

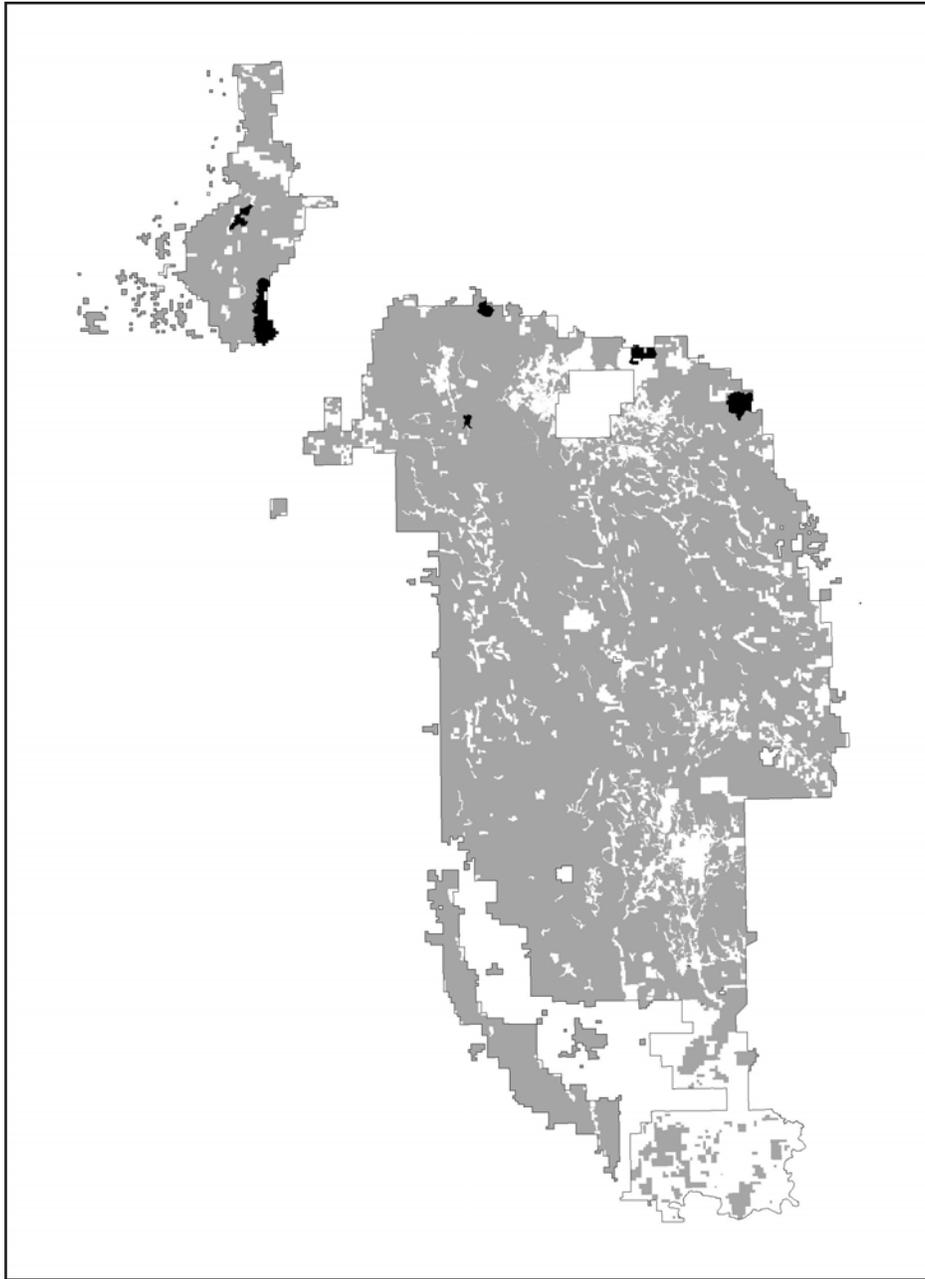


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## Management Area 3.32 Backcountry Non-Motorized Recreation Emphasis

**Theme:** These areas are managed to provide recreation opportunities in a semi-primitive setting. Summer use is non-motorized. Over-the-snow vehicles could be allowed during the snow season.





