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RESOURCE USE ANALYSIS,
OUTFITTER GUIDE NEED DETERMINATION,
AND ALLOCATION OF RECREATION USE**

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PART I – RECREATION USE ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Public lands in Wyoming are the major land base for most outdoor recreation activities in the area. Population growth, increased tourism, and increased interest and diversity in outdoor recreation activities have all contributed to more and more demand for use of these public lands. In addition, demand is expected to continue increasing. Land managers are feeling the pressure to do a better job of allocating limited resources. As managers of the land and its resources, we have a responsibility to sustain our resources. With this responsibility comes the questions of “at what point does continued recreation use cause the experiences that are being pursued to be diminished?” and “at what point does recreation use cause unacceptable effects on natural resources?” This document addresses the determination of upper limits of recreation use throughout the Bighorn National Forest.

DETERMINATION OF NEED

The basis for permitting commercial recreation services on public lands is the determination of need for those services. Need is determined through several avenues: prospective applicants desire to provide services; market demand and trends in recreation activities; agency and forest’s mission and management goals; other agencies; other users; and current outfitter viability.

RESOURCE CAPABILITY (Visitor Use Capacity)

In 1986 a recreation capacity determination was completed as part of the Procedure for Recreation Capacity Determination and Outfitter-Guide Allocation in Dispersed Use Recreation Areas for the Bighorn National Forest. This analysis was driven by the 1985 Forest Plan that directed the establishment of a level of permitted use for commercial recreation services on the Forest. For this updated capacity analysis, the following will be used:

Recreation Use Compartments

The land basis for this analysis is 6th level watershed compartments. These were further broken down by wilderness and non-wilderness and by district boundaries. Then, some areas were combined based on use patterns and access, leaving a total of 65 compartments across the Forest (see Map 1). These compartments are generally delineated along topographic or watershed boundaries, and define typical use patterns. The compartments vary in size, depending on the use patterns, topography, and amount of recreation use that occurs.

Commonly Used Areas

Generally, people travel along established road or trail corridors, camping in areas with flat ground, and avoiding steep slopes. To approximate recreation use patterns, a computer model was developed to identify areas on the Forest where steep ground (over 30% slope) exists and areas of rock greater than 10 acres. All areas less than 30% slope and rock less than 10 acres are then classified as commonly used areas. Other areas classified as commonly used include climbing routes, which are typically over 40% slope, but have established use patterns. Miles of fishable streams and total miles of road per area were also identified.

Areas Excluded

The area within the Medicine Wheel Historic Landmark was eliminated from useable acres per the Historic Preservation Plan dated September 1996.

ROS Class

The ROS classes utilized for this project are the current ROS classes for the preferred alternative in the Forest Plan Revision.

Recreation Capacity and Recreation Use Coefficients

The coefficients are derived from a mathematical equation that sets a minimum spacing between people within an area or along a road or trail. The number of acres or miles is multiplied by an appropriate coefficient to obtain the capacity. The capacity is measured in terms of People At One Time or PAOT. PAOTs represent a snapshot in time, where a calculated number of people are within a given area at a point in time. The maximum number of PAOTs that an area can sustain, based on social, physical, and biological conditions, becomes the PAOT capacity for an area. Coefficients vary by ROS class and by the type of terrain or vegetation patterns present.

The following Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) table comes from a 1982 ROS Forest Service Users guide publication. The table gives a capacity coefficient for each ROS class. It is used as a starting point for establishing capacities as long as further analysis such as usable areas, patterns of use and other factors are considered.

Table I-1 shows figures for both trail capacity and area-wide capacity. The trail capacity process will be utilized by most activities on the forest except for hunting. Most outfitted and guided activities occur along roads and trails. The forestwide capacity estimates will be utilized for hunting and other activities, where use occurs off roads and trails in the general forest area. Guided snowmobile tours occur primarily along groomed snowmobile routes. Capacity estimates will be based on the Semi-Primitive Motorized ROS class "On Trails" coefficient.

The purpose of establishing capacity standards is to help assure and maintain a specific social setting compatible to the desired recreation experience. It is the social setting that is being monitored no the per-acre or per-mile capacity.

Table I-1. Area and Trail Coefficients for Capacity by ROS

ROS Class Coefficients	Very Low	Low	Moderate	High
PRIMITIVE:				
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	0.5	1	2	3
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	1	2	7	25
SEMI-PRIMITIVE NON-MOTORIZED:				
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2	3	9	11
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	4	4	50	80
SEMI-PRIMITIVE MOTORIZED:				
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2	3	9	11
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	4	8	50	80
ROADED NATURAL:				
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2	3	9	11
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	40	80	1,200	2,500
ROADED MODIFIED:				
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2	3	9	11
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	40	80	1,200	2,500
RURAL:				
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2	3	9	11
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	500	800	5,000	7,500

Very low and low apply to rock, mountain grass, and clearcuts 1 to 20 years old. Moderate applies to mountain grass, mature and pole-size ponderosa pine, mature aspen, shelterwood cuts 90 to 120 years old, selection cuts 1 to 20 years old, and clearcuts 80 to 120 years old. High applies to mature and pole-size spruce, pole-size aspen, and clearcuts 20 to 80 years old.

Table I-2 below categorizes each ROS class by Forested or Non-Forested and uses an average coefficient from the table above that is used in the Bighorn's capacity analysis.

Table I-2. Coefficients for Capacity for Forested and Non- Forested by ROS

ROS Class Coefficients	Non-Forested	Forested
PRIMITIVE:		
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	0.75	2.5
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	1.5	16
SEMI-PRIMITIVE NON-MOTORIZED:		
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2.5	10
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	6	65

ROS Class Coefficients	Non-Forested	Forested
SEMI-PRIMITIVE MOTORIZED		
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2.5	10
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	6	65
ROADED NATURAL:		
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2.5	10
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	60	1,850
ROADED MODIFIED:		
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2.5	10
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	60	1,850
RURAL:		
On Trails - PAOT/Mile	2.5	10
Area Wide – PAOT/M Acres	650	6,250

Capacity is determined by two methods:

1. Net usable acres in a compartment times the use coefficient for the specific ROS class and vegetative type. The products are totaled for each compartment. (Area Capacity)
2. Total trail miles in a compartment times the use coefficient for the specific ROS class and vegetative type. The products are totaled for each compartment. (Trail Capacity)

The following examples shown in Tables I-3 and I-4 utilize a representative compartment to display the two methods.

Table 1-3. Area Capacity for Little Bighorn River near Duncum Non-Wilderness Compartment (Medicine Wheel/Paintrock District) broken down by ROS and Vegetative Class

ROS	Acres	Available Acres	PAOT Coeff.	PAOT Capacity
Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized				
Forested	3,390.693876	1,195.2642910	.065	77.6921730
Non-forested	1,597.874055	485.2534127	.006	2.9115204
Total	4,988.567931	1,680.5177037		80.6036934
Semi-Primitive Motorized				
Forested	5,638.941690	4,468.569103	.065	290.456990
Non-forested	5,083.874873	3,843.114677	.006	23.058687
Total	10,722.816563	8,311.683780		313.515777
Roaded Natural				
Forested	2,423.605669	2,252.5767300	1.85	4,167.26680
Non-forested	3,272.189012	2,830.9221130	.06	169.85532
Total	5,695.794681	5,083.4988430		4,337.12212
Roaded Modified				
Forested	4,778.549925	4,299.336248	1.85	7,953.77190
Non-forested	2,807.944960	2,094.717969	.06	125.68307
Total	7,586.494885	6,394.054217		8,079.45497
Rural				
Forested	32.60489243	31.80147329	6.25	198.75920
Non-forested	809.44778470	803.02870100	.65	521.96865
Total	842.05267713	834.93017429		720.72785

Total	29,835.72721	22,304.58472		13,531.42431
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OR

Table I-4. Trail Capacity for Little Bighorn River near Duncum Non-Wilderness Compartment (Medicine Wheel/Paintrock District) broken down by ROS and Vegetative Class:

ROS	Miles of Trail	PAOT Coeff.	PAOT Capacity
Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized			
Forested	6.188770263	10	61.887702
Non-forested	4.637054462	2.5	11.592636
Total	10.825824725		73.480338
Semi-Primitive Motorized			
Forested	1.767003005	10	17.67003005
Non-forested	1.793137912	2.5	4.4828447
Total	3.560140917		22.152874
Roaded Natural			
Forested	.27130112	10	2.7130112
Non-forested		2.5	
Total	.27130112		2.7130112
Roaded Modified			
Forested	4.194783552	10	41.94783552
Non-forested	.594187587	2.5	1.4854687
Total	4.788971139		43.4333303
Total	19.44624		141.77955

In addition, the following lakes will be analyzed separately: Meadowlark, West Tensleep, Park Reservoir, and Sibley. Useable acres were multiplied by the appropriate ROS coefficient as above.

Rock climbing areas were identified as follows:

Little Tongue River canyon, Twin Buttes, Steamboat Point, Fallen City, Shell canyon, Tensleep canyon, Crazy Woman canyon, and Cloud Peak Wilderness peaks. These will be analyzed separately as well.

Length of Season

The average amount of days that a visitor typically uses a compartment is represented by the Length of Season. A separate Length of Season was determined for summer, fall and winter.

Summer 4/15 – 8/30 Includes spring bear hunting = 138 days

Fall 9/1 – 12/15 = 106 days

Winter 12/16 – 4/14 = 121 days

Pattern of Use

Establishing a maximum capacity for compartments - which would be sustained on a daily basis throughout the use season - would not be desirable, nor does it represent actual use patterns. To compensate for how use typically occurs on the BNF, a coefficient was developed to account for a more desirable use pattern throughout the use season. Four categories of use patterns, representing (1) beginning of the season, (2) average, (3) high or weekend/holiday uses, and (4) end of season, were used to determine the coefficient. The days within the season of use were weighted by the four categories to determine a Pattern of Use coefficient. This coefficient varied by the length of season, and in some cases, on a compartment basis as shown in Table I-5 below.

Table I-5. Seasonal Pattern of Use Coefficients

Summer 4/15 – 8/30 including spring bear hunting			
Beginning	62 days 4/15 – 6/15	@ 25% of average	15.5 days
Average	18 days 6/16 – 7/3	@100% of average	18 days
High	42 days 7/4-8/15	@ 150% of average	63 days
End	16 days 8/16 – 8/30	@75% of average	12 days
Totals	138 days		108.5 days
108.5 / 138 = .79 pattern of use coefficient			
Fall 9/1 – 12/15			
Beginning	15 days 9/1 – 9/15	@ 75% of average	11.25 days
Average	38 days 9/16 – 10/14 & 10/26 – 11/3	@100% of average	38 days
High	11 days 10/15 – 10/25	@ 125% of average	13.75 days
End	42 days 11/4 – 12/15	@25% of average	10.5 days
Totals	106 days		73.5 days
73.5 / 106 = .69 pattern of use coefficient			
Winter 12/16 – 4/14			
Beginning	16 days 12/16 – 12/31	@ 50% of average	8 days
Average	15 days 1/1 – 1/15	@100% of average	15 days
High	59 days 1/16 – 3/15	@ 125% of average	73.75 days
End	31 days	@40% of average	12.4 days

	3/16 – 4/14		
Totals	121 days		109.15 days
109.15 / 121 = .90 pattern of use coefficient			

Seasonal Capacity Determination

Tables I-6 and I-7 display the format used in determining seasonal capacities for each compartment. Seasonal capacity is shown in terms of the total number of visitor days available within a season.

Table I-6. Area Capacity for Little Bighorn River near Duncum Non-Wilderness Compartment (Medicine Wheel/Paintrock District)

Season of Use	PAOT Capacity	Pattern of Use Coefficient	Length of Season	Seasonal Capacity
Summer	13,531.42431	.79	138	1,475,196
Fall	13,531.42431	.69	106	989,688
Winter	13,531.42431	.90	121	1,473,572

Table I-7. Trail Capacity for Little Bighorn River near Duncum Non-Wilderness Compartment (Medicine Wheel/Paintrock District)

Season of Use	PAOT Capacity	Pattern of Use Coefficient	Length of Season	Seasonal Capacity
Summer	141.7795	.79	138	15,457
Fall	141.7795	.69	106	10,370
Winter	141.7795	.90	121	15,440

EXISTING RECREATION USE

The level of existing use was determined for both commercial and general public use on National Forest system lands. For general public use, estimates were developed through RIM records, consistently recorded from 1989 to 2001. Table I-8 below displays the use from 1994 to 2001 by district.

Table I-8. Recreation Use 1994-2001

District	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Buffalo	281,500	254,100	271,800	305,000	274,048	269,328	263,120	264,240
Med Whl	235,000	203,400	205,700	194,600	205,536	201,996	197,340	198,180
Paintrock	353,500	318,900	319,700	277,200	325,432	319,827	312,455	313,785
Tensleep	371,900	349,100	365,000	378,900	359,688	353,493	345,345	346,815
Tongue	561,700	561,300	567,300	496,300	548,096	538,656	526,240	528,480
For Total	1,803,600	1,686,800	1,729,500	1,661,600	1,712,800	1,683,300	1,644,500	1,651,500

The capacity coefficients applied on an area wide basis assume an even distribution of PAOTs per acre. Forest direction contained in the Plan allows the manager to change the above use level coefficients as necessary to reflect usable acres, patterns of use, and general attractiveness of the specific management area type as described in the ROS User Guide, Chapter 25. Examples of such areas are destination points and travel corridors such as trails

within a compartment. The Forest Plan also allows the manager to reduce the use level coefficients where unacceptable changes to the bio-physical resources will occur. Potential resource damage could occur on a seasonal basis, spring bear hunting season for example, in which case use may be reduced or not permitted.

From a practical standpoint, the capacity coefficients for forested vegetative types may need to be reduced. For instance, it is difficult to visualize .08 PAOT/acre realistically possible in spruce/fir/lodgepole types. This is eight people per 100 acres. People generally tend to conduct their activities on the fringes or edges of timber stands, not throughout the entire stand.

Lands classified under Management Prescription 2B, Rural and Roded Natural, are not included in these calculations because outfitter guide operations are inclined to not use these areas for commercial operations due to already heavy levels of public use. There are some exceptions, such as van or bus tours, bicycle tours, etc., but this is not something currently being permitted.

Total number of PAOTs by compartment for each District have been calculated and are on file in District offices and at the Supervisor's Office. The land manager should assess the number of PAOTs in each compartment and ask whether it is realistic for this number of PAOTs to occur. Adjustments to the number of PAOTs can be made by reducing the capacity coefficient using the criteria listed in the Forest Plan, but this needs to be defensible based on the manager's best professional judgement.

Dispersed recreation use has been compiled from the RIM records up until 2001. A high portion of dispersed recreation use (59%) occurs and has been reported in the Rural and Roded Natural ROS classes. As previously mentioned, since most outfitter guide use does not occur within these classes, they have been deleted from the total dispersed recreation use on the Forest (Table 3) to enable a better comparison with the outfitter guide segment of dispersed use. Outfitter guide use may be permitted within Roded Natural and Rural classes, but should not occur to any great extent.

Outfitter guide use historically has been reported in terms of service days. By Forest Service definition, a service day is "a day or any part of a day on National Forest System lands for which an outfitter or guide provides goods or services, including transportation, to a client." For the purposes of this analysis, a service day is estimated to average 12 hours. Dispersed recreation use is reported in terms of recreation visitor days or RVDs, which is recreation occurring for a 12-hour period. Therefore, for analysis purposes, RVDs and service days are considered equivalent. Permitted outfitter guide use from 1994-2001 has been compiled for the Forest by District and is displayed in Table 3. Permitted use was subdivided into three categories: 1) summer use (5/1 to 8/30) and includes spring bear hunting, 2) fall hunting use (9/1 to 11/15) which includes archery hunting, and 3) winter use (12/1 to 4/30) which includes lion hunting, snowmobile

tours. Outfitter guide permitted use during the fall hunting period average xx% of all outfitter guide permitted use for the eight-year period.

