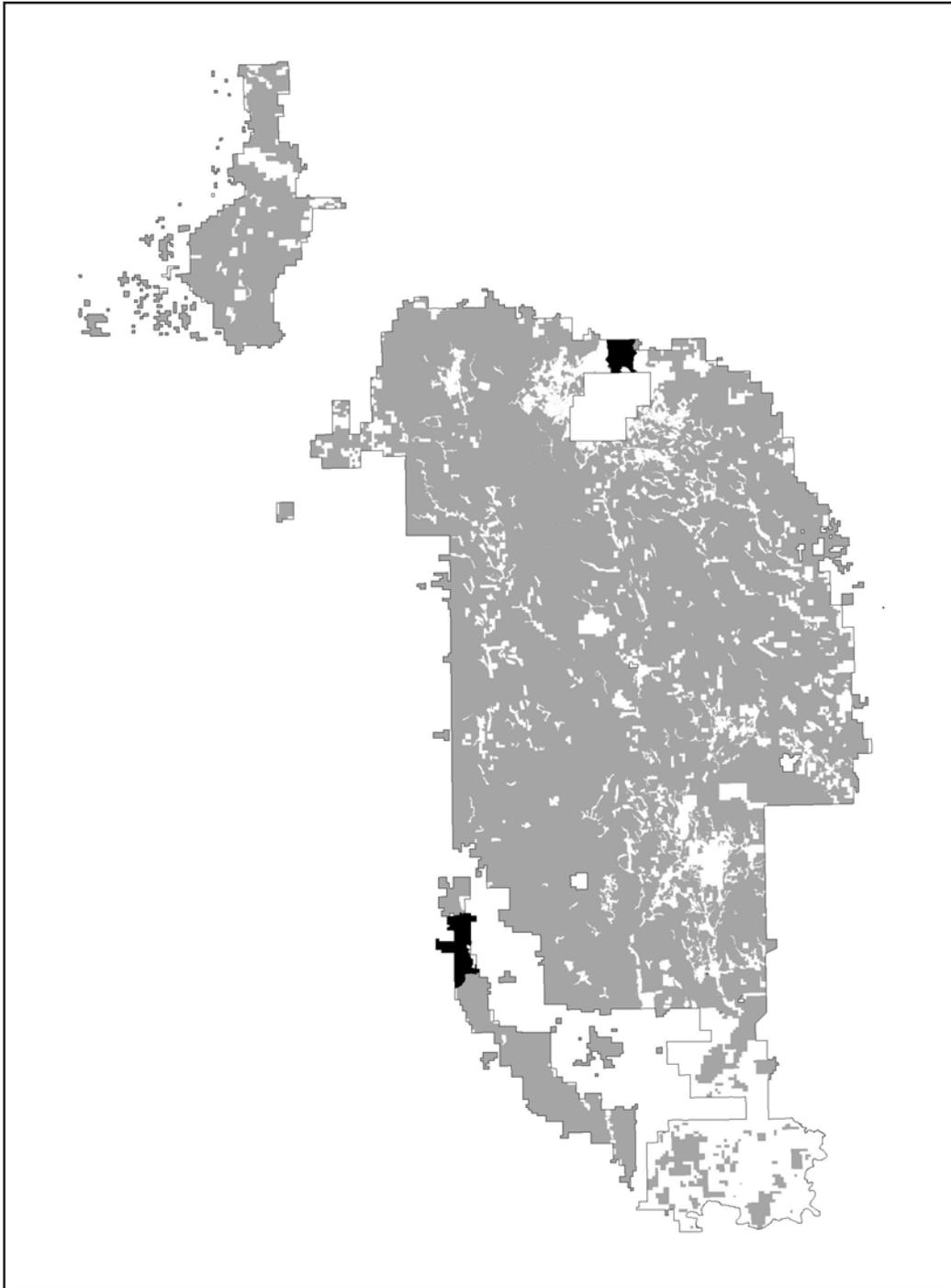




## Management Area 3.31 Backcountry Motorized Recreation Emphasis

**Theme:** These areas are managed to provide recreation opportunities on primitive roads and trails in a semi-primitive setting.





