

Tom Miner-Rock Creek Travel Planning Area

A. Alternative Travel Area Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines

Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternative 1

Alternative 1 is the “no action” alternative. There would be no changes to current management direction applicable to travel management.

Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternatives 2 through 7-M

GOAL 1: Summer Recreation Use. Provide low-level opportunities for both motorized and non-motorized summer recreation use with an emphasis on hiking, horseback riding, pleasure driving and motorcycle use. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 1-1a: Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of summer recreation use. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of opportunity varies among alternatives as shown in the following table. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 137 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Pleasure Driving							
Miles of Road	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	15	15	15	15	11	11	15
ATV							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	0	0	8	1	1	0	1
Total Miles	0	0	8	1	1	0	1
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	30	30	7	7	4	4	7
Miles of Trail	11	11	11	11	8	8	11
Total Miles	41	41	18	18	12	12	18
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	0*	0*	1	1	0*
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	11	11	12	12	12	12	12
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*
Hiking (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	11	11	12	12	12	12	12

Table II – 137 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Hiking (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*
* Use for this activity is not prohibited on any trails; use is either emphasized or allowed.							
** Use for this activity is prohibited on some trails.							

OBJ. 1-1b: 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 under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

OBJ. 1-2: Provide a mountain bike loop opportunity. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide backcountry snowmobiling and skiing opportunities. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 2-1a: Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of winter recreation use. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of opportunity varies among alternatives as shown in the following table. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 138 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Pleasure Driving (Plowed Road)							
Miles of Plowed Road	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Snowmobiling							
Miles of Groomed Trail	5	5	5	5	0	4	0
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	3	3	0	2	3
Total Miles	5	5	8	8	0	6	3
Cross-country Skiing							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total Miles	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

Table II - 139 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Snowmobiling							
Yearlong Closure							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	0	0	7,286	7,286	12,725	9,904	7,636
Seasonal Closure <u>2/</u>							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table II - 139 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
No Restrictions							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	13,331	13,331	6,045	6,045	606	3,427	5,695
Net	13,331	13,331	13,331	13,331	13,331	13,331	13,331

2/ Note: Seasonal restrictions are displayed under the route-by-route management section.

OBJ. 2-1b: 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 under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

GOAL 3: Grizzly Bear and Wildlife Habitat Security. Maintain a network of open roads and trails that would provide for grizzly bear and other wildlife habitat security. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 3-1: Effectively close to public use the Soldier Creek/Twin Peaks road system. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 3-2: Work with the private landowner to reduce open road density in Divide Creek. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

GOAL 4: Fisheries. Provide habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in Tom Miner and Rock Creeks. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

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

GOAL 5: Wilderness Character. Manage the Hyalite/Porcupine-Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area to sustain the recreation setting and existing Wilderness characteristics as they were in 1977 and to preserve the area for future consideration as Wilderness. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 5-1: Through monitoring and modification of use patterns, manage designated uses of roads and trails to meet Goal 5. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

[See attached table.](#)

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