

Unique areas and features include the following:

- ◆ Remnants of an abandoned wooden, narrow-gage trolley built to haul logs.
- ◆ Remnants of several historic portable sawmill sets.
- ◆ Excellent opportunities for solitude and isolation in an undisturbed, pristine setting.
- ◆ Ashenfelder Special Interest Area.
- ◆ Recreation use in the Esterbrook community and adjacent Forest System lands reflect a mixture of private and public land values that can conflict or compliment.

Management Area Prescription Allocation – The management area prescriptions applied to the Horseshoe Creek Geographic Area are listed in the following table.

Table 3-6. Horseshoe Creek management area prescriptions.

#	MA Prescription	Acres	Percent of Total Area
1.31	Backcountry Recreation Year-round Nonmotorized	12,915	21
2.1	Special Interest Areas	2,062	3
3.31	Backcountry Recreation, Year-round Motorized	810	1
3.58	Crucial Deer and Elk Winter Range	1,887	3
4.3	Dispersed Recreation	2,964	5
5.12	General Forest and Rangelands, Rangeland Vegetation Emphasis	7,719	12
5.41	Deer and Elk Winter Range	3,101	5
8.21	Developed Recreation	82	<1
8.6	Administrative Sites	19	<1
	Nonfederal land	31,726	50
	Total	63,284	100

Source: GIS (ARC/Info), allocation and geographic area layers

Geographic Area Desired Condition

Ponderosa pine will continue to be the dominant cover type. In riparian areas, vegetation will include a mix of seral stages, including various age classes of aspen and willow.

Natural processes and vegetation patterns will be apparent in this area. Forested portions of these areas will be dominated by older late successional habitats with

occasional increases of early successional habitats as a result of fire, insects, and disease.

Dispersed motorized recreation opportunities will occur primarily in the northeastern portion of the area. Semi-primitive nonmotorized recreation opportunities will be available in the central and southern portions of the GA (21%).

High-quality big game winter range will occur on 4% of the area.

Geographic Area Objectives, Strategies, Standards, and Guidelines

Objectives:

1. Enter into land exchanges/purchases to consolidate landownership, especially to enhance heavily used dispersed recreation areas.
2. Work closely with the Esterbrook Community to provide complimentary recreation opportunities.
3. Within the planning period, acquire right-of-way access across other ownerships into the Green Ridge Area.

Strategy:

1. Implement the Laramie Peak Bighorn Sheep Habitat Management Plan.

Standard:

1. Manage domestic sheep to provide adequate and effective separation from bighorn sheep, avoiding direct contact between the two.

Guideline:

1. Adhere to agreements in the Memorandum of Agreement between the Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service for the Hydrometeorological Data Collection Sites shown in the table below:

Table 3-7. Hydrometeorological data collection sites.

Site Name	Station #	Elevation	Township	Range	Section
Windy Peak	05G05S	7900	27N	73W	27