Table I-9 compares dispersed recreation use with permitted outfitter guide use from 1994 to 2001 and Table I-10 displays the 13-year average by district and forest. Permitted outfitter guide use for all years averages three percent of the dispersed recreation use on the Forest.

Table I-9. Recreation Use and Permitted Outfitter Guide Use 1994-2001

District 2001 Use	RM	SPM	SPNM	P	Total	Permitted O&G SDs	% Permitted Use by O&G
Powder River	61,106	140,542	36,663	12,221	250,532	13,464	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	51,197	117,752	30,718	10,240	209,906	7,442	3%
Tongue	52,848	121,550	31,709	10,570	216,677	5,127	2%
Forest Total	165,150	379,845	99,090	33,030	677,115	26,033	4%
District 2000 Use	RM	SPM	SPNM	P	Total	Permitted O&G SDs	% Permitted Use by O&G
Powder River	60,847	139,947	36,508	12,169	249,470	13,704	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	50,980	117,253	30,587	10,196	209,016	5,706	3%
Tongue	52,624	121,035	31,574	10,525	215,758	4,113	2%
Forest Total	164,450	378,235	98,670	32,890	674,245	23,523	3%
District 1999 Use	RM	SPM	SPNM	P	Total	Permitted O&G SDs	% Permitted Use by O&G
Powder River	62,282	143,248	37,370	12,457	255,356	13,690	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	52,183	120,019	31,310	10,437	213,947	5,706	3%
Tongue	53,866	123,891	32,319	10,773	220,849	3,471	2%
Forest Total	168,330	387,159	100,998	33,666	690,153	22,867	3%
District 1998 Use	RM	SPM	SPNM	P	Total	Permitted O&G SDs	% Permitted Use by O&G
Powder River	63,374	145,759	38,024	12,675	259,832	13,736	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	53,097	122,122	31,858	10,620	217,697	5,730	3%
Tongue	54,810	126,062	32,886	10,962	224,719	3,106	1%
Forest Total	171,280	393,944	102,768	34,256	702,248	22,572	3%
District 1997 Use	RM	SPM	SPNM	P	Total	Permitted O&G SDs	% Permitted Use by O&G
Powder River	68,390	157,297	41,034	13,678	280,399	13,632	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	47,180	108,514	28,308	9,436	193,438	5,588	3%
Tongue	49,630	114,149	29,778	9,926	203,483	2,870	1%
Forest Total	166,160	382,168	99,696	33,232	681,256	22,090	3%

District 1996 Use	RM	SPM	SPNM	P	Total	Permitted O&G SDs	% Permitted Use by O&G
Powder River	63,680	146,464	38,208	12,736	261,088	13,590	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	52,540	120,842	31,524	10,508	215,414	5,731	3%
Tongue	56,730	130,479	34,038	11,346	232,593	2,580	1%
Forest Total	172,950	397,785	103,770	34,590	709,095	21,901	3%
District 1995 Use	RM	SPM	SPNM	P	Total	Permitted O&G SDs	% Permitted Use by O&G
Powder River	60,320	138,736	36,192	12,064	247,312	13,643	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	52,230	120,129	31,338	10,446	214,143	5,571	3%
Tongue	56,130	129,099	33,678	11,226	230,133	2,418	1%
Forest Total	168,680	387,964	101,208	33,736	691,588	21,632	3%
District 1994 Use	RM	SPM	SPNM	P	Total	Permitted O&G SDs	% Permitted Use by O&G
Powder River	65,340	150,282	39,204	13,068	267,894	13,643	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	58,850	135,355	35,310	11,770	241,285	5,430	2%
Tongue	56,170	129,191	33,702	11,234	230,297	2,499	1%
Forest Total	180,360	414,828	108,216	36,072	739,476	21,572	3%

Table I-10. Average Recreation Use and Permitted Outfitter Guide Use

District	Total Use Average 1994-2001	Permitted O&G Days Average 1994-2001	% Permitted Use by O&G Average 1994-2001
Powder River	258,985	13,638	5%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	214,356	5,863	3%
Tongue	221,814	3,273	1%
Forest Total Average	9,263,310	22,774	3%

The 2002 National Visitor Use Monitoring Report for the Bighorn National Forest indicated a total of 704,941 visits for the 2000-2001 sampling period. Forest records state that approximately 70% of total use is dispersed recreation use (see Appendix A). This would correlate to a total of 493,529 total visits for dispersed use. This number represents a 37% reduction from the forest estimate for 2001 in the table above. If the same assumptions are made using this reduced number the following use break-downs in Table I-10 would result. The differences are not significant. The table above shows an average of 3% for total outfitter guide authorized use and the table below shows an average of 5%.

Table I-11. Recreation Use and Permitted Outfitter Guide Use 2001 (NVUM)

District 2001 Use	RM	SPM	SPNM	P	Total	Permitted O&G SDs	% Permitted Use by O&G
Powder River	43,825	102,259	27,391	9,130	182,606	13,643	7%
Med Wheel/Paintrock	36,719	85,677	22,949	7,650	152,994	7,442	5%
Tongue	37,903	88,440	23,689	7,896	157,929	5,127	3%
Forest Total	118,447	276,376	74,029	24,676	493,529	26,225	5%

ALLOCATION

Once a capacity for a compartment is defined, a determination is made to allocate the capacity to general-public, institutional (semi-public), and commercial recreation use (outfitter-guides). All three represent use by the public. Whether people do the trip on their own or are with an organized group, or have the assistance of a professional outfitter-guide determines the category to which they are allocated. This allocation allows Forest land managers to determine what level of commercial use is appropriate and needed for a compartment. Part II of this document details the Needs Analysis for outfitter-guide use and describes how capacity is allocated.

PART II – OUTFITTER-GUIDE NEED DETERMINATION

AGENCY GOALS (taken from Outfitter and Guide Guidebook)

1. Conservation/stewardship of natural and cultural resources – air, water, soil, vegetation, wildlife, cultural. Promote responsible use so that natural systems are sustained for future generations.
2. Public service - enable people to obtain benefits such as personal growth, family/friend bonding, spiritual re-connection, stress relief/personal reflection, physical exercise, challenge, learning/mental stimulation, etc.
3. Visitor Safety – enable people to experience wildland settings in a manner that they perceive the risk is within their control.
4. Retain lands in the public domain so people of all races, gender, and economic categories have the opportunity to re-connect with nature and experience their common heritage.
5. Contribute to the people’s quality of life and economic sustainability in communities – foster small business, provide clean water and air, add beauty to people’s lives, etc.

MANAGEMENT DIRECTION AND GOALS

Wilderness Act, section 4(d)(6) states that “Commercial services may be performed to the extent necessary for activities which are proper for realizing the recreational or other wilderness purposes.”

FSM 2320 – Wilderness Management

FSM 2323.13g – Outfitter and Guide Operations. Requires the need for and role of outfitters and guides to be addressed in the forest plan. This policy emphasizes that outfitters provide their service to the public in a manner than is compatible with use by other wilderness visitors and which maintains the wilderness resource.

FSM 2340 – Privately Provided Recreation Opportunities

Emphasizes the need to do analysis as part of the forest plan to determine the public need for outfitters and the needs to analyze allocation issues between the outfitted and non-outfitted publics. It recognizes that the authorized officer consider the outfitter and guides as an extension of the agency’s delivery system. The policy stresses the need to coordinate with appropriate licensing boards.

FSH 2709.11-2000-1

41.53a – Objectives.

1. As identified in forest land and resource management plans, provide for commercial outfitting and guiding services that address concerns of public health and safety and that foster small businesses.

2. Encourage skilled and experienced individuals and entities to conduct outfitting and guiding activities in a manner that protects environmental resources and ensures that National Forest visitors receive high quality services.

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BIGHORN FOREST REVISED LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Goals and Objectives

Goal 2 – Multiple Benefits to People

Objective 2.a: Improve the capability of the Bighorn National Forest to provide diverse, high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities.

Strategies for 2.a.:

6. Express clear expectations of travel opportunities. Minimize conflicts among users.
7. Continue permitting outfitter guide services on NFS lands.
8. Encourage, establish, and sustain a diverse range of recreational facilities and services on NFS land. Partnerships are one mechanism for accomplishing this.

Objective 2.b.: Improve the capability wilderness and protected areas to sustain a desired range of benefits and values.

Strategies for 2.b.:

Wilderness

1. Favor wilderness-dependent activities in wilderness. Discourage activities that are not consistent with wilderness values.

Objective 2.c.: Improve the capability of the Bighorn National Forest to provide a desired sustainable level of uses, values, products, and services.

Strategies for 2.c.:

Tourism and Recreation

2. Foster a sense of place unique to the Bighorns by appropriately integrating cultural resources and natural resources into education and recreation opportunities.

Objective 4.a.: Improve the safety and economy of the Bighorn National Forest roads, trails, facilities, and operations and provide greater security for the public and employees.

Strategies for 4.a.:

3. Provide recreation opportunities to accommodate a wide range of abilities and ensure non-discrimination in the delivery of Bighorn National Forest programs.

Objective 4.c.: Enhance the public services provided by the Bighorn National Forest through the pursuit of cooperation and public and private partnerships.

Strategies for 4.c.:

4. Create and foster partnerships with other agencies, accredited educational and research institutions, tribal colleges, and other appropriate public and private sector organizations to further research, education, protection, and interpretation.

Forestwide Standards and Guidelines

Heritage Resources Guideline

Enhance and interpret significant heritage sites for the education and enjoyment of the public when such development will not degrade heritage property or conflict with other resource considerations.

General Recreation Guideline

Manage recreation use to stay within the capacity allowed for the prescribed Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) objective.

Wilderness Resources Standard

If current permits are relinquished or terminated, evaluate options to minimize impacts (minimum tool evaluation).

Management Area Prescriptions

1.11 Pristine Wilderness

Recreation Standard

3. Include non-guided visitors and outfitter/guide operations in calculations of level-of-use capacities.

Recreation Guidelines

3. Set trail and area-wide use capacity at 0.001-0.002 PAOT per acre for open land, meadow, and alpine areas.
Set trail and area-wide use capacity at 0.003-0.007 PAOT per acre for forested lands and shrub lands.
Reduce the above use levels where unacceptable changes to the biophysical resource are likely to occur.
4. Manage outfitter-guide operations in the same manner as other visitors.
The activities of non-guided visitors and outfitter-guides should not be in conflict.

Special Uses Standards

1. Do not permit "assigned sites" in outfitter-guide base camps.
2. Do not allow caches of equipment or supplies under outfitter-guide permits.

Special Uses Guidelines

1. Permit only those uses authorized by wilderness legislation, which cannot be reasonably located on non-wilderness lands.

1.13 Semi-primitive Wilderness

Recreation Standard

2. Include outfitter/guide operations in calculations of level-of-use capacities.

Recreation Guidelines

4. Manage summer use within area-wide capacities:
 - Alpine, krummolz = 4 PAOTs per 1000 acres
 - Rock, mountain grass = 8 PAOTs per 1000 acres
 - Forest and shrub lands, ponderosa pine,
Douglas fir, riparian areas, white pine = 50 PAOTs per 1000 acres
 - Spruce/fir, lodgepole pine, aspen = 80 PAOTs per 1000 acres

6. Limit the maximum trail capacity to 2-3 PAOT/mile in open country and 9-11 PAOT/mile in forested terrain.
9. Manage outfitter-guide operations in the same manner as other visitors. The activities of non-guided visitors and outfitter-guide should not be in conflict.

Special Uses Standards

1. Allow camps for permittees only in sites specified in special-use permits.
2. Restrict outfitter-guide assigned sites to the current number permitted.
3. Do not allow caches of equipment or supplies under outfitter-guide permits.

Special Uses Guidelines

1. Issue permits for parties larger than the established limit when their presence can be adequately screened from the sights and sounds of other parties in the area.
2. Require outfitter-guides to be certified in "Leave No Trace" techniques.

1.2 Recommended Wilderness

Special Uses Standards

2. Prohibit new special-use facilities
4. Permit only those uses authorized by wilderness legislation which cannot be reasonably met on non-wilderness land.

Special Uses Guideline

1. Allow compatible special uses.

1.31 Backcountry Recreation, Nonmotorized Use and

1.32 Backcountry Recreation, Nonmotorized Summer Use with Limited Winter Motorized Use and

1.33 Backcountry Recreation with Limited Summer and Winter Motorized Use

Special Uses Standards

3. Prohibit new special-use facilities

Special Uses Guidelines

1. Discourage competitive contest and group events. Such events may be permitted on a case-by-case basis.

1.5 National River System – Wild Rivers

Special Uses Standard

1. Do not approve special uses that could preclude the area from designation.

2.2 Research Natural Areas

Special Uses Guidelines

1. Permit special uses if they do not conflict with the values for which the RNA was proposed or established.
2. Allow existing outfitter-guide permitted use to continue, subject to normal permit processes, within RNAs as long as it is compatible with the establishment objectives.

3.31 Backcountry Recreation, Year-round Motorized Use

Special Uses Guideline

1. Permit competitive and group events on a case-by-case basis.

3.4 National River System – Scenic Rivers (Outside Wilderness)

Special Uses Standard

1. Authorize special uses only if they are compatible with the scenic river values.

5.41 Deer and Elk Winter Range

Special Uses Guideline

1. Limit special use activities during the winter and spring periods.

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEED FOR OUTFITTER AND GUIDE SERVICES FOR THE FOREST PLAN REVISION

In February, 2002, a letter was sent to a mailing list of 128 people, including all commercial outfitter and guiding operations currently under special use permit on the Bighorn National Forest; people who had expressed interest in conducting commercial outfitting and guiding operations; state agencies related to outfitting and guiding operations; and local Chamber of Commerce offices (Appendix A)

The letter requested input regarding the need for outfitting and guiding services on the Bighorn National Forest as a part of the Forest Plan revision process. The letter indicated that the forest was evaluating management areas and the activities that should be allowed within those management areas. The letter also included four questions related to the need for outfitting and guiding services as well as a general comment section.

Public Comment Questions and Responses

The following is a summation of the results. A total of 17 responses were received.

1. Is there a need to provide additional outfitting/guiding assistance due to need for specialized equipment and/or technical skills? If yes, for what activities? (examples – llama packers, ATV's, technical climbing, Nordic skiing, snowcat skiing, mountain biking)

- Need to teach people why wilderness and all of the earth is so important
- Additions should be low impact activities
- Yes to provide horseback rides and pack out elk and deer
- Need snowmobile rentals and guides out of Ten Sleep
- No – we have limited inquiries for technical climbing and mountain biking
- Yes, need to provide llama guides
- Yes, for any of the above if an outfitter is interested in providing these recreation opportunities
- Yes, teen treks with an educational emphasis in Leave No Trace, especially in wilderness

2. Has there been a demand and/or public need for outfitting/guiding assistance for certain additional activities in certain areas? If yes, please describe the demand or need and the corresponding area.

No room for more hunting outfitters in order to have a viable business
There have been inquiries for where to rent snowmobiles and tour services
Yes, drop camps, trail rides, fishing guides in areas held by other outfitters but not used.
Yes, need to offer permits to colleges studying ecosystems – maybe on a rotating system
Yes, people request llama guides
Public is demanding more winter sport outfitter/guide activities like backcountry skiing, dogsled trips. Demands for mountain biking are also increasing and ATV trips
Yes, several requests to provide packing out service for harvested game such as elk and deer using horses and snowmobiles during hunting season.

3. Is the public need adequately served by outfitting/guiding operations currently under permit? Please explain your answer.