<p><b>Management Area 3.31</b> 11,870 Acres Less than 1 percent of Forest</p>	<p><b>Backcountry Areas</b> Polo Peak Wildcat Peak</p>
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**Setting:** Usually, these areas are 2,500 acres in size or larger and generally have primitive roads and a system of trails that allow motorized use.

**Activities and Opportunities:**

Non-motorized Dispersed Recreation	Yes
On-Road Motorized Vehicles	Yes
Off-Road Motorized Vehicles	Designated Trails Only, except administrative use
Timber Harvesting	Minimal
Livestock Grazing	Yes
Mineral Development	Yes

**Desired Future Condition:** Generally, few signs of people away from roads or trails are evident. There is little or no evidence of recent human activity or development. Overall, the landscapes of these areas are scenic and natural.

Management provides for a variety of uncrowded, motorized recreational activities in areas that appear natural. Challenging off-highway motorized opportunities exist on area trails. This management area also may be suitable for non-motorized uses, such as hiking and photography.

Enhancement of recreational opportunities is provided through improvements to trailheads, trails, signs, bridges, fences and shelters. Trails are designed to provide a range of opportunities for people, horses and vehicles.

Vegetation may be altered through a variety of management activities, including the use of prescribed fire from management and natural ignitions in order to enhance recreational opportunities, to provide vistas for people to view surrounding areas, or to meet objectives for wildlife habitat. Altered areas are small and are not generally evident to people visiting the area.

Snowmobile and cross-country skiing uses are allowed and skiers should expect to encounter snowmobiles.



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## **Management Area Goals and Objectives**

### **Social Elements**

#### **Scenery Management**

3.31-401. Emphasize visually appealing landscapes such as vista openings, rock outcroppings, and diversity of vegetation. **GOAL**

#### **Transportation and Travel**

3.31-402. Management of the area requires trails that are designated for use by motorized off-highway vehicles. Trails will be maintained and occasionally built to provide all levels of difficulty for off-highway use. Trails should not be built if they would encourage resource damage. **GOAL**

3.31-403. Motorized trails should be developed to provide all levels of difficulty using existing roads and trails where possible. Transportation systems should be dispersed rather than concentrated. **OBJECTIVE**

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## **Management Area Standards and Guidelines**

### **Biological Elements -- Flora**

#### **Forested Communities**

3.31-2101. Vegetative management practices are available, usually to meet specific recreation and wildlife objectives, which generally maintain a mature forest appearance. Timber harvest may also be used to prevent or respond to epidemic insect conditions which could threaten resource objectives within or adjacent to the management area. **GUIDELINE**

3.31-2102. Tentatively suitable lands within these areas do not contribute to the allowable sale quantity and are not part of the suitable timber land base. **STANDARD**

### **Biological Elements -- Fauna**

#### **Wildlife**

3.31-3201. Habitat improvement projects to increase the potential for viewing a variety of wildlife species should be encouraged. **GUIDELINE**

3.31-3202. **\*DELETED**



## Disturbance Processes

### Fire and Fuels

3.31-4101. Utilize appropriate fuel treatment practices, including prescribed fire, to achieve resource management objectives. **GUIDELINE**

## Social Elements

### Recreation

3.31-5101. All resource management activities should be compatible with and minimize impacts to recreational resources and opportunities. **GUIDELINE**

3.31-5102. The recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) class is semi-primitive motorized. **GUIDELINE**

3.31-5103. Concentrated use will be discouraged. **GUIDELINE**

### Scenery Management

3.31-5601. The adopted scenic integrity objectives (SIO) are:

High = 1,189 Acres

Moderate = 10,702 Acres

**GUIDELINE**

## Transportation and Travel

(Exceptions to travel restrictions/prohibitions may be allowed for administrative uses,)

3.31-9101. Forest development roads will generally not exist. **GUIDELINE**

3.31-9102. Off-road motorized travel is allowed on trails only. **GUIDELINE**

3.31-9103. Over-the-snow motorized travel is allowed. **GUIDELINE**