

MEDICINE BOW NATIONAL FOREST

Revised Land and Resource Management Plan

Priority Watersheds and Recreation Streams

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The following table shows the recommended 5th-level Priority Watersheds on the Forest. Of the 39 fifth-level watersheds on the Forest, five have been identified as Priority Watersheds for protection and/or restoration. Protection and restoration opportunities exist in all these Priority Watersheds. Portions of the watersheds currently have conditions and values that are desirable to protect, but portions of each watershed would also benefit from restoration. Not all watersheds identified as Watershed Condition Class III are designated as priority watersheds due to the lack of significant aquatic values in some of the Class III watersheds. The majority of the Medicine Bow National Forest located in the Green River basin is a Priority Watershed because it contains nearly half of the remaining Colorado River cutthroat trout populations in the world. Conversely, Laramie Peak contains no Priority Watersheds due to the lack of outstanding water resource values in the area.

Table I-1. Priority watersheds recommended for protection and restoration.

Watershed Name (HUC code)	Restoration Reason & Opportunity	Protection Value – Aquatic Resources
South Platte River Basin		
Crow Creek (1019000901)	Recreation, roads, grazing	Public water supply
North Platte River Basin		
North Platte River and Douglas Creek (1018000201)	Roads, timber harvest, tie drives, dredge mining, recreation	Outstanding fishery and North Platte River is recommended wild and scenic river
Encampment River (1018000205)	Tie drives, grazing, roads	Recommended wild and scenic river and public water supply
Green River Basin		
Little Snake River (1405000301)	Introduced fish species, water diversion, mine drainage, timber harvest, roads, grazing, recreation	Colorado River cutthroat trout
Savery Creek (1405000304)	Introduced fish species, grazing, roads	Colorado River cutthroat trout

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The following table describes water bodies with significant recreational use that is partially or entirely dependant on water resources.

Table I-2. Water bodies with significant recreational use that is partially or entirely dependant on water resources.

Water Body	Segment Identification		Recreational Use
	Upstream terminus	Downstream terminus	
Streams			
Middle Crow Creek	Headwaters (T15N R72W Sec 26)	Forest boundary (T14N R71W Sec 13)	Aesthetic, fishing, developed recreation sites.
Telephone Creek	Headwaters (T16N R79W Sec 9)	Confluence with Nash Fork (T16N R79W Sec 14)	Aesthetic, fishing, developed recreation sites, scenic byway
Nash Fork	Confluence with Telephone Creek (T16N R79W Sec 14)	Confluence with North Fork Little Laramie (T16N R78W Sec 21)	Aesthetic, fishing, developed recreation sites, scenic byway
North Fork Little Laramie River	Confluence with Nash Fork (T16N R78W Sec 21)	Forest boundary (T16N R78W Sec 28)	Aesthetic, fishing, developed recreation sites, scenic byway
	Trail crossing ~1.5 mile upstream North Fork campground (T16N R78W Sec 7)	One mile downstream North Fork campground (T16N R78W Sec 16)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Libby Creek	Libby Lake (T16N R79W Sec 17)	Forest boundary (T16N R78W Sec 33)	Aesthetic, fishing, developed recreation sites, scenic byway
North French Creek	Headwaters (T16N R80W Sec 27)	FDR 227 crossing (T16N R80W Sec 29)	Aesthetic, fishing, developed recreation sites, scenic byway
	FDR 225 crossing (T15N R81W Sec 11)	Confluence with French Creek (T15N R81W Sec 34)	Aesthetic, fishing, developed recreation sites

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Water Body	Segment Identification		Recreational Use
	Upstream terminus	Downstream terminus	
South French Creek	One mile upstream French Creek campground (T15N R81W Sec 26)	Confluence with French Creek (T15N R81W Sec 34)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
French Creek	Lake Marie (T16N R80W Sec 24)	FDR 236 crossing (T15N R80W Sec 10)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
	Confluence of North and South French Creeks (T15N R81W Sec 34)	Forest boundary (T15N R81W Sec 34)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Unnamed tributary to Barrett Creek	Headwaters (T16N R80W Sec 30)	Confluence with Barrett Creek (T16N R81W Sec 28)	Aesthetic, scenic byway
Douglas Creek	%%Headwaters (T15N R79W Sec 18)	%%Confluence with North Platte River (T13N R81W Sec 6)	Aesthetic, developed recreation sites, fishing, recreational dredge mining
Pelton Creek	Confluence with Illinois Creek (T13N R79W Sec 29)	Confluence with Douglas Creek (T13 R79 Sec 19)	Aesthetic, developed recreation sites, fishing
North Platte River	Forest boundary (T12N R80W Sec 23)	Forest boundary (T14N R81W Sec 26)	Aesthetic, developed recreation sites, fishing, commercial and private floating. Portions in designated Wilderness. Eligible for inclusion under the National Wild and Scenic River system.
Encampment River	Confluence with East Fork Encampment River (T12N R84W Sec 10)	Forest boundary (T13N R84W Sec 1)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing, Portions in designated Wilderness. Eligible for inclusion under the National Wild and Scenic River system.