<p><b>Management Area 3.32</b></p> <p>11,563 Acres</p> <p>Less than 1 percent of Forest</p>	<p><b>Backcountry Areas</b></p> <p>Cook Lake Area</p> <p>Sundance Burn</p> <p>Crow Peak</p> <p>Little Spearfish Creek</p> <p>Crook Mountain</p> <p>Beaver Gulch</p>
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**Setting:** These areas are usually 2,500 acres or larger. They are usually unroaded, but may display some evidence of past roading. There are few signs of recent human disturbance.

### Activities and Opportunities:

Non-motorized Dispersed Recreation	Yes
On-Road Motorized Vehicles	Case by case
Off-Road Motorized Vehicles	No, except administrative
Timber Harvesting	Minimal
Livestock Grazing	Yes
Mineral Development	Yes

**Desired Future Condition:** This management area provides a backcountry setting with a high likelihood of solitude; at times, however, large groups of people may be present. A variety of uncrowded, non-motorized recreational opportunities are provided. Improvements to this management area include trailheads, trails, signs, bridges, fences and shelters.

Trails provide challenging hiking, horseback riding, oversnow motorized travel, and mountain biking opportunities.

Old road beds may be evident, though rehabilitation efforts are probably underway to change their appearance. Old road beds may be used as part of a trail system. Roads currently maintained at level 3, 4, and 5 will be downgraded to level 2 for administrative use.

Vegetation may be altered through a variety of management activities including the use of prescribed fire from both management and natural ignitions in order to enhance recreational opportunities, to provide for wildlife habitat or to provide vistas from which people can view the natural landscape.

These areas may offer hunting opportunities away from motorized vehicles.



## **Management Area Goals and Objectives**

### **Social Elements**

#### **Scenery Management**

3.32-401. Emphasize visually appealing landscapes such as vista openings, rock outcroppings, and diversity of vegetation. **OBJECTIVE**

## **Management Area Standards and Guidelines**

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

#### **Forested Communities**

3.32-2101. Management activities should replicate biological processes found in the area and strive to replicate natural vegetative patterns and patch size. **GUIDELINE**

3.32-2102. 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**

3.32-2103. 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**

3.32-3201. Habitat improvement projects to increase the potential for viewing a variety of wildlife species should be encouraged. **GUIDELINE**

3.32-3202. \*DELETED

### **Disturbance Processes**

#### **Fire and Fuels**

3.32-4101. Utilize appropriate fuel treatment practices, including prescribed fire, to achieve resource management objectives. **GUIDELINE**

### **Social Elements**

#### **Recreation**

3.32-5101. All resource management activities should be compatible with and minimize impacts to recreational resources and opportunities. **GUIDELINE**

3.32-5102. Concentrated use will be discouraged. **GUIDELINE**



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3.32-5103. The recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) class is semi-primitive non-motorized. The over-the-snow ROS class is semi-primitive motorized.

**GUIDELINE**

### **Scenery Management**

3.32-5601. The adopted scenic integrity objectives is high. **GUIDELINE**

### **Travel and Transportation**

3.32-9101. Motorized road and off-road vehicle travel is prohibited. There may be exceptions for main forest development roads and administrative use. **GUIDELINE**

3.32-9102. Non-motorized trails should be developed providing experiences at all levels of difficulty. **GUIDELINE**

3.32-9103. \*Motorized trails will not be developed except for snow trails and over-the-snow dispersed use in areas where there are no conflicts with non-motorized use, management indicator species, and R2 sensitive and species of local concern. **STANDARD**

3.32-9104. Adequate access and trail systems should accommodate and disperse use without encouraging concentrated use. **GUIDELINE**