Mill Creek Travel Planning Area

A. Travel Area Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines

GOAL 1: Summer Recreation Use. Provide, but separate opportunities for both motorized and non-motorized summer recreation use. Emphasize passenger vehicle travel along the existing network of open roads either for pleasure driving or to provide access to specific destinations. Emphasize hiking and horseback riding on area trails and ATV/motorcycle use in the Chico Peak area.

OBJ. 1-1: Achieve the summer recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 1 through the route-by-route management decisions made through this Travel Plan. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for summer uses (October, 2006)] which is hereby incorporated by reference.

OBJ. 1-2: Provide 1 or 2 ATV/motorcycle loop trails within this Travel Planning Area.

OBJ. 1-3: Provide additional access to the Forest between Pine Creek and Mill Creek and across patented mining claims and other private lands in the Chico Peak area.

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

OBJ. 2-1: Achieve the winter recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 2 through the marked and groomed route management decisions made through this Travel Plan along with decisions made on the area available to snowmobiles. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for winter uses (October, 2006)] which is hereby incorporated by reference.

GOAL 3: Fisheries. Provide habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in Mill Creek, East Fork of Mill Creek and Sixmile Creek.

In this Travel Planning Area, this goal is pursued through application of Forest-wide standards.

GOAL 4: Other Resource Protection. Provide a road and trail system that accommodates traffic consistent with protecting soil and watershed condition.

OBJ. 4-1: Repair damage to road and trail system and schedule maintenance to attain conditions that are non-erosive.

OBJ. 4-2: Provide interpretive/educational signing along motorized routes and in affected areas, asking motorized users seeking camp spots to stay out of wet, muddy and
shrubby areas, and to keep vehicles (and campsites) a minimum distance (e.g. 50 feet) from lakes, ponds, rivers and streams.

**B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management**

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