James Peak, and Winter Park Geographic Areas as shown in Table 1 and modifying the geographic area direction by adding a travel management strategy for the new 3.55 and 8.21 management area as described in Table 2.

The Berthoud Pass and James Peak Geographic Area directions is modified by removing all references to 8.22 and the Berthoud Pass ski area. The Winter Park Geographic Area references to 8.22 are not removed because the Winter Park Ski Area is also designated as 8.22 and is located within the area. The Berthoud Pass and Winter Park Geographic Areas are modified to emphasize non-motorized use and the continuation of area closures in the area to prohibit motorized activities. All three Geographic Areas will be modified to add language to emphasize the lynx linkage area and the associated desired condition for lynx.

Table 1: Management Area, ROS, and VQO Changes

Management Area	ROS	VQO	Acres
Existing 8.22 – Ski-based Resort changed to 1.3 – Backcountry Recreation	Rural	Modification	1,130
	Semiprimitive Non-Motorized	Retention	
Existing 8.22 – Ski-based Resort changed to 3.55 – Corridor Connecting Core Areas	Rural	Modification	908
	Semiprimitive Non-Motorized	Partial Retention	
Existing 8.22 – Ski-based Resort changed to 4.2 – Scenic Area	Rural	Modification	436
	Roaded Natural	Retention	
Existing 8.22 – Ski-based Resort changed to 8.21 – Developed Recreation	Rural	Modification	12
	Rural	Modification	
Existing 4.2 – Scenic Area changed to 3.55 – Corridor Connecting Core Areas	Roaded Natural	Retention	143
	Semiprimitive Non-Motorized	Partial Retention	

Table 2: Travel Management Strategy

Management Area	Mode	Existing System	Convert Ways	New Rds/Trls	Extent of Additions	Extent of Obliterations
3.55	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	Y	N	L	L
8.3	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	Y	Y	L	L

Way = User defined trail or road that is not recognized as part of the official transportation system.

Mode: 4WD = Four-wheel drive; MTR = Motorized trails; WMT = Winter motorized; WNM = Winter non-motorized; NMT = Non-motorized trails

Existing System: Y = Yes, the existing system is adequate for identified uses and will be mostly retained in the future; some swaps may occur. N = No, the existing system is not adequate or is nonexistent.

Convert Ways: Y = Yes, conversion of ways to the system are likely. N = No, existing ways will most likely be obliterated.

New Roads/Trails: Y = Yes, new roads and/or trails will most likely be constructed in the planning period. N = No, new roads or trails will not likely be constructed in this planning horizon.

Extent of Additions: L = Low, less than 5 miles will most likely be added to the system in this management area. N = None, no additions will be made within this planning period.

Extent of Obliterations: L = Low, fewer than 5 miles of system travelways and ways will most likely be obliterated within this planning period. N = None, no obliterations will be carried out within this planning period.

Reason for Amendment

This amendment is needed because it has been determined that the viability of a developed ski area in today's market is improbable at this location and the area is currently designated to be managed as a Ski-based Resort (8.22). Therefore, the management area direction for the Berthoud Pass area no longer accurately reflects management existing or desired conditions.

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APPENDIX A – FOREST PLAN REPLACEMENT PAGES

The following text is the modified Geographic Area direction for the Berthoud Pass, James Peak and Winter Park Geographic Areas as it would appear in the replacement pages for the Forest Plan.