No – there is a need to allow educational groups to conduct business
Yes, and if not, existing permit holders should be given the opportunity to expand.
No – need to provide packing out service for hunters
No – I teach survival and primitive living skills as a way to bring people and earth together as one.
We run a wilderness trip with an environmental education camp – currently limited by the number of user days allowed
Yes – because of the limited quota drawing by Game and Fish and the easy access to the Bighorns, most out-of-state hunters don't want outfitted services
It would be better if we were not restricted in the wilderness and had more open dates for “last minute” clients and more of other areas for those returning.
Yes for big game hunting with the exception of hunters wanting only drop camps or animal retrieval service. I don't think summer use for group camps, trail rides, fishing trips are up to meeting the need.
No, as a non-profit educational institution school, we should have equal access to national resources like the Cloud Peak wilderness.
The present system is NOT being serviced for llama trekking. There is a demand to use llamas as shown in other forests of Wyoming.
I think we need to supply more outfitter/guide opportunities for some of the non-traditional activities such as mentioned on the first page.
No – there is a need to allow educational groups to conduct business regardless fo whether for profit or not

4. Are wilderness recreation needs being adequately served by outfitter/guiding operations currently under permit? Please explain

Yes and no. Yes there is plenty of wilderness recreation going on, but there is actually too much. We need to be more “low impact” in our approach to our wilderness.

Yes, there are plenty of operators trying to make a living with the public that is using outfitters.

No, many outfitters are not wanting to change their programs to serve summer time users such as rock climbers, group camps, day rides

No, local outfitters have greater access to permits that reduce the availability of permits to out-of-state non-profit educational institutions.

In our opinion a policy that puts the interests of for-profit operations ahead of not-for-profit that wants to give kids an opportunity to go backpacking needs rethought. We have been unable to get a permit to use the wilderness for backpacking.

Present operators are NOT servicing the public in llama trekking.

Yes, if the definition is recreation. How is this helping our desperate need to educate people?

Additional Comments

Moratoriums do not help the overuse problem. Individuals can do more damage when they are uneducated.

Good outfitters can be good partners and help educate the public on tread lightly and resource ethics.

I would like to be considered on a rotating basis for a special use permit for Joliet Junior College in Illinois.

I have worked with outfitters and dude ranches for the past ten years. I think the outfitters generally serve the big game hunting quite well, but are seriously lacking on service to other forest and wilderness activities.

Thanks for staying in touch with the little businesses.

Anyone going into the wilderness should have a guide.

I believe a college instructor should not be required to hold an outfitter/guide permit to use the wilderness for educational purposes. To restrict such activity seems counter to the philosophy of educating the public to respect and proper use.

These national forests and wilderness areas are our last hope as a nation to change the tremendous ignorance the American public is plagued by.

If there are existing permit holders who are not utilizing their permits, every effort should be made to pull their permits or reissue to an existing holder.

Summary of Responses

Respondents indicated a need for a variety of outfitted services including wilderness education, horseback trips, packing services, snowmobile trips, llama treks, back country skiing, dog sled trips, mountain biking, ATV tours, educational tours, survival and primitive living skills. They indicated that hunting outfitting was maximized and because of Game and Fish drawings and quotas and easy access within the forest, that out-of-state hunters don't want outfitted services. Some respondents indicated there was already too much use occurring in the Cloud Peak Wilderness and that uses emphasizing minimum impact techniques should be first and foremost in wilderness. Some respondents felt existing outfitters should be given the opportunity to expand and diversify services offered before allowing additional outfitters.

CATEGORIES OF COMMERCIAL OUTFITTING AND GUIDING OPERATIONS

There are two categories of commercial outfitting and guiding operations currently authorized under permit and/or for which requests have been received for conducting outfitting and guiding operations on the Bighorn National Forest.

Category 1 – Public

Clientele is not limited. This category IS eligible for Priority Use Service Days.

Category 2 – Semi-public

Constituency is limited. Group is limited to a specific segment of society. Membership or enrollment is required to participate. Adherence to a specific set of beliefs or philosophy is required (religious, political, etc.). This category is NOT eligible for Priority Use Service Days.

This category includes three types of groups:

- Institutional – i.e., rehabilitation centers, religious organizations, camps
- Educational – i.e., universities, schools, clubs, political groups
- non-profits – i.e., special or common interest groups

Table II-1. Requests for Outfitting and Guiding activities from 1997 to 2006

Activity	Tongue District	MWPR District	Powder River District
Backpacking	10	1 for drop camps	13
Environmental Ed/Backpacking	1		
ATV tours	2	1	
Snowmobiling	1	2	3
Horseback trips	9		7
Fishing	3		2
Wildlife tours	2		
Photography trips	2		
Mountain bikes and drop off tours	2		1
Hiking and mountain biking	2		4
Historic and natural history tours, hiking and horseback	1		2
4 wheel drive tours	1		
Dog sledding	1		
Rock climbing	2		
Drop camps (packing)	2		
Ice Climbing	1		
Cattle Drives	1		
Spelunking	1		
Big Game hunting	7		12
Lion hunting	2		3
Moose hunting	2		5
Winter survival			1
Skiing			1

Table II-2. Currently authorized Outfitting and Guiding operations on the Bighorn National Forest (Priority Use only)**

Activity	Tongue	Powder River	Medicine Wheel Paintrock	Totals
Spring				
spring bear hunting	149	0	25*	174 *
Summer				
trail rides, camping, fishing	2,400	10,394	965 +475 temp available	13,759 +475 temp available
fishing	51	172	0	223
cattle drives	420	0	250 + 160 temp available	670 +160 temp available
rock climbing		160		160
backpacking		660		660
enviro. education, backpacking			1,790	1,790
Fall				
big game hunting	349	245	1,741 +402 temp available	2,335 +402 temp available
Winter				
snowmobile guiding	1,600	1,750 1,500	710 +250 temp available	3,810 +250 temp available
lion hunting	32	40	0 *	72 *
Total service days provided for outfitting on the Bighorn National Forest				23,903 +1,372 temp available

* Spring bear and lion service days are included in the total for big game service days for three outfitter/guides on the MWPR District.

** There are 21 outfitters providing service to Cloud Peak Wilderness during summer and fall seasons. Those numbers are represented in the above table.

Table II-3. Comparison of Current and Requested Outfitting and Guiding Activities

Activity	Current Service Days/ # of permits	# of requests
Horseback/Camping/Fishing	13,759 + 475 temp / 22	16
Day Horseback Rides	1,122 + 85 temp / 4	Combined in above
Fishing	223 / 4	6
Cattle Drives	670 + 160 temp / 2	1
Rock Climbing	160 / 1	2
Backpacking	660 / 2	24
Activity	Current Service Days/ # of permits	# of requests
Enviro Ed/Backpacking	1,790 / 1	1
Big Game Hunting	2,335 + 402 temp / 29	18
Snowmobiling	3,810 + 250 temp / 8	6
Dog Sledding	0	1

Lion Hunting	72 * / 8	5
Spring Bear Hunting	174 * / 8	7
Wildlife Tours	0	2
ATV tours	0	3
Photography Trips	0	2
Mountain Bike/ drop camps	0	4
Mountain bike/hike	0	7
Historic and natural history tours, hiking and horseback	0	3
4 wheel drive tours	0	1
Ice climbing	0	1
Spelunking	0	1
Winter survival	0	1
Skiing	0	1
Mountain survival	0	1
Drop camps (packing)	0	2

* Spring bear and lion service days are included in the total for big game service days for three outfitter/guides on the MWPR District.

DEMAND AND SUPPLY

- Existing Use
- Allocated vs. actual use
- Activities well represented/underrepresented

Historical recreation use has been estimated for the RIM reporting from the early 1980s until 2000. Use was determined by professional judgment (observation) and supported in part, by actual use records. All of the use by the outfitted public has been in the dispersed recreation category. The Bighorn Forest has utilized the following figures for the Forest Plan Revision process.

Over a 15-year period from 1986-2000, numbers of total RVDs on a forest-wide basis for all activities fluctuated from a low of 1,295,100 in 1989 to a high of 1,712,800 in 1998. RVDs increased by 26 percent (340,000 RVDs) with an annual average increase of approximately 0.6 percent. Table II-2 below displays use by specific activities categorized as dispersed recreation. These activities are also either currently provided by outfitter and guiding services or are included in those requested.

Table II-4. Change in Use for Dispersed Recreation Activities 1989-2000

Activity	RVD Range 1989/2000	% Change
Hiking/Walking/Backpacking	77,500 / 123,200	+ 1.20%
Horseback Riding	39,400 / 84,200	+ 1.96%
Mountain Climbing	2,400 / 4,400	+ 1.53%
Activity	RVD Range 1989/2000	% Change
Bicycle (mountain bikes and road bikes)	5,800 / 8,900	+ 1.17%
Ice/Snow Travel (Snowmobiling)	39,700 / 52,300	+ 0.76%
Special Landcraft (ATVs, etc)	2,700 / 14,300	+ 4.81%

Hunting, Big Game	34,400 / 41,200	+ 0.49%
Nature Study	8,900 / 16,400	+ 1.60%
Touring – Guided	500 / 100	+ 3.22%
Walking – Guided	500 / 4,500	+ 9.76%
Fishing	86.3 / 85	+ .026%

Dispersed recreation use, especially snowmachine and ATV (all terrain vehicle) motorized use, has increased since 1985. There were few if any ATVs on the forest at that time and now there may be several hundred on any weekend day on the forest. The use of ATVs is very popular for summer riding and camping and also during the fall hunting season. Because of this growth, there are more conflicts for those seeking a more primitive experience on the forest. Snowmobile use has also increased since 1985. The number of snowmobile registrations for the Bighorns increased an average of three percent per year over the past five years (1997-2002). In addition to the actual increase in use of ATVs and snowmobiles on the Bighorn National Forest, the technology itself is ever-improving, allowing users an ever-increasing range of movement within the forest in spite of challenges from terrain, soil/snow composition, etc.

CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING NEED

- Skills and Equipment
- Knowledge
- Safety
- Education
- Demand/Utilization
- Feasibility of services offered elsewhere
- Contribution to local economies
- Capability of resources

Evaluation Criteria for Assessing Need for Outfitting and Guiding Assistance

1. Skills and equipment – outfitting and guiding skills and equipment are needed by a portion of the public because of one or more of the following:
 - a. Specific skills required for activities appropriate for the area require substantial time and/or talent to learn.
 - b. Learning necessary skills and participating in the activity requires acquisition and consistent use of expensive, specialized equipment for which the public could not or normally would not expend the dollars or time.
 - c. The skills required are so unique that outfitting and guiding assistance is almost a prerequisite if the public is to have any opportunity to participate in and enjoy the activity.
2. Knowledge – Outfitting and guiding knowledge of the resources within the activity area and the activity itself is needed by the public, especially nonresidents, in order to enjoy recreational opportunities in a manner that

- reduces resource damage and user conflicts. This includes knowing where and by what method to best access and travel through an area.
3. Safety – Outfitting and guiding special skills and equipment are needed to assure a reasonable level of safety for the participants. Without outfitter assistance, members of the public could seriously endanger their health or lives.
 4. Unique service provided – Outfitting and guiding assistance is needed to:
 - a. Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities
 - b. Provide environmental education and interpretive information
 - c. Provide for additional recreational activities that are not in conflict with management area goals and objectives and which will:
 1. Increase the diversity of recreational activities and public enjoyment
 2. Encourage innovation in the outfitter industry.
 5. Wilderness Dependency – Outfitting and guiding assistance is typically needed for the following types of activities:
 - a. Roving trips that last over five days or cover over 20 miles and do not operate out of a single camp for over three days except during hunting season.
 - b. Educational trips focusing on a specific resource for conditions found only in the Cloud Peak Wilderness.
 - c. Trips in which solitude and unconfined primitive recreation are the central components of the experience.
 6. Education – Outfitting and guiding assistance may be needed for obtaining historical and/or biological/botanical information and history of the forest or a specific area within the forest. This education can help stimulate a greater appreciation and protection of forest resources by prospective clients/publics.
 7. Demand/Utilization – Is a particular service currently being provided and if so, to what degree of utilization and capability? Are there demands for services not currently being offered?
 8. Feasibility of services offered elsewhere – What is the potential for existing and demanded services being conducted or offered on non-NFS lands?
 9. Contribution to local economies – What can outfitting and guiding business bring to the local businesses?
 10. Capability of resources – Are the resources located on the forest capable of withstanding pressure from outfitted use?

Based on the potential activities identified in the public comment period and from the national and local use projections, Table II-5 displays each of the above criteria by activity and rates the level of need for outfitter guide services.

Table II-5. Summary of Evaluation Criteria Rating by Type of Activity

Type of Activity and Criteria	Rating Summary
Horseback/Camping/Fishing 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge	High Skill required High cost of stock/equipment High to moderate

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High for extended length trips High for extended length horse trips High for extended length trips Low Being met Moderate Low Moderate
<p>Day Horseback Rides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate Skill required, High cost of stock/equipment Low Moderate - Low Low Low Low Under-represented Moderate Moderate to high Moderate
<p>Fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate Skill required, Moderate to low cost for equip. Moderate Low Low Low Low Being met Low Moderate to high High
<p>Cattle Drives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate Skill required, High cost for stock/equipment High to Moderate High for extended length trips High for extended length trips Low Moderate to high Being met Low Low Moderate

Type of Activity and Criteria	Rating Summary
Rock and Ice Climbing 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	High Skill required, Moderate cost for equipment Moderate High - Moderate Moderate Low Low Under-represented Low to moderate Moderate Moderate
Backpacking 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Moderate to low Skill required, Moderate cost for equip. Moderate High for extended length trips High for extended length trips High for extended length trips Low Being met Low Low to moderate High
Big Game Hunting (includes spring bear) 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	High Skill required, High cost of stock/equipment High to moderate High for extended length trips High for extended length horse trips High for extended length trips Low Over-represented Low Moderate Moderate
Snowmobiling 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Moderate Skill required, High cost for equipment Moderate Moderate High Not permitted Low Being met Low High Moderate to High

Type of Activity and Criteria	Rating Summary
Dog Sled Tours 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	High Skill required, Moderate cost for dogs/equipment Moderate to low depending on location Moderate High Low Moderate Under-represented Low Low to moderate Moderate
Lion Hunting 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	High to low Skill required, Moderate cost for dogs/equip. High to low High Low Low Low Being met Low to moderate Moderate to low Moderate
Motorized Vehicle Tours (Roads) Wildlife, Geology, History, etc. 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Low Skill required, Moderate cost for vehicles/equip. Low Low Moderate to low Low Moderate to high Under-represented Low Moderate to high Moderate to high
ATV Tours 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Moderate Skill required, High cost for equipment Moderate Moderate Moderate Not permitted Low Under-represented Low Moderate to high Low to moderate

Type of Activity and Criteria	Rating Summary
Photography Trips 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Low Skill required , Moderate cost for equipment – depends on if clients using own equipment Low Low Moderate to low Low Moderate to high Under-represented Moderate to low Moderate to high High
Mountain Bikes – drop camps/hiking 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Moderate to high skill required, Moderate cost for equip. Moderate to high Moderate to high Moderate Not permitted Low Under-represented Low Moderate to high Moderate
Non-Motorized Historic, Natural History, and Geology Tours (hiking and horseback) 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Moderate Skill required, High cost of stock/equipment for horseback Low Moderate - Low Moderate to high Low High Under-represented Low Moderate to high High
4-Wheel Drive Tours 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Low Skill required, Moderate cost for vehicles Low Low Low Not permitted Low Under-represented Moderate Moderate to high Moderate

Type of Activity and Criteria	Rating Summary
Shuttle Services/Packing Services, Drop Camps 1. Skills & Equipment 2. Knowledge 3. Safety Risk 4. Unique Services Provided 5. Wilderness Dependency 6. Education Opportunities 7. Demand/Utilization 8. Feasibility elsewhere 9. Local economies 10. Capability of resources	Low Skill required, Moderate cost for vehicles Low Low Low Not permitted Low Under-represented Moderate Moderate to high High

PART III – ALLOCATION OF RECREATION USE

SUMMARY

In the representative compartments, the Forest is from 0% to 102% of the physical capacity for trail based activities for the summer season. The District ranges are as follows:

Tongue: 0% to 32%

(3,607 total service days out of 211,948 available = average of 2%)

Medicine Wheel Paintrock: 0% to 25%

(6,268 total service days out of 118,143 available = average of 5%)

Powder River: 0.0 to 102.0%

(9,672 total service days out of 195,175 available = average of 5%)

No days are currently authorized for trail-based activities for the fall and winter seasons. All activities authorized for these seasons fall under the area-wide capacity.