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East Fork Encampment River	Headwaters (T13N R83W Sec 33)	Confluence with Encampment River (T12N R84W Sec 10)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Jack Creek	One mile upstream Jack Creek campground (T15N R87W Sec 1)	One mile downstream Jack Creek campground (T15N R86W Sec 18)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
West Fork Battle Creek	One mile upstream Battle Creek campground (T13N R87W Sec 14)	One mile downstream Battle Creek campground (T13N R87W Sec 22)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Lost Creek	One mile upstream Lost Creek campground (T14N R86W Sec 28)	One mile downstream Lost Creek campground (T14N R86W Sec 32)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Haskin Creek	One mile upstream Haskin Creek campground (T14N R86W Sec 22)	One mile downstream Haskin Creek campground (T14N R86W Sec 34)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Bottle Creek	One mile upstream Bottle Creek campground (T14N R85W Sec 23)	One mile downstream Bottle Creek campground (T14N R84W Sec 19)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Hog Park Creek	Hog Park Reservoir (T12N R84W Sec 5)	Confluence with Encampment River (T12N R84W Sec 10)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Big Creek	Confluence of North, Middle, South Forks Big Creek (T12 R81W Sec 6)	Forest boundary (T13N R81W Sec 32)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing

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	Upstream terminus	Downstream terminus	
North Brush Creek	One mile upstream Lincoln Park campground (T16N R81W Sec 4)	One mile downstream Lincoln Park campground (T16N R81W Sec 8)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Lincoln Creek	One mile upstream Lincoln Park campground (T16N R81W Sec 9)	Confluence with North Brush Creek (T16N R81W Sec 8)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
South Brush Creek	One mile upstream South Brush Creek campground (T16N R81W Sec 22)	One mile downstream South Brush Creek campground (T16N R81W Sec 20)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Rock Creek	Confluence with Deep Creek (T18N R79W Sec 26)	Forest boundary (19N R79W Sec 35)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Deep Creek	Sand Lake Reservoir (T17N R79W Sec 9)	Confluence with Rock Creek (T18N R79W Sec 26)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Medicine Bow River	One mile upstream Bow River campground (T18N R80W Sec 28)	One mile downstream Bow River campground (T18N R80W Sec 21)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Un-named tributary to Medicine Bow River	Deep Lake (T17N R79W Sec 32)	Confluence with Medicine Bow River (T17N R80W Sec 25)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Savage Run Creek	Confluence with un-named tributary (T14N R80W Sec 11)	Forest boundary (T14N R81W Sec 24)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing. Located in designated Wilderness.
Un-named tributary to Savage Run Creek	Headwaters (T15N R80W Sec 35)	Confluence with Savage Run Creek (T14N R80W Sec 11)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing

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	Upstream terminus	Downstream terminus	
Boswell Creek	One mile upstream Boswell Creek campground (T12N R78W Sec 21)	One mile downstream Boswell Creek campground (T12N R78W Sec 14)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing. Located in designated wilderness.
Lodgepole Creek	Headwaters (T15N R72W Sec 26)	WY Hwy 210 crossing (T15N R71 Sec 20)	Aesthetic, developed recreation sites, fishing
La Prele Creek	One mile upstream Campbell Creek campground (T29N R75W Sec 33)	One mile downstream Campbell Creek campground (T29N R75W Sec 21)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Campbell Creek	One mile upstream Campbell Creek campground (T29N R75W Sec 33)	Confluence with La Prele Creek (T29N R75W Sec 28)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
LaBonte Creek	One mile upstream Curtis Gulch campground (T28N R73W Sec 18)	One mile downstream Curtis Gulch campground (T28N R73W Sec 9)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Friend Creek	Headwaters (T27N R72W Sec 35)	One mile downstream Friend Park campground (T26N R72W Sec 8)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Arapaho Creek	Headwaters (T26N R72W Sec 3)	Point at which stream heads southwest (T26N R72W Sec 14)	Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing
Lakes/Reservoirs			
All named and un-named alpine lakes in Snowy Range area.			

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Battle Lake	(T14N R86W Sec 25)		Aesthetic, developed recreation site.
Hog Park Reservoir	(T13N R84W Sec 6, 7, 8)		Aesthetic, developed recreation sites, boating, fishing.
Silver Lake	(T16N R80W Sec 35)		Aesthetic, developed recreation sites, boating, fishing.
Rob Roy Reservoir	(T14N R79 Sec 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11)		Aesthetic, developed recreation sites, boating, fishing.
Barber Lake	(T16N R78W Sec 29)		Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing.
Lake Owen	(T14N R78W Sec 25)		Aesthetic, developed recreation site, boating, fishing.
Miller Lake	(T13N R78W Sec 28)		Aesthetic, developed recreation site, fishing.