The only activities that fall under area-wide capacity are fishing and hunting and the days are insignificant compared to area-wide capacity. The number of days authorized for fishing in each compartment compared to the total miles of fishable stream for the respective compartment are as follows for each district:

Tongue: 40 days for 68 miles in one compartment and 11 days for 19 miles in another compartment. This is 23% of physical capacity (using a trail based coefficient for SPNM/SPM/RM non-forested which is 2.5)

Medicine Wheel Paintrock: 72 days for 33 miles in the non-Wilderness and 110 days for 16 miles in the Wilderness in one compartment. This is 31% of physical capacity (uses blended coefficient of 1.625 for P/SPNM/SPM/RM non-forested).

Powder River: 164 days for 117 miles of streams. Six non-wilderness compartments have 103 miles of streams and one wilderness compartment has 14 miles of streams. This is 25% of the physical capacity using a blended coefficient of 1.625 for P/SPNM/SPM/RM.

For hunting, the authorized service days are much less of a total percentage because so much of the use is spread over numerous compartments.

Of the activities identified in the Needs Assessment completed for the Forest Plan Revision and incorporated into our current Capacity Study document, the breakdown is as follows:

Activities where Demand is currently being met:

Horseback/Camping/Fishing

Cattle drives

Fishing

Backpacking

Big Game hunting

Snowmobiling

Lion Hunting

Activities that are currently under-represented:

- Day horseback rides
- Rock and Ice climbing
- Dog Sled tours
- Motorized vehicle tours (roads)/Wildlife/Geology/History, etc.
- ATV Tours
- Photography trips
- Non-Motorized Historic, Natural History, and Geology tours (hiking/horseback)
- 4-Wheel drive tours
- Shuttle services/Packing services/Drop camps

Additional requests for permits that have been submitted since the Needs Assessment does not identify any additional services.

HUNTING

According to the Needs Assessment, hunting outfitting is currently maximized and because of Game and Fish drawings and quotas and easy access within the forest, many out-of-state hunters don't want outfitted services. Authorized service days for hunting use is compared to the actual number of tags issued to non-resident hunters to help determine an appropriate allocation. Information from Wyoming Game and Fish was obtained over the past five years. The use is displayed by Hunt Area by District, although hunt area totals are only given by area, not by district. Information was not available on number of tags issued for mountain lion and bear. Deer and antelope areas also include private, state, and BLM land so it is impossible to determine use on NFS lands. Consequently the only capacities that can be determined are for elk and moose hunting.

Service day use Forest wide has ranged from 4% to 141% of the highest number of non-resident tags issued in any given year. Refer to Table III-1. District ranges are as follows:

- Tongue: 20% - 35%
- Medicine Wheel Paintrock: 34% -141%
- Powder River: 4% - 42%

Table III-1. Authorized Service Days by Hunt Area

Hunt Area	District	Highest # of Tags Issued	Avg Trip Length	Capacity	SD Avg/%
Elk 34	PR	207	6	1242	45/4%
Elk 35	PR	62	6	372	44/12%
Elk 36	PR	72	6	432	185/42%
Elk 37	TNG	120	5	600	137/23%
Elk 38	TNG	200	6	1200	247/21%
Elk 39	MWPR	35	7	245	346/141%
Elk 40	MWPR	84	4	336	351/104%
Elk 41	MWPR	132	4	528	180/34%
Elk 42	MWPR	16	8	128	154/120%
Moose 1	TNG	13	7	91	32/35%

Moose 34	PR	13	7	91	15/16%
Moose 42	PR	1	7	7	0/0%

Blending historic forest use data with the national projection index for dispersed motorized recreation, by the year 2055, hunting use is expected to increase 31%. The Forest recommendation is to leave service day authorizations as they are and allow 10% for potential growth (where possible) for existing permits until the next planning period. In addition, a pool of temporary days may be set aside for additional use needs for any given year for outfitters currently permitted on this forest and adjacent forests.

SNOWMOBILE

Miles of groomed snowmobile trails were split out between the northern and southern portions of the Forest. The ROS trail-based coefficient (average of 6.5 for forested and non-forested) for Semi-Primitive Motorized was multiplied by the trail mileage and then by length of season and pattern of use coefficient to determine the capacity. Authorized service days are compared to these capacities in Table III-2. Service day use has averaged 1% of capacity for the northern portion of the forest and 1.5% for the southern portion.

Forest data indicates that snowmobiling use increased 32% from 1989-2000. Blending historic forest use data with the national projection index for dispersed motorized recreation, by the year 2055, this type use is expected to increase 24%. Recent drought conditions have had negative impacts to existing snowmobile outfitter guides, and non-use for many authorized service days has been granted. The needs assessment recommended that snowmobiling guided use be kept at current levels as the demand for this service is being met.

Use data was obtained from the State snowmobile registrations and the 2000-2001 State Snowmobile Survey. To determine the season use estimate, the average number of use days for both resident and non-resident users was taken and multiplied by the five-year averages of snowmobile registrations obtained from the State Trails program as follows:

Five-year average for resident on N½ = 1,643 x 19 (average # of use days) = 31,217
 Five-year average for non-resident on N½ = 4,397 x 10.8 (average # of use days) = 47,488
 Total for N ½ = 78,705

Five-year average for resident on S½ = 871 x 19 (average # of use days) = 16,549
 Five-year average for non-resident on S½ = 808 x 10.8 (average # of use days) = 8,726
 Total for S½ = 25,275

These sources indicate that total use for the northern half of the forest is at 53% of capacity and the southern half is at 26% of capacity. The recommendation is to increase the existing service day authorization to approximately 2% of total capacity for the northern portion of the forest. This would allow for growth for current outfitters and set the allocation at 3,000 service days. The

recommendation for the southern half of the forest is to keep the service day use at 1,500. Refer to Table III-2.

Table III-2. Allocation for Snowmobile Tours

Area	Miles of Snow Trail	SPM Coeff	Length of Season	Pattern of Use Coeff.	Season Capacity	Season Use Estimate	% of Capacity	SD Avg/%	Commercial Allocation
N ½	241.75	6.25	108	0.9	146,863	78,705	53%	2100/1%	3,000
S ½	157.90	6.25	108	0.9	95,924	25,275	26%	1,500/1.5%	1,500

HORSEBACK/CAMPING/FISHING; CATTLE DRIVES; FISHING; BACKPACKING

The needs assessment recommended that these activities be kept at current levels for service day use as the demand is being met. In representative compartments Forestwide, the number of authorized service days for all area-based activities is significantly less than 1% of total capacity. The trail-based capacities differed slightly district by district as follows:

Tongue: 0.01% and 23% of total capacity with an average of 1.5%. The recommendation is to leave authorized service days for these activities as is and add 10% for potential growth for existing permits until the next planning period.

Medicine Wheel/Paintrock: 2% and to 504% (small compartment and even though a large amount of days are authorized hardly any are used) of total capacity with an average of 20.7% (without the 504% compartment included). Demand for horseback activities is being met. The recommendation is to leave authorized service days for horseback activities as is and add 10% for potential growth for existing permits until the next planning period. The district will look at adding opportunities for under-represented trail-based activities if capacity exists in the compartment.

Powder River: 0.0% to 47.4% of capacity for compartments. The demand for horseback activities is met on the eastern portion of the district. The western portion would be met if the currently available 600 days were put under authorization.

DAY HORSEBACK RIDES; ROCK AND ICE CLIMBING; DOG SLED TOURS; MOTORIZED VEHICLE TOURS; ATV TOURS, PHOTOGRAPHY TRIPS; NON-MOTORIZED HISTORIC/NATURAL HISTORY/GEOLOGY TOURS; 4-WHEEL DRIVE TOURS; SHUTTLE SERVICES/PACKING SERVICES/DROP CAMPS

The needs assessment identified these activities as ones that are currently under-represented on the Bighorn NF. Many of these activities are noted as ones where both local and national use projections indicate increases in use over the next 50 years. These activities are all trail-based activities.

Recommendation is to begin at a 10% allocation for outfitted services for each compartment, and vary up or down depending on specific conditions within the compartments. Each compartment will have a justification on how the final allocation was determined.

The allocation of commercial recreation use is based on the overall capacity determination, as described in Part 1 of this document. Recreation use is allocated to three categories: general public, institutional (semi-public), and commercial permit holders or outfitter-guides. All three represent use by the public. Whether people do the trip on their own or are with an organized group, or have the assistance of a professional outfitter-guide determines the category to which they are allocated.

DETERMINATION OF MIX OF COMMERCIAL, SEMI-PUBLIC, AND GENERAL PUBLIC USE

One of the key decisions is the mix or percentage that constitutes an allocation between commercial, semi-public, and general public use in an area. Allocation will be determined within compartment boundaries.

There are no magic formulas for determining the correct mix of uses. Traditionally, it has been a judgmental decision, often based on historic patterns. As we take a thorough look at our objectives and needs, historical patterns may not be what the future holds. In areas where capacity is not a problem, these mixes will not become the issue. Where there is competition for a limited allocation, however, the question of who gets what piece of the pie becomes critical.

Some considerations that can be used to determine the appropriate mix are:

- Availability of services and experience at other locations, on both private and public lands. Is the service provided dependent on the resources available in the area?
- Assure that the general public is not pushed out or adversely affected by a preponderance of commercial-use activities.
- Wildlife management considerations.
- Potential conflicts with other resource users and activities.
- Type of clientele involved (disabled).
- Forest objectives.
- Terrain, distances from access points, safety considerations.
- Traditional patterns of commercial and public use.
- Interpretation needs

Table III-3 displays available acres, area and trail capacities, miles of fishable stream and miles of open road by compartment.

Table III-4 displays the allocation for trail-based recreation use on the BNF by compartment by district. Allocation is shown by season (summer/fall/winter).

- **Commercial allocation** is the total visitor days allocated to commercial recreation uses within a compartment, based on the total trails capacity, the needs assessment, and any specific justification that may exist, which is explained in the accompanying narrative.

- **Semi-public allocation**, a percentage of the total trail capacity is taken to derive this figure. This temporary pool can be used for semi-public groups that apply for available days.
- **General public use days** available within a compartment.

The narrative that follows the tables corresponds to the tables by the compartment name and number.

ADDENDUM TO FOREST ALLOCATION COMPLETED 1/2008

ROAD BASED RECREATION

Miles of open roads were split out by compartments. The ROS trail-based coefficient (average of 6.5 for forested and non-forested) for Semi-Primitive Motorized was multiplied by the trail mileage and then by length of season and pattern of use coefficient to determine the capacity. Authorized service days are compared to these capacities in Table III-3a for each district. There has been little to no service days issued for this type of activity on the forest.

Forest data indicates that road based recreation use (ATVs, van and jeep tours) increased 5% from 1989-2000. Blending historic forest use data with the national projection index for dispersed motorized recreation, by the year 2055, this type use is expected to increase 24%. The needs assessment identified a need for several road based activities including ATV tours and educational tours.

Use data was obtained from "A Survey and Economic Assessment of Off-Road Vehicle Use in Wyoming" by the University of Wyoming, July 2006. Registrations for the Big Horn Mountains indicated 76% were residents and 24% non-residents. It showed that residents spent an average of 32.5 use days per person and non-residents spent an average of 10.5 use days per person. (This assumes all use from these registrations was in the Big Horn Mountains, which it may not have been.) This survey also conducted a telephone and mail out survey and these surveys indicated a considerably lower number of use days for the Big Horn Mountains.

Table III-3. Available Acres, Area and Trail Capacities, Miles of Fishable Streams, and Miles of Open Road

Comp. Number	Ranger District	Compartment Name	W/NW	Available Acres	Area Capacity Summer	Area Capacity Fall	Area Capacity Winter	Area Capacity Total	Trails Total Miles	Trails Capacity Summer	Trails Capacity Fall	Trails Capacity Winter	Trails Capacity Total	Miles of Fishable Stream	Miles of Open Road
1	Medwheel/Paintrock	Beaver Creek	NW	16231	213493	143229	213258	569980	9	7648	5131	7640	20420	9	22
2	Medwheel/Paintrock	Cottonwood Creek	NW	2721	16494	11066	16476	44036	0	0	0	0	0	5	6
3	Medwheel/Paintrock	Crystal Creek	NW	4474	302019	202620	301686	806326	3	3632	2437	3628	9698	0	4
4	Medwheel/Paintrock	Deer Creek	NW	6309	27615	18526	27584	73725	1	887	595	886	2368	18	14
5	Medwheel/Paintrock	Five Springs Creek	NW	2815	58095	38975	58031	155101	0	126	84	125	335	5	4
6	Medwheel/Paintrock	Horse Creek	NW	7756	25047	16804	25020	66871	14	13621	9138	13606	36365	22	19
7	Medwheel/Paintrock	Little Bighorn River near Duncum	NW	22305	1475196	989688	1473572	3938456	19	13542	9085	13527	36155	24	25
8	Medwheel/Paintrock	Lodge Grass Creek	NW	9070	164903	110631	164721	440255	7	4856	3258	4851	12965	8	9
9	Medwheel/Paintrock	Medicine Lodge Creek	NW	13536	634318	425555	633620	1693494	1	766	514	765	10223	16	25
10	Medwheel/Paintrock	Medicine Lodge Creek	W	4258	11905	7987	11892	31784	4	3063	2055	3060	0	9	0
11	Medwheel/Paintrock	Middle and South Paintrock Creek	NW	5877	206282	138392	206055	550728	4	3819	2562	3814	10195	2	9
12	Medwheel/Paintrock	North Paint Rock Creek	NW	12344	158581	106390	158406	423377	17	13350	8956	13335	35642	27	13
13	Medwheel/Paintrock	North Paint Rock Creek	W	10548	30048	20159	30015	80222	17	13692	9186	13677	36555	23	0
14	Medwheel/Paintrock	Shell Creek at Shell Reservoir	NW	16964	132396	88823	132251	353470	2	1937	1299	1934	5170	23	29
15	Medwheel/Paintrock	Shell Creek at Shell Reservoir	W	15458	51580	34604	51523	137707	8	7643	5128	7634	20405	33	0
16	Medwheel/Paintrock	Shell Creek in Shell Canyon	NW	35977	1465157	982954	1463545	3911656	25	20142	13513	20120	53774	46	81
17	Medwheel/Paintrock	Upper Porcupine Creek	NW	22003	1041175	698510	1040029	2779715	16	12262	8226	12248	32736	42	36
18	Medwheel/Paintrock	West Fork Little Bighorn River	NW	12562	643910	431990	643201	1719101	18	8437	5660	8428	22526	12	21
19	Powder River	Clear Creek	NW	7660	314973	211311	314627	840912	8	6404	4296	6396	17096	18	13
20	Powder River	East Tensleep Creek	NW	15437	1116026	748726	1114797	2979550	19	16224	10884	16206	43314	19	13
21	Powder River	East Tensleep Creek	W	4128	3493	2343	3489	9326	2	405	272	404	1081	7	0
22	Powder River	French Creek	NW	4955	73137	49066	73056	195259	21	19622	13164	19600	52386	8	10
23	Powder River	Leigh Creek	NW	11186	829782	556689	828868	2215339	3	2116	1419	2113	5649	13	8
24	Powder River	Middle and South Paintrock Creek	NW	36419	2509637	1683680	2506874	6700192	22	20852	13990	20830	55672	56	53
25	Powder River	Middle Fork Clear Creek	NW	4399	294337	197466	294013	785816	8	5840	3918	5834	15591	12	10
26	Powder River	Middle Fork Clear Creek	W	4829	15550	10433	15533	41516	8	6855	4599	6848	18302	4	0
27	Powder River	Middle Fork Crazy Woman Creek	NW	21199	1674197	1123195	1672354	4469745	1	931	625	930	2486	20	28
28	Powder River	North Clear Creek	NW	6051	287976	193199	287659	768834	7	3222	2161	3218	8601	13	17
29	Powder River	North Clear Creek	W	7021	27120	18194	27090	72404	14	13284	8912	13270	35466	11	0
30	Powder River	North Fork Crazy Woman Creek above TA Ranch	NW	27625	4701658	3154277	4696482	12552416	8	8182	5489	8173	21845	38	65
31	Powder River	North Fork Crazy Woman Creek below Munkries	NW	5746	984431	660441	983347	2628219	4	4755	3190	4749	12694	8	15
32	Powder River	North Fork Powder River near Powder River Pass	NW	9543	1025433	687949	1024304	2737685	0	0	0	0	0	6	14
33	Powder River	North, Middle, and South Rock Creek	NW	22560	97682	65534	97575	260790	45	35066	23525	35027	93617	37	4
34	Powder River	Rock Creek	NW	3325	22082	14815	22058	58956	10	9787	6566	9776	26128	0	3
35	Powder River	South Clear Creek	NW	14060	2316942	1554404	2314392	6185739	5	2846	1909	2843	7598	19	25

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Comp. Number	Ranger District	Compartment Name	W/NW	Available Acres	Area Capacity Summer	Area Capacity Fall	Area Capacity Winter	Area Capacity Total	Trails Total Miles	Trails Capacity Summer	Trails Capacity Fall	Trails Capacity Winter	Trails Capacity Total	Miles of Fishable Stream	Miles of Open Road
36	Powder River	South Clear Creek	W	5982	21920	14706	21896	58521	7	6745	4525	6737	18007	14	0
37	Powder River	South Piney Creek above Willow	NW	1062	18943	12709	18922	50574	4	3785	2540	3781	10106	2	0
38	Powder River	South Piney Creek above Willow	W	1964	7123	4779	7115	19017	3	1719	1153	1717	4590	1	0
39	Powder River	Tensleep Creek	NW	10918	784520	526323	783656	2094499	2	1763	1183	1761	4706	8	22
40	Powder River	Upper Canyon Creek	NW	9703	1157870	776799	1156595	3091264	0	67	45	67	178	10	19
41	Powder River	West Tensleep Creek	NW	11751	1480834	993471	1479204	3953508	18	17412	11681	17392	46485	19	20
42	Powder River	West Tensleep Creek	W	9732	17639	11834	17620	47094	8	7293	4893	7285	19470	11	0
43	Tongue	Cross Creek	NW	272	1838	1233	1836	4908	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Tongue	Cross Creek	W	2859	21896	14690	21872	58458	3	2858	1917	2855	7629	2	0
45	Tongue	Dry Fork Little Bighorn River	NW	25480	1680172	1127204	1678323	4485699	26	13074	8771	13060	34906	33	40
46	Tongue	East and West Fork Big Goose Creek	NW	35336	1228267	824027	1226915	3279210	31	31760	21307	31725	84792	68	43
47	Tongue	East and West Fork Big Goose Creek	W	7558	33654	22578	33617	89848	4	4116	2761	4111	10988	13	0
48	Tongue	East and West Pass Creek	NW	5756	141108	94668	140953	376729	7	3911	2624	3907	10441	15	5
49	Tongue	East Fork Big Goose Creek	NW	2132	80578	54059	80489	215125	2	1403	941	1401	3745	4	3
50	Tongue	East Fork Big Goose Creek	W	4568	22007	14764	21983	58754	12	11896	7981	11883	31761	11	0
51	Tongue	Little Bighorn River near Duncum	NW	3819	303105	203349	302771	809225	2	76	51	76	203	1	7
52	Tongue	Little Goose Creek above Bighorn	NW	22673	619525	415631	618843	1654000	23	21147	14187	21124	56458	42	38
53	Tongue	Little Goose Creek above Bighorn	W	5291	20577	13805	20554	54936	5	5813	3900	5806	15518	3	0
54	Tongue	Little Tongue River	NW	8955	647763	434575	647050	1729387	8	5982	4013	5975	15971	22	11
55	Tongue	North Piney Creek near Story	NW	16076	49101	32941	49047	131089	25	25381	17028	25353	67762	27	9
56	Tongue	North Piney Creek near Story	W	2644	4573	3068	4568	12209	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
57	Tongue	North Tongue River	NW	49330	3198560	2145868	3195039	8539467	13	4301	2885	4296	11482	64	69
58	Tongue	South Piney Creek above Willow	NW	6268	124125	83273	123988	331386	11	9781	6562	9770	26113	6	1
59	Tongue	South Piney Creek above Willow	W	3836	7224	4847	7216	19287	4	1085	728	1084	2896	2	0
60	Tongue	South Piney Creek near Story	NW	9918	125310	84069	125172	334550	16	13718	9203	13703	36625	19	8
61	Tongue	South Piney Creek near Story	W	3066	11723	7865	11710	31297	5	4576	3070	4571	12217	6	0
62	Tongue	South Tongue River	NW	48879	6183614	4148501	6176808	16508923	22	20725	13904	20702	55332	82	89
63	Tongue	Tongue River above Dayton	NW	15295	1080182	724679	1078993	2883853	10	9657	6479	9647	25783	43	27
64	Tongue	West Fork Little Bighorn River	NW	2232	9417	6318	9407	25141	4	1793	1203	1791	4786	5	6
65	Tongue	Wolf Creek above Wolf	NW	14984	958055	642746	957001	2557802	25	18895	12677	18875	50447	38	1
	Total			775694	42993892	28844003	42946568	114784464	650	273180	359959	535953	585325	1186	1012

Table III-4. Forest Allocation
Medicine Wheel Paintrock District

Updated 2/26/2008

Comp. #	District	Compartment Name	W/NW	All Trails Summer Capacity	Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Available Service Days	Semi-public Allocation	General Public Use Days	All Trails Fall Capacity	Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Authorized Service Days	Semi-public Allocation	General Public Use Days	All Trails Winter Capacity	Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Authorized Service Days	Semi-public Allocation	General Public Use Days	Miles of Fishable Stream	Miles of Open Road
1	MDW/PR	Beaver Creek	NW	7648	120	1530	1410	765	5353	5131	179	257		257	4617	7640	0	764	0	382	6494	9	22
2	MDW/PR	Cottonwood Creek	NW	0	60	228	168	0	-228	0	168	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6
3	MDW/PR	Crystal Creek	NW	3632	0	363	363	182	3087	2437	0	122		122	2193	3628	0	363	0	181	3084	0	4
4	MDW/PR	Deer Creek	NW	887	0	177	177	0	710	595	34	60		30	506	886	0	89	0	44	753	18	14
5	MDW/PR	Five Springs Creek	NW	126	0	0	0	0	126	84	0	8		4	71	125	0	13	0	6	106	5	4
6	MDW/PR	Horse Creek	NW	13621	0	4086	4086	682	8853	9138	0	457		228	8453	13606	0	1361	0	680	11565	22	19
7	MDW/PR	Little Bighorn River near Duncum	NW	13542	787	2708	1921	1354	9480	9085	376	454		454	8177	13527	0	1353	0	676	11498	24	25
8	MDW/PR	Lodgegrass Creek	NW	4856	0	1457	1457	486	2913	3258	0	326		163	2769	4851	0	485	0	243	4123	8	9
9	MDW/PR	Medicine Lodge Creek	NW	766	235	160	-75	0	606	514	77	0		26	488	765	0	77	0	38	650	16	25
10	MDW/PR	Medicine Lodge Creek	W	3063	35	306	271	153	2604	2055	0	0		103	1952	3060	0	306	0	153	2601	9	
11	MDW/PR	Middle & South Paintrock Creek	NW	3819	0	0	0	0	3819	2562	0	0		0	2562	3814	0	381	0	191	3242	2	9
12	MDW/PR	North Paintrock Creek	NW	13350	200	1335	1135	668	11348	8956	188	896		448	7613	13335	0	1334	0	667	11335	27	13
13	MDW/PR	North Paintrock Creek	W	13692	1114	1369	255	685	11638	9186	500	459		230	8497	13677	0	0	0	0	13677	23	
14	MDW/PR	Shell Creek at Shell Reservoir	NW	1937	765	479	-286	0	1458	1299	129	130		65	1104	1934	0	193	0	97	1644	23	29
15	MDW/PR	Shell Creek at Shell Reservoir	W	7643	431	764	333	382	6497	5128	122	513		256	4359	7634	0	0	0	0	7634	33	0
16	MDW/PR	Shell Creek in Shell Canyon	NW	20142	1475	2014	539	504	17624	13513	0	676		338	12499	20120	0	2012	0	1006	17102	46	81
17	MDW/PR	Upper Porcupine Creek	NW	12262	24	613	589	307	11342	8226	60	411		206	7609	12248	0	1225	0	612	10411	42	36
18	MDW/PR	West Fork Little Bighorn River	NW	8437	43	422	379	211	7804	5660	0	283		142	5235	8428	0	843	0	421	7164	12	21
	MDW/PR	Total		129423	5289	18011	12722	6379	105033	86827	1833	5051	0	3071	78705	129278	0	10797	0	5398	113083	324	317
		Avg # of people/day		938	38	131	92	46	761	819	17	48	0	29	742	1068	0	89	0	45	935		

Table III-4. Forest Allocation
Powder River District

Updated 2/26/2008

Comp. #	District	Compartment Name	W/NW	All Trails Summer Capacity	Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Authorized Service Days	Semi-public Allocation	General Public Use Days	All Trails Fall Capacity	Current Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Authorized Service Days	Semi-public Allocation	General Public Use Days	All Trails Winter Capacity	Current Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Authorized Service Days	Semi-public Allocation	General Public Use Days	Miles of Fishable Stream	Miles of Open Road
19	PR	Clear Creek	NW	6404	101	640	125	320	5443	4296	5	430	0	215	3652	6396	0	640	0	320	5437	18	13
20	PR	East Tensleep Creek	NW	16224	142	1622	125	811	13790	10884	0	1088	0	544	9251	16206	0	1621	0	810	13775	19	13
21	PR	East Tensleep Creek	W	405	412	41		20	344	272	0	27	0	14	231	404	0	40	0	20	343	7	
22	PR	French Creek	NW	19622	1318	1962		981	16679	13164	0	1316	0	658	11189	19600	0	1960	0	980	16660	8	10
23	PR	Leigh Creek	NW	2116	12	212		106	1799	1419	0	142	0	71	1206	2113	0	211	0	106	1796	13	8
24	PR	Middle and South Paintrock Creek	NW	20852	68	2085		1043	17724	13990	0	1399	0	700	11892	20830	0	2083	0	1042	17706	56	53
25	PR	Middle Fork Clear Creek	NW	5840	1892	1892		292	3656	3918	3	392	0	196	3330	5834	0	583	0	292	4959	12	10
26	PR	Middle Fork Clear Creek	W	6855	354	685	250	343	5827	4599	2	460	0	230	3909	6848	0	685	0	342	5821	4	0
27	PR	Middle Fork Crazy Woman Creek	NW	931	41	93		47	791	625	4	63	0	31	531	930	0	93	0	47	791	20	28
28	PR	North Clear Creek	NW	3222	1530	1530	125	161	1531	2161	6	216	0	108	1837	3218	0	322	0	161	2735	13	17
29	PR	North Clear Creek	W	13284	900	900		0	12384	8912	0	891	0	446	7575	13270	0	1327	0	664	11280	11	0
30	PR	North Fork Crazy Woman Creek above TA Ranch	NW	8182	214	818	375	409	6955	5489	16	549	0	274	4666	8173	0	817	0	409	6947	38	65
31	PR	North Fork Crazy Woman Creek	NW	4755	0	476		238	4042	3190	0	319	0	160	2712	4749	0	475	0	237	4037	8	15
32	PR	North Fork Powder River near Powder	NW	0	65	0		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	14
33	PR	North, Middle, and South Rock Creek	NW	35066	759	3507	250	1753	29806	23525	5	2353	0	1176	19996	35027	0	3503	0	1751	29773	37	4
34	PR	Rock Creek	NW	9787	316	979		489	8319	6566	0	657	0	328	5581	9776	0	978	0	489	8310		3
35	PR	South Clear Creek	NW	2846	420	420	125	142	2284	1909	12	191	0	95	1623	2843	0	284	0	142	2417	19	25
36	PR	South Clear Creek	W	6745	263	263		0	6482	4525	5	453	0	226	3846	6737	0	674	0	337	5726	14	
37	PR	South Piney Creek above Willow	NW	3785	342	379		189	3217	2540	20	254	0	127	2159	3781	0	378	0	189	3214	2	
38	PR	South Piney Creek above Willow	W	1719	59	172		86	1461	1153	0	115	0	58	980	1717	0	172	0	86	1459	1	
39	PR	Tensleep Creek	NW	1763	41	176	75	88	1499	1183	0	118	0	59	1006	1761	0	176	0	88	1497	8	22
40	PR	Upper Canyon Creek	NW	67	12	12		3	52	45	0	5	0	2	38	67	0	7	0	3	57	10	19
41	PR	West Tensleep Creek	NW	17412	88	88		0	17324	11681	0	1168	0	584	9929	17392	0	1739	0	870	14784	19	20
42	PR	West Tensleep Creek	W	7293	323	323		0	6970	4893	0	489	0	245	4159	7285	0	729	0	364	6192	11	
	PR	TOTAL		195175	9672	19274	1450	7522	168378	130939	79	13094	0	6547	111298	194957	0	19496	0	9748	165714	354	340
		Avg # of people/day		1414	70	140	11	55	1220	1235	1	124	0	62	1050	1611	0	161	0	81	1370		

Bold numbers are static for commercial authorizations in highly visited HUCs.

Table III-4. Forest Allocation
Tongue District

Updated 2/26/2008

Comp. #	District	Compartment Name	W/NW	All Trails Summer Capacity	Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Authorized Service Days	Semi-public Allocation	General Public Use Days	All Trails Fall Capacity	Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Authorized Service Days	Semi-public Allocation	General Public Use Days	All Trails Winter Capacity	Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Authorized Service Days	Semi-public Allocation	General Public Use Days	Miles of Fishable Stream	Miles of Open Road
43	TNG	Cross Creek	NW	0	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	0
44	TNG	Cross Creek	W	2858	190	286	7	143	2429	1917	0	192	0	96	1629	2855	0	286	0	143	2426	2	0
45	TNG	Dry Fork Little Bighorn River	NW	13074	197	1307	36	654	11113	8771	0	877	0	439	7455	13060	0	1306	0	653	11101	33	40
46	TNG	East and West Fork Big Goose Creek	NW	31760	26	3176	3	1588	26996	21307	0	2131	0	1065	18111	31725	0	3173	0	1586	26966	68	43
47	TNG	East and West Fork Big Goose Creek	W	4116	0	329		123	3664	2761	0	276	0	138	2347	4111	0	411	0	206	3494	13	0
48	TNG	East and West Pass Creek	NW	3911	0	391		196	3324	2624	0	262	0	131	2231	3907	0	391	0	195	3321	15	5
49	TNG	East Fork Big Goose Creek	NW	1403	25	70	2	35	1298	941	0	47	0	23	871	1401	0	140	0	70	1191	4	3
50	TNG	East Fork Big Goose Creek	W	11896	234	595	43	297	11004	7981	0	399	0	199	7383	11883	0	1188	0	594	10101	11	0
51	TNG	Little Bighorn River near Duncum	NW	76	0	0		0	76	51	0	0	0	0	51	76	0	0	0	0	76	1	7
52	TNG	Little Goose Creek above Bighorn	NW	21147	125	2115		1057	17975	14187	0	1419	0	709	12059	21124	0	2112	0	1056	17955	42	38
53	TNG	Little Goose Creek above Bighorn	W	5813	30	290	3	58	5465	3900	0	195	0	4	3701	5806	0	290	0	58	5458	3	0
54	TNG	Little Tongue River	NW	5982		598		299	5085	4013	0	401	0	201	3411	5975	0	598	0	299	5079	22	11
55	TNG	North Piney Creek near Story	NW	25381	63	2538		1269	21574	17028	0	1703	0	851	14474	25353	0	2535	0	1268	21550	27	9
56	TNG	North Piney Creek near Story	W	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
57	TNG	North Tongue River	NW	4301	0	430		215	3656	2885	0	289	0	144	2452	4296	0	430	0	215	3652	64	69
58	TNG	South Piney Creek above Willow	NW	9781	839	978		489	8314	6562	0	656	0	328	5578	9770	0	977	0	489	8305	6	1
59	TNG	South Piney Creek above Willow	W	1085	100	207	11	0	878	728	0	73	0	36	619	1084	0	108	0	54	921	2	0
60	TNG	South Piney Creek near Story	NW	13718	378	1372		686	11660	9203	0	920	0	460	7823	13703	0	1370	0	685	11648	19	8
61	TNG	South Piney Creek near Story	W	4576	140	229	31	114	4233	3070	0	154	0	77	2839	4571	0	457	0	229	3885	6	0
62	TNG	South Tongue River	NW	20725	3	415		207	20103	13904	0	278	0	139	13487	20702	0	414	0	207	20081	82	89
63	TNG	Tongue River above Dayton	NW	9657	16	966		483	8208	6479	0	648	0	324	5507	9647	0	965	0	482	8200	43	27
64	TNG	West Fork Little Bighorn River	NW	1793	7	179	201	90	1524	1203	0	120	0	60	1023	1791	0	179	0	90	1522	5	6
65	TNG	Wolf Creek above Wolf	NW	18895	700	1890		945	16061	12677	0	1268	0	634	10775	18875	0	1888	0	944	16044	38	1
	TNG	TOTAL		211948	3073	18361	337	8947	184640	142192	0	12308	0	6059	123826	211715	0	19217	0	9522	182976	507	357
		Avg # of people/day		1536	22	133	1	65	1338	1341	0	116	0	57	1168	1750	0	159	0	79	1512		

**Table III-5. Allocation for Road-based Activities
Medicine Wheel Paintrock District**

Compartment	Miles of Open Road	ROS Coeff Avg	Length of Season Summer	Pattern of Use Coeff	Season Capacity Summer	Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Authorized Service Days	Semi-Public Allocation	General Public Use Days	Length of Season Fall	Pattern of Use Coeff	Season Capacity Fall	Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Authorized Service Days	Semi-public Allocation	General Public Use Days
1.Beaver Creek	22	6.25	138	0.79	14,990		1,499		750	12,742	106	0.69	10,057		1006		503	8548
2.Cottonwood Creek	6	6.25	138	0.79	4,088		409		204	3,475	106	0.69	2,743		274		137	2331
3.Crystal Creek	4	6.25	138	0.79	2,726		273		136	2,317	106	0.69	1,829		183		91	1554
4.Deer Creek	14	6.25	138	0.79	9,539		954		477	8,108	106	0.69	6,400		640		320	5440
5.Five Springs Creek	4	6.25	138	0.79	2,726		273		136	2,317	106	0.69	1,829		183		91	1554
6.Horse Creek	19	6.25	138	0.79	12,946		1,295		647	11,004	106	0.69	8,685		869		434	7383
7.Little Bighorn River near Duncum	25	6.25	138	0.79	17,034		1,703		852	14,479	106	0.69	11,428		1143		571	9714
8.Lodgegrass Creek	9	6.25	138	0.79	6,132		613		307	5,213	106	0.69	4,114		411		206	3497
9.Medicine Lodge Creek	25	6.25	138	0.79	17,034		1,703		852	14,479	106	0.69	11,428		1143		571	9714
11.Middle & South Paintrock Creek	9	6.25	138	0.79	6,132		613		307	5,213	106	0.69	4,114		411		206	3497
12.North Paintrock Creek	13	6.25	138	0.79	8,858		886		443	7,529	106	0.69	5,943		594		297	5051
14.Shell Creek at Shell Reservoir	29	6.25	138	0.79	19,760		1,976		988	16,796	106	0.69	13,257		1326		663	11268
16.Shell Creek in Shell Canyon	81	6.25	138	0.79	55,191		5,519		2,760	46,913	106	0.69	37,027		3703		1851	31473
17.Upper Porcupine Creek	36	6.25	138	0.79	24,530		2,453		1,226	20,850	106	0.69	16,457		1646		823	13988
18.West Fork Little Bighorn River	21	6.25	138	0.79	14,309		1,431		715	12,163	106	0.69	9,600		960		480	8160
TOTAL	317				215,996	0	21,600	0	10,800	183,596			144,909	0	14491	0	7245	123172
Avg # of people/day					1,565	0	157	0	78	1,330			1,367	0	137	0	68	1162

**Table III-5. Allocation for Road-based Activities
Powder River District**

Compartment	Miles of Open Road	ROS Coefficient Average	Length of Season Summer	Pattern of Use Coeff	Season Capacity Summer	Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Authorized Service Days	Semi-Public Allocation	General Public Use Days	Length of Season Fall	Pattern of Use Coeff	Season Capacity Fall	Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Authorized Service Days	Semi-public Allocation	General Public Use Days
19.Clear Creek	13	6.25	138	0.79	8,858		886		443	7,529	106	0.69	5,943		594		297	5051
20.East Tensleep Creek	13	6.25	138	0.79	8,858		886		443	7,529	106	0.69	5,943		594		297	5051
22.French Creek	10	6.25	138	0.79	6,814		681		341	5,792	106	0.69	4,571		457		229	3886
23.Leigh Creek	8	6.25	138	0.79	5,451		545		273	4,633	106	0.69	3,657		366		183	3108
24.Middle & South Paintrock Creek	53	6.25	138	0.79	36,113		3,611		1,806	30,696	106	0.69	24,228		2423		1211	20593
25.Middle Fork Clear Creek	10	6.25	138	0.79	6,814		681		341	5,792	106	0.69	4,571		457		229	3886
27.Middle Fork Crazy Woman Creek	28	6.25	138	0.79	19,079		1,908		954	16,217	106	0.69	12,800		1280		640	10880
28.North Clear Creek	17	6.25	138	0.79	11,583		1,158		579	9,846	106	0.69	7,771		777		389	6605
30.North Fork Crazy Woman Creek above TA Ranch	65	6.25	138	0.79	44,289		4,429		2,214	37,646	106	0.69	29,713		2971		1486	25256
31.North Fork Crazy Woman Creek below Munkries	15	6.25	138	0.79	10,221		1,022		511	8,688	106	0.69	6,857		686		343	5828
32.North Fork Powder River near Powder River Pass	14	6.25	138	0.79	9,539		954		477	8,108	106	0.69	6,400		640		320	5440
33.North, Middle, & South Rock Creek	4	6.25	138	0.79	2,726		273		136	2,317	106	0.69	1,829		183		91	1554
34.Rock Creek	3	6.25	138	0.79	2,044		204		102	1,738	106	0.69	1,371		137		69	1166
35.South Clear Creek	25	6.25	138	0.79	17,034		1,703		852	14,479	106	0.69	11,428		1143		571	9714
39.Tensleep Creek	22	6.25	138	0.79	14,990		1,499		750	12,742	106	0.69	10,057		1006		503	8548
40.Upper Canyon Creek	19	6.25	138	0.79	12,946		1,295		647	11,004	106	0.69	8,685		869		434	7383
41.West Tensleep Creek	20	6.25	138	0.79	13,628		1,363		681	11,583	106	0.69	9,143		914		457	7771
TOTAL	313				213,270	0	21,327	0	10,664	181,280			143,080	0	14308	0	7154	121618
Avg # of people/day					1,545	0	155	0	77	1,314			1,350	0	135	0	67	1147

**Table III-5. Allocation for Road-based Activities
Tongue District**

Compartment	Miles of Open Road	ROS Coeff Avg	Length of Season Summer	Pattern of Use Coeff	Season Capacity Summer	Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Authorized Service Days	Semi-Public Allocation	General Public Use Days	Length of Season Fall	Pattern of Use Coeff	Season Capacity Fall	Authorized Service Days	Commercial Allocation	Authorized Service Days	Semi-public Allocation	General Public Use Days
45. Dry Fork Little Bighorn River	40	6.25	138	0.79	27,255		2,726		1,363	23,167	106	0.69	18,285		1829		914	15542
46. East & West Fork Big Goose Creek	43	6.25	138	0.79	29,299		2,930		1,465	24,904	106	0.69	19,656		1966		983	16708
48. East & West Pass Creek	5	6.25	138	0.79	3,407		341		170	2,896	106	0.69	2,286		229		114	1943
49. East Fork Big Goose Creek	3	6.25	138	0.79	2,044		204		102	1,738	106	0.69	1,371		137		69	1166
51. Little Bighorn River near Duncum	7	6.25	138	0.79	4,770		477		238	4,054	106	0.69	3,200		320		160	2720
52. Little Goose Creek Above Bighorn	38	6.25	138	0.79	25,892		2,589		1,295	22,008	106	0.69	17,371		1737		869	14765
54. Little Tongue River	11	6.25	138	0.79	7,495		750		375	6,371	106	0.69	5,028		503		251	4274
55. North Piney Creek Near Story	9	6.25	138	0.79	6,132		613		307	5,213	106	0.69	4,114		411		206	3497
69. North Tongue River	69	6.25	138	0.79	47,015		4,701		2,351	39,963	106	0.69	31,542		3154		1577	26810
58 South Piney Creek Above Willow	1	6.25	138	0.79	681		68		34	579	106	0.69	457		46		23	389
60. South Piney Creek Near Story	8	6.25	138	0.79	5,451		545		273	4,633	106	0.69	3,657		366		183	3108
62. South Tongue River	89	6.25	138	0.79	60,642		6,064		3,032	51,546	106	0.69	40,684		4068		2034	34582
63. Tongue River Above Dayton	27	6.25	138	0.79	18,397		1,840		920	15,638	106	0.69	12,342		1234		617	10491
64. West Fork Little Bighorn River	6	6.25	138	0.79	4,088		409		204	3,475	106	0.69	2,743		274		137	2331
65. Wolf Creek Above Wolf	1	6.25	138	0.79	681		68		34	579	106	0.69	457		46		23	389
TOTAL	357				243,251	0	24,325	0	12,163	206,763			163,194	0	16319	0	8160	138715
Avg # of people/day					1,763	0	176	0	88	1,498			1,540	0	154	0	77	1309

Because of the limited access for the general public without horses or 4wd vehicles and the low summer recreational use, recommend allocating a high percentage of capacity to outfitter and guides. Recommend allocating up to:

1,530 SDs (20%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 11 people per day.

765 SDs (10%) for semi-public use – averages 6 people per day.

Leaves 5,353 for public use – averages 39 people per day

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, cattle drives, hiking trips on trails, biking trips, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation – big game -94

Wyoming High Country -63 rifle elk, 28 archery elk, also moose, bear, & lion

TRO – big game 179 (for all hunting lion, bear, and big game)

Hunting – ***This compartment overlaps both Elk area 38 and 40. Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have four in parts of this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39 and 104% in area 40.***

Recommend allocating up to:

513 SDs (10%) for all fall-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season is heavy-averages 5 people per day

257 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 2 people per day

Leaves 4,361 for public use-averages 41 people per day

Typical activities are the same as the summer season.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days

Nation (lion)-Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days

Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days

Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Hunting – No new outfitters

Snowmobiling - ***Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest (Outside of Big Game Winter Range designation in Forest Plan)***

General - ***Recommend allocating up to:***

764 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 6 people per day.

383 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 3 people per day.

Leaves 6,494 days for public use – averages 54 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are ice climbing, dog sledding, cross country skiing, & snowshoeing.

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2. Cottonwood Creek & Willow Creek (SPM)

- 2,721 available acres
- 0 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 6 miles of open road
- 5 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Road 12 which a native surface road beyond the Medicine Wheel and is muddy when wet. The major fishing stream is Cottonwood Creek. Moderate dispersed use occurs in the area primarily during the summer with ATV's and the big game seasons. There are no groomed snowmobile trails in this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 44,036 with average per day of 121 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 16,494

Fall = 11,066

Winter = 16,476

Current ROS Trail Capacity 0 with average per day of 0 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 0

Fall = 0

Winter = 0

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation-summer horse trips – 82 (*Historically does not go this far south but this compartment is in authorized area.*)

Wyoming High Country – summer horse trips - 290 (*Historically uses only an estimated 60 days annually in this compartment for cattle drives.*)

Morrison –168 (for all hunting lion, bear, and big game) (*Historically most of his spring bear in this compartment*)

Because of the lack of trails, limited access, and growing general recreation use (ATV's) in this compartment recommend allocating no additional days for summer outfitted use in this compartment.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation – big game -94

Morrison -168 (for all hunting lion, bear, big game)

Wyoming High Country -63 rifle elk, 28 archery elk, also moose, bear, & lion

Hunting - *Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have three in this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39.*

Recommend no days as there is no trail based capacity.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days

Nation (lion)-Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days

Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days

Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Snowmobiling – *Since there are no groomed trails within this compartment and access is by the Medicine Wheel, recommend that no outfitted snowmobile tours be authorized in this compartment.*

General- *Recommend no days as there is no trail based capacity.*

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3. Crystal Creek (SPNM, SPM, RN, R)

- 4,474 available acres
- 3 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 4 miles of open road
- 0 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Highway 14A which is paved. Recreational facilities include Crystal Creek Picnic Ground.

Current ROS Area Capacity 806,326 with average per day of 2209 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 302,019

Fall = 202,620

Winter = 301,686

Current ROS Trail Capacity 9,698 with average per day of 27 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 3,632

Fall = 2,437

Winter = 3,628

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation-summer horse trips – 82 (*No historical use in this compartment but authorized area includes it*)

Wyoming High Country –summer horse trips -290 (*No historical use in this compartment but authorized area includes it*)

Morrison -168 (for all hunting lion, bear, and big game) (*Portion of compartment North of Highway 14A in authorized area but not historically used.*)

TRO – 120 (*No historical use in this compartment but authorized area includes it*)

Hunting-Remain static

General-***Because of the limited access for the general public without horses and the low use, recommend that new summer use outfitters be considered in this compartment.***

Recommend allocating up to:

363 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 3 people per day.

182 SDs (5%) for semi-public use –averages 1 people per day.

Leaves 3,087 for public use – averages 22 people per day

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, hiking trips on trails, biking trips, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation – big game -94

Morrison -168 (for all hunting lion, bear, big game)-Portion of compartment North of Highway 14A

Wyoming High Country -63 rifle elk, 28 archery elk, also moose, bear, & lion

TRO – big game 179 (for all hunting lion, bear, and big game)

Hunting – ***This compartment overlaps both Elk area 38 and 40. Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have four in parts of this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39 and 104% in area 40***

General-***Due to this compartments small size and proximity to the Medicine Wheel recommend no fall allocation outside of hunting.***

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days

Nation (lion)-Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days

Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days

Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Snowmobiling - ***Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest (snowmobiling around the Medicine Wheel is restricted by Special Order)***

General-*Due to this compartments small size and proximity to the Medicine Wheel recommend no winter allocation outside of snowmobiling allocation for NI/2 of the forest.*

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4. Deer Creek (Mixture of SPNM & SPM)

- 6,309 available acres (4,543 Trout & 1,766 Deer)
- 1 mile of non-system trail –0 trailheads
- 14 miles of open road
- 18 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Road 11 which is a native surface road and prone to rutting in wet conditions. The major fishing stream is Trout Creek. Considerable dispersed camping occurs in the Cookstove area primarily in the summer and to a lesser extent during the fall big game season. No groomed snowmobile trails are within or adjacent to this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 73,725 (22,518 Trout & 51,7 Deer) with average per day of 202 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 27,615

Fall = 18,526

Winter = 27,584

Current ROS Trail Capacity 2,368 with average per day of 6.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 887

Fall = 595

Winter = 886

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation-summer horse trips – 82(*in authorized area but haven't historically used this compartment*)

Wyoming High Country –summer horse trips -290 (*in authorized area but haven't historically used this compartment*)

Morrison – spring bear -168 (for all hunting lion, bear, and big game) (*No historical use this far North*)

Hunting-*Additional temporary Lion and Bear outfitters could be accommodated in this compartment*

Summer Horse back trips –*Because of the small compartment size and location, recommend not authorizing additional OGs for summer. Recommend allowing existing outfitters to expand up to:*

177 SDs (20%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 1 person per day.

***0 SDs (0%) for semi-public use - No current semi-public outfitters authorized.
Leaves 710 for public use-averages 5 people per day***

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, cattle drives, limited fishing, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation – big game -94

Morrison -168 (for all hunting lion, bear, big game)

Wyoming High Country -63 rifle elk, 28 archery elk, also moose, bear, & lion

Hunting - ***Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have three in this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39.***

Recommend no fall allocation outside of hunting due to limited trail based capacity.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days

Nation (lion)-Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days

Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days

Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Snowmobiling = ***Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest***

Recommend no additional winter allocation. Because of the distance of this compartment from a groomed trail, limited trail based capacity, and the poor winter access there are limited opportunities for winter use.

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5. Five Springs Creek (SPM, RN, R)

- 2,815 available acres
- Less than 1 mile of trail –0 trailheads
- 4 miles of open road
- 5 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Road 651 and highway14A which is paved. The major fishing stream is Elk Springs Creek. Moderate dispersed use around the FAA garage occurs primarily during the summer and big game seasons. Three recreation residences are located in the Medicine Mountain summer home group. In addition, the Medicine Wheel NHL its self is in this compartment. There are no groomed snowmobile trails in this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 155,101 with average per day of 425 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 58,095
Fall = 38,975
Winter = 58,031

Current ROS Trail Capacity 335 with average per day of less than 1.0 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 126
Fall = 84
Winter = 125

Allocation

Summer: *(Remain Static)*

Existing OG service day assignments *(none of which historically use this compartment)*

Nation-summer horse trips – 82

Wyoming High Country –summer horse trips -290

Morrison – spring bear -168 (for all hunting lion, bear, and big game)

Because of the small size of this compartment and the Medicine Wheel NHL recommend that no new summer use outfitters be authorized in this compartment unless use stays on the highway. In addition, recommend that current outfitters not be authorized to expand their use in this compartment.

Types of activities suitable are motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours and Photography trips along the highway.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments *(none of which historically use this compartment)*

Nation – big game -94

Morrison -168 (for all hunting lion, bear, big game)

Wyoming High Country -63 rifle elk, 28 archery elk, also moose, bear, & lion

Hunting - ***Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have three in this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39.***

Because of the small size of this compartment and the Medicine Wheel NHL recommend that no new fall use outfitters be authorized in this compartment unless use stays on the highway. In addition, recommend that current outfitters not be authorized to expand their use in this compartment.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments *(none of which historically use this compartment)*

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days

Nation (lion)-Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days
Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days
Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Recommend allocating up to:

Snowmobiling - *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest (snowmobiling around the Medicine Wheel is restricted by Special Order)*

Because of the small size of this compartment and the Medicine Wheel NHL recommend that no new winter use outfitters be authorized in this compartment unless use stays on the highway. In addition, recommend that current outfitters not be authorized to expand their use in this compartment.

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6. Horse Creek (SPNM, SPM, RN)

- 7,756 available acres
- 14 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 19 miles of open road
- 22 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Roads 10, 207, and 212, most sections which are native surface. No developed recreational facilities or recreation residences are in this compartment. Heavy dispersed use occurs primarily during the fall big game hunting season with scores of hunting camps set up. Summer dispersed use is low to moderate with the majority grouped along the Hunt Mountain Road (FSR10). The major fishing stream is Horse Creek. There are no groomed snowmobile trails in this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 66,871 with average per day of 183 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 25,047

Fall = 16,804

Winter = 25,020

Current ROS Trail Capacity 36,365 with average per day of 100 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 13,621

Fall = 9,138

Winter = 13,606

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Hideout -250 priority/160 temporary (*No historical use in this compartment.*)

Wyoming High Country –summer horse trips -290 (*No historical use in this compartment/Permitted in Northern 1/4*)

TRO – 120 (*In permitted area but has been staying in Beaver Creek compartment*)

Hunting-*Additional temporary Lion and Bear outfitters could be accommodated in this compartment*

Because of the limited access for the general public without horses or 4wd vehicles and the low summer recreational use, recommend that new summer use outfitters be considered in this compartment.

Recommend allocating up to:

4,086 SDs (30%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 30 people per day.

682 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 5 people per day.

Leaves 8,853 for public use – averages 64 people per day

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, cattle drives, hiking trips on trails, biking trips, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation – big game -94 (No past use in this compartment)

Wyoming High Country -63 rifle elk, 28 archery elk, also moose, bear, & lion (No past use in this compartment/Permitted in Northern 1/4)

TRO – big game 179 (for all hunting lion, bear, and big game)

Bighorn Mountain Adventures -74 (for all hunting) (deer area 50 in this compartment)

Hunting – *This compartment is in Elk area 40. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have one authorized in this compartment already and the area receives high non-outfitted hunting pressure. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 104% of capacity in area 40.*

Recommend allocating up to:

914 SDs (10%) for all fall-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season is heavy-averages 9 people per day.

457 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 4 people per day

Leaves 7,767 for public use-averages 73 people per day

Types of activities are the same as the summer season.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days

Nation (lion)-Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days

Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days

Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Recommend allocating up to:

Snowmobiling - *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest (Outside of Big Game Winter Range designation in Forest Plan)*

Recommend allocating up to:

1,361 SDs (10%) for all winter-based commercial use-averages 11 people per day.

681 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 6 people per day

Leaves 11,564 for public use-averages 96 people per day

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

7. Bighorn River near Duncum (SPM, RM, RN)-Small portion on the Tongue RD and handled separately

- 22,305 available acres
- 19 miles of trail –1 trailhead
- 25 miles of open road
- 24 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Road 14 which is graveled and heavily traveled. The major fishing stream is the Little Bighorn River. Heavy dispersed use occurs in the area primarily during the summer and big game seasons. At least two groomed snowmobile trails are within this compartment and one warming shelter.

Current ROS Area Capacity 3,938,456 with average per day of 10,790 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,475,196

Fall = 989,688

Winter = 1,473,572

Current ROS Trail Capacity 36,155 with average per day of 99 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 13,542

Fall = 9,085

Winter = 13,527

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments on MDW/PR:

Nation-summer horse trips – 82 *(No historical use in this compartment but part of authorized area.)*

Wyoming High Country –summer horse trips -385 *(Base camp in this compartment and most of historical use (325 days).)*

Morrison – spring bear -168 *(for all hunting lion, bear, and big game) (No historical use in this compartment but part of authorized area.)*

Kooch-I-Ching -250 temporary *(most of their use is in this compartment)*

Leader Trek -51 temporary

Double Rafter (Tongue permit)-161

Because of the large amount of general recreation use in this compartment recommend that no new summer priority use outfitters be authorized in this compartment. Current commercial outfitters and new semi-public outfitters could expand up to the following: 2,708 SDs (20%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 20 people per day.

1,354 SDs (10%) for semi-public use – averages 10 people per day.

Leaves 9,480 for public use – averages 69 people per day

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, hiking trips on trails, biking trips, fishing, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments on MDW/PR:

Nation – big game -94

Morrison -168 (for all hunting lion, bear, big game)

Wyoming High Country -63 rifle elk, 28 archery elk, also moose, bear, & lion

Double Rafter (Tongue permit /in Sept.)-126

Hunting - Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have three in this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39.

Recommend allocating up to:

909 SDs (10%) for all fall-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season is heavy-averages 9 people per day.

454 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 4 people per day

Leaves 7,722 for public use-averages 73 people per day

Types of activities are the same as the summer season

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments on MDW/PR:

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days

Nation (lion)-Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days

Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days

Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Recommend allocating up to:

Snowmobiling - Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest

Recommend allocating up to:

1,353 SDs (10%) for all winter-based commercial use-averages 11 people per day.

676 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 6 people per day

Leaves 11,498 for public use-averages 95 people per day

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

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8. Lodgegrass Creek (Combined Lodgegrass & Eskimo Creek Watersheds) (Mostly SPNM with a slice of SPM on the western edge & a slice of RN along southern edge)

- 9,070 available acres
- 7 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 9 miles of open road
- 8 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Roads 11 which is a native surface road and prone to rutting in wet conditions and FSR 111 which is graveled. The major fishing stream is Lodgegrass Creek. Considerable dispersed use occurs in the area primarily during the fall big game season. No groomed snowmobile trails are within or adjacent to this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 440,255 with average per day of 1206 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 163,903

Fall = 110,631

Winter = 164,721

Current ROS Trail Capacity 12,965 with average per day of 36 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,856

Fall = 3,258

Winter = 4,851

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation-summer horse trips – 82 (*authorized but haven't used this compartment in the past*)

Wyoming High Country –summer horse trips -290 (*authorized but haven't used this compartment in the past*)

Morrison – spring bear -168 (for all hunting lion, bear, and big game) (*authorized but haven't used this compartment in the past*)

Because of the limited access for the general public without horses or 4wd vehicles, and the low summer recreational use, recommend that new summer use outfitters be considered in this compartment. Recommend allocating up to:

1,457 SDs (30%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 11 people per day.

486 SDs (10%) for semi-public use – averages 4 people per day.

Leaves 2,913 for public use – averages 21 people per day

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, cattle drives, limited fishing, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation – big game -94

Morrison -168 (for all hunting lion, bear, big game)

Wyoming High Country -63 rifle elk, 28 archery elk, also moose, bear, & lion

Hunting - *Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have three in this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39.*

Recommend allocating up to:

326 SDs (10%) for all fall-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season is heavy-averages 3 people per day.

163 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 2 people per day

Leaves 2,769 for public use-averages 26 people per day

Types of activities are the same as the summer season

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days

Nation (lion)-Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days

Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days

Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Snowmobiling - *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

485 SDs (10%) for all winter-based commercial use-averages 4 people per day.

243 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 2 people per day

Leaves 4,123 for public use-averages 34 people per day

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

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9. Medicine Lodge Creek Non-Wilderness (SPM, SPNM, RM, RN)

- 13,536 available acres
- 1 mile of trail –1 trailhead
- 25 miles of open road
- 16 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via the Paintrock Road FSR17. Moderate to heavy dispersed use occurs primarily during the summer and fall big game hunting seasons. Developed recreation sites as well as the Paintrock Resort are concentrated in the southern part of

this compartment. The major fishing stream is Medicine Lodge Creek. A major North/South snowmobile trail follows FSR17 through this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 1,693,494 with average per day of 4,630 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 634,318

Fall = 425,555

Winter = 633,620

Current ROS Trail Capacity 2,045 with average per day of 6 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer =766

Fall = 514

Winter =765

Allocation

Summer: (remain static)

Existing OG service day assignments:

NOLS-1790 (*Estimate 0 days Non-Wilderness portion*)

Paintrock Lodge -800 (*Estimate 100 days used in Med. Lodge Non-Wilderness compartment*)

Because of the use of this compartment by the general public and only 1 mile of trail, recommend that no new summer use outfitters be looked at in this compartment. Also recommend no expansion of service days for existing outfitters unless it is for pass-through use to access another compartment.

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, fishing, photography, hiking trips on trails, biking trips, and shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, snowmobile tours, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Bighorn Mountain Adventures -74 (for all hunting)

Diamondtail -16

Smith -77 (for all hunting)

Paintrock Adventures-138

Paintrock Lodge -100 (*Total hunting days in authorized area which includes this compartment*)

Hunting – This compartment is in Elk area 42. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have ones authorized in this compartment already and current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 120% for area 42

Because of the use of this compartment by the general public and only 1 mile of trail, recommend that no new fall use outfitters be looked at in this compartment.

Types of activities are the same as the summer season.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- TRO (lion) –Included in big game days
- Nation (lion)-Included in big game days
- Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days
- Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days
- Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days
- Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days
- Hideout – 250 snowmobiling

Recommend allocating up to:

***Snowmobiling - Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest
 Due to only one mile of system trail recommend no winter allocation except snowmobiling.***

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10. Medicine Lodge Creek Wilderness (SPNM, P)

- 4,258 available acres
- 4 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 0 miles of open road
- 9 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via the Edelman trail. Moderate dispersed use occurs primarily during the summer season along this trail system. Emerald Lakes is a popular destination. The major fishing stream is Medicine Lodge Creek.

Current ROS Area Capacity 31,784 with average per day of 87 and the following breakdown by season:
 Summer = 11,905
 Fall = 7,987
 Winter = 11,892

Current ROS Trail Capacity 8,178 with average per day of 22 and the following breakdown by season:
 Summer =3,063
 Fall = 2,055
 Winter =3,060

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Paintrock Lodge –800 (*Estimate 0 days used in Medicine Lodge Wilderness*)
- NOLS-1790 (*Estimate 72 days Wilderness portion*)

Because of the small size of this compartment, access along one main trail, the current opportunities for outstanding solitude within this Wilderness compartment, and the amount of day use from the heavily used adjacent non-wilderness compartment by the general public, recommend that no new summer use outfitters be considered in this compartment at this time unless they are doing pass through use on the existing trail with no base camps within the compartment.

*Recommend existing outfitters can expand up to:
306 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 2 people per day.
153 SDs (5%) for semi-public use - averages 1 person per day*

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, fishing, photography, hiking trips on trails, and shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Bighorn Mountain Adventures -74 (for all hunting)

Diamondtail -16

Smith -77 (for all hunting)

Paintrock Adventures-138

Paintrock Lodge -100 (Total hunting days in authorized area which includes this compartment)

Hunting – *This compartment is in Elk area 42. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have ones authorized in this compartment already and current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 120% for area 42*

Because of the small size of this compartment, access along one main trail, the current opportunities for outstanding solitude within this Wilderness compartment, and the amount of day use from the heavily used adjacent non-wilderness compartment by the general public, recommend that no new fall use outfitters be considered in this compartment at this time unless they are doing pass through use on the existing trail with no base camps within the compartment. Types of activities are the same as the summer.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days

Nation (lion)-Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days

Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days

Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Because of the difficult winter access and location within the Cloud Peak Wilderness recommend no winter allocation unless Paintrock Lodge opens in the winter and starts a program.

Types of activities are winter camping & ice climbing.

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11. Middle & South Paintrock Creek Non-Wilderness (SPM, SPNM, RM, RN) Most of this compartment is on the Powder River RD

- 45,877 available acres
- 4 miles of trail –1 trailhead
- 9 miles of open road
- 2 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via the Battle Park Road FSR24. Heavy dispersed use occurs in Battle Park primarily during the summer season. The major fishing stream is Battle Creek. A major North South snowmobile trail goes through this compartment and there is a warming shelter installed at Battle Park during the season.

Current ROS Area Capacity 550,728 with average per day of 1,509 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 206,282

Fall = 138,392

Winter = 206,055

Current ROS Trail Capacity 10,195 with average per day of 28 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer =3,819

Fall = 2,562

Winter =3,814

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Paintrock Lodge - 800 (*Estimate 0 days used in this compartment*)

Due to the small size and heavy public use during the summer at Battle Park, recommend allocating no additional days for summer outfitted use in this compartment.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Paintrock Lodge -100 (*Total hunting days in authorized area which includes this compartment*)

Hunting – This compartment is in Elk area 45. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters due to the small area and public use during fall big game season. Due to the small size and heavy public use during the fall at Battle Park, recommend allocating no additional days for fall outfitted use in this compartment.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- TRO (lion) –Included in big game days
- Nation (lion)-Included in big game days
- Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days
- Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days
- Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days
- Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days
- Hideout – 250 snowmobiling

Recommend allocating up to:

Snowmobiling - *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

381 SDs (10%) for all winter-based commercial use-averages 3 people per day.

190 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 2 people per day

Leaves 3,243 for public use-averages 27 people per day

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

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12. North Paintrock Creek Non-Wilderness (SPM, SPNM, RN)

- 12,344 available acres
- 17 miles of trail –1 trailhead
- 13 miles of open road
- 27 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via the Paintrock Road FSR17 and Cold Springs Road FSR244. Moderate dispersed use occurs primarily during the summer and fall big game hunting seasons. Developed recreation sites are concentrated in the northern part of this compartment. The major fishing stream is the North Fork of Paintrock Creek.

Current ROS Area Capacity 423,377 with average per day of 1160 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 158,581

Fall = 106,390

Winter = 158,406

Current ROS Trail Capacity 35,642 with average per day of 98 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer =13,350

Fall = 8,956

Winter =13,335

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

NOLS-1790 (*No historical use in this compartment except minor pass thru use.*)

Paintrock Adventures-166 (*Estimate 100 days used in this compartment at Grace Lake*)

Paintrock Lodge -800 (*Estimate 100 days used in this compartment*)

As long as there are no conflicts with heavy use at Lower Paintrock Lakes, recommend allocating up to:

1,335 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 10 people per day.

668 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 5 people per day.

Leaves 11,347 for public use – averages 87 people per day

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, fishing, photography, hiking trips on trails, biking trips, and shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, snowmobile tours, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Bighorn Mountain Adventures -74 (for all hunting)

Diamondtail -16

Smith -77 (for all hunting)

Paintrock Adventures-138

Paintrock Lodge -100 (*Total hunting days in authorized area which includes this compartment*)

Hunting – This compartment is in Elk area 42. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have ones authorized in this compartment already and current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 120% for area 42.

Recommend allocating up to:

896 SDs (10%) for all fall-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season is heavy-averages 8 people per day.

453 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 4 people per day

Leaves 7,607 for public use-averages 72 people per day

Types of activities are the same as the summer season

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days

Nation (lion)-Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days

Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days

Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Hideout – 250 snowmobiling

Recommend allocating up to:

Snowmobiling - Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest

1,334 SDs (10%) for all winter-based commercial use-averages 11 people per day.

667 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 6 people per day

Leaves 11,334 for public use-averages 94 people per day

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

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13. North Paintrock Creek -Wilderness (SPNM, P)

- 10,548 available acres
- 17 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 0 miles of open road
- 23 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via the North High Park, Grace Lake, and Lake Solitude trails. Moderate dispersed use occurs primarily during the summer season along these trail systems. Grace and Poacher Lakes, and Lake Solitude are popular destinations. The major fishing stream is the North Fork of Paintrock Creek.

Current ROS Area Capacity 80,222 with average per day of 220 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 30,048

Fall = 20,159

Winter = 30,015

Current ROS Trail Capacity 36,555 with average per day of 100 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer =13,692

Fall = 9,186

Winter =13,677

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Sheridan Co. Schools District 2 – 36 temporary

Paintrock Adventures -166 (*Estimate 66 days used in this compartment*)

Paintrock Lodge - 800 (*Estimate 600 days used in this compartment*)

NOLS-1790 (*Estimate 268 days of use in this compartment*)

Because of the perceived unregistered day use of this compartment by the general public out of the heavily used Paintrock Lakes area adjacent to the northern portion of this compartment, the heavy and increasing use out of Battle Park on the Southern end of this compartment, and the fragile nature of the high mountain lakes which are the primary destinations within in this compartment, recommend that additional overnight use should not be authorized at heavily used high mountain lakes such as Solitude, Grace, Poacher, Shepherd, Cliff, Middle Cloud Peak, and most others within this compartment. Additional day use should not be authorized at lower lake locations where easier public access encourages non-outfitted use for example Grace Lake and Lake Solitude. No new commercial or institutional outfitter and guides should be authorized in this compartment unless it is a proposed pass through use or use identified at areas outside of the hotspots listed above. Total outfitted use including

pass through and non-hotspot areas should not exceed 10% of the areas trail based capacity for commercial outfitters and 5% for institutional.

1,369 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 10 people per day.

685 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 5 people per day.

Leaves 11,638 for public use – averages 84 people per day

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, fishing, photography, hiking trips on trails, and shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Bighorn Mountain Adventures -74 (for all hunting)

Diamondtail -16

Smith -77 (for all hunting)

Paintrock Adventures-138

Paintrock Lodge -100 *(Total hunting days in authorized area which includes this compartment)*

Hunting – *This compartment is in Elk area 42. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have ones authorized in this compartment already and current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 120% for area 42*

General-*Remain static*

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days

Nation (lion)-Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days

Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days

Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Because of the difficult winter access and location within the Cloud Peak Wilderness recommend no winter allocation unless Paintrock Lodge opens in the winter and starts a program.

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14. Shell Creek at Shell Reservoir Non-Wilderness (SPNM, SPM, RN)

- 16,964 available acres
- 2 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 29 miles of open road
- 23 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Road 17 and 271 which are primarily native surface in this compartment Heavy dispersed use occurs primarily during the summer and fall big game

hunting seasons. The major fishing streams are Shell, Trapper, and Willet Creeks. There are popular groomed snowmobile trails within this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 353,470 with average per day of 968 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 132,396

Fall = 88,823

Winter = 132,251

Current ROS Trail Capacity 5,170 with average per day of 14 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer =1,937

Fall = 1,299

Winter =1,934

Allocation

Summer: (remain static)

Existing OG service day assignments:

Hideout -250 priority/160 temporary (*Approximately 180 days of historical use is in this compartment*)

Ranger Creek Guest Ranch -1600 (*estimate 300 days in this compartment*)

Forrester -206 + 110 temporary (*estimate 158 days in this compartment*)

Bighorn Mountain Adventures – 51 priority/151 temporary (*estimate 31 days this compartment*)

NOLS 1790 (*Estimate 96 days this compartment*)

Because of the high use in this compartment by the general public, recommend allocating no additional days for summer outfitted use in this compartment with the exception of a highway-based operation.

Types of activities suitable are motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips along a highway.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Bighorn Mountain Adventures -74 (for all hunting)

Ranger Creek Guest Ranch -75 (rifle) 30 (archery)

Diamondtail -16

Merchant-42 (for all hunting)

Smith -77

Hunting – This compartment is in Elk area 41. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have ones authorized in this compartment already, the area is suitable for non-guided hunting opportunities, and other elk areas are over capacity which may lead to shifting current permitted outfitters to this area. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 34% for area 41 (without RC Guest Ranch numbers which is still to be determined).

Because of the high use in this compartment by the general public, recommend allocating no additional days for fall outfitted use in this compartment with the exception of a highway-based operation.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- TRO (lion) –Included in big game days
- Nation (lion)-Included in big game days
- Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days
- Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days
- Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days
- Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days
- Hideout – 250 snowmobiling

Recommend allocating up to:

Snowmobiling - *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*
Due to the popularity of this area for snowmobiling and the potential of conflict between this and other winter users recommend no other winter allocation.

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15. Shell Creek at Shell Reservoir Wilderness (SPNM, P)

- 15,458 available acres
- 8 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 0 miles of open road
- 33 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via the Adelaide and Shell Lake trails. Moderate dispersed use occurs primarily during the summer and fall big game hunting seasons along these trails systems. Shell and Emerald Lakes are popular destinations. The major fishing streams are Shell, Porcupine and Buckley Creeks.

Current ROS Area Capacity 137,707 with average per day of 377 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 51,580

Fall = 34,604

Winter = 51,523

Current ROS Trail Capacity 20,405 with average per day of 56 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer =7,643

Fall = 5,128

Winter =7,634

Allocation

Summer: (Remain Static)

Existing OG service day assignments:

Sheridan Co. Schools District 2 – 18 temporary

Ranger Creek Guest Ranch – 1655 (*Only authorized 55 days in this compartment*)
Forrester –206 + 110 temporary (*estimate 158 days in this compartment*)
NOLS-1790 (Estimate 180 days of use in this compartment)
Bighorn Mountain Adventures – 51 priority/151 temporary (*Estimate 20 days in this compartment*)
Paintrock Lodge -800 (*No historical use in this compartment*)

Because of the perceived unregistered day use of this compartment out of the Shell Reservoir area, and the adequate number of existing commercial outfitters in this compartment, recommend that no new commercial outfitters be authorized. Existing commercial outfitters could be authorized up to 10% of the area capacity depending on proposed location of use. Hotspots to avoid include the Shell Lakes, Lakes of the Rough, and Emerald Lake areas.

New institutional use could be looked at up to 5% of the trail based capacity as long as the proposed use was a pass through use with no overnight camps proposed. This is because of the high number of base camps all ready authorized in the compartment.

***764 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 6 people per day.
382 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 3 people per day.
Leaves 6,497 for public use – averages 47 people per day***

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Bighorn Mountain Adventures -74 (for all hunting)
Ranger Creek Guest Ranch -75 (rifle) 30 (archery)
Diamondtail -16
Merchant-42 (for all hunting)
Smith -77
Paintrock Lodge -100 (*Total hunting days in authorized area which includes a portion of this compartment*)

Hunting – ***This compartment is in Elk area 41 and a small part of Elk area 42.***

Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have ones authorized in this compartment already, and other elk areas are over capacity which may lead to shifting current permitted outfitters to this area. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 34% for area 41 (without RC Guest Ranch numbers which is still to be determined) and 120% for area 42.

New institutional use in the fall could be looked at up to 5% of the trail based capacity as long as the proposed use was a pass through use with no overnight camps proposed. This is because of the high number of base camps all ready authorized in the compartment.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days
Nation (lion)-Included in big game days
Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days
Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days
Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Recommend allocating up to:

763 SDs (10%) for all winter-based commercial use-averages 6 people per day.

381 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 3 people per day

Leaves 6,490 for public use-averages 54 people per day

Types of activities are snowshoeing & winter camping.

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16. Shell Creek in Shell Canyon, White Creek (SPNM, SPM, RN, RM, R)

- 35,997 available acres
- 25 miles of trail –3 trailheads
- 81 miles of open road
- 46 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Roads 10, 17, and Highway 14. There is a high concentration of developed recreational facilities along Highway 14 and FSR17. The majority of the District’s recreation residences tracts are in this compartment. Heavy developed and dispersed use occurs primarily during the summer and fall big game hunting seasons. The major fishing stream is Shell Creek. There are both groomed snowmobile and cross country ski trails within this compartment. In addition, Shell Ranger Station, Ranger Creek Guest Ranch, and Antelope Butte Ski areas are located in this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 3,911,656 with average per day of 10,717 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,465,157

Fall = 982,954

Winter = 1,463,545

Current ROS Trail Capacity 53,774 with average per day of 147 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer =20,142

Fall = 13,513

Winter = 20,120

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Hideout -250 priority/160 temporary (*Estimate 175 service days used in this compartment*)

Ranger Creek Guest Ranch -1600 (*Estimate 1300 days use*)

TRO – 120 (*No historical use in this compartment but part of their authorization*)

Bighorn Mountain Adventures – 51 priority/151 temporary (*No historical use in this compartment but part of their authorization*)

Because of the easy access and high use in this compartment by the general public, recommend allocating no additional days for summer outfitted use in this compartment with the exception of either highway-based operations or operations not using the Bench Trail or Shell Creek areas.

Recommend allocating up to:

2,014 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 15 people per day.

504 SDs (2.5%) for semi-public use – averages 4 people per day.

Leaves 17,624 for public use – averages 128 people per day

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, cattle drives, hiking trips on trails, biking trips, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation – big game -94 (No past use in this compartment)

TRO – big game 179 (for all hunting lion, bear, and big game)

Bighorn Mountain Adventures -74 (for all hunting)

Diamondtail-16

Ranger Creek Guest Ranch -75 (for all hunting)

Merchant-42 (for all hunting)

Smith -77

Diamondtail-16

Hunting – ***This compartment is in Elk areas 40 & 41. Recommend allowing no new big game hunting outfitters as we have ones authorized in this compartment already and the area is suitable for non-guided hunting opportunities. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 104% of capacity in area 40 and 34% for area 41 (without RC Guest Ranch numbers which is still to be determined).***

Because of the easy access and high use in this compartment by the general public, recommend allocating no additional days for fall outfitted use in this compartment with the exception of either highway-based operations or operations not using the Bench Trail or Shell Creek areas.

Types of activities are the same as the summer.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days

Nation (lion)-Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days

Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days

Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Beaver Trap -6 on whole District
Powderhorn – 6 includes all of Tongue RD and south rim of Shell Canyon on MWPR
Hideout – 250 snowmobiling

Recommend allocating up to:

***Snowmobiling - Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest
2,012 SDs (10%) for all winter-based commercial use-averages 17 people per day.
1,006 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 8 people per day
Leaves 17,102 for public use-averages 141 people per day***

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

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17. Upper Porcupine Creek (P, SPNM, SPM, RM, RN)

- 22,003 available acres
- 16 miles of trail –2 trailheads
- 36 miles of open road
- 42 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Roads 12, 13 and 14 which are graveled and heavily traveled. The major fishing streams are Porcupine and Bald Mountain Creeks. Heavy dispersed use occurs in the area primarily during the summer and big game seasons. Porcupine Ranger Station, Wyoming High Country Resort, and numerous developed recreation sites are within this compartment. In addition, two summer home tracts, and two isolated recreation residences (at the Jaws) are within the compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 2,779,715 with average per day of 7,616 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,041,175

Fall = 698,510

Winter = 1,040,029

Current ROS Trail Capacity 32,736 with average per day of 90 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 12,262

Fall = 8,226

Winter = 12,248

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation-summer horse trips – 82 (*No historical summer use but part of authorized area.*)

Wyoming High Country –summer horse trips -290 (*No historical use in this compartment but part of authorized area.*)

Morrison – spring bear -168 (for all hunting lion, bear, and big game) (*No historical use in this compartment but part of authorized area.*)

Kooch-I-Ching – 250 (*24 temporary days estimated in this compartment.*)

Because of the large amount of general recreation use in this compartment and the easy access recommend that no new summer use outfitters be authorized in this compartment. Current outfitters could expand up to the following:

Recommend allocating up to:

613 SDs (5%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 4.5 people per day.

307 SDs (2.5%) for semi-public use – averages 2.5 people per day.

Leaves 11,342 for public use – averages 87 people per day

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, cattle drives, fishing, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation – big game -94

Morrison -168 (for all hunting lion, bear, big game)

Wyoming High Country -63 rifle elk, 28 archery elk, also moose, bear, & lion

Hunting - ***Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have three in this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39***

Recommend no fall allocation outside of hunting due the high hunting pressure this area receives.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days

Nation (lion)-Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days

Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days

Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Recommend allocating up to:

Snowmobiling - Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest

1,225 SDs (10%) for all winter-based commercial use-averages 10 people per day.

612 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 5 people per day

Leaves 10,411 for public use-averages 86 people per day

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

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18. West Fork Little Bighorn River (P, SPNM, SPM, RM, RN)

- 12,562 available acres
- 18 miles of trail –0 trailheads
- 21 miles of open road
- 12 miles of fishable stream

Primary access is via Forest Roads 111 and 110 which are graveled. The major fishing streams are Mann and Pumpkin Creeks. Considerable dispersed use occurs in the area primarily during the fall big game season. No groomed snowmobile trails are within or adjacent to this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 1,719,101 with average per day of 4,710 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 643,910
Fall = 431,990
Winter = 643,201

Current ROS Trail Capacity 22,526 with average per day of 174 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 8,437
Fall = 5,660
Winter = 8,428

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation-summer horse trips – 82 (*No historical use in this compartment but part of authorized area.*)

Wyoming High Country –summer horse trips -290 (*No historical use in this compartment but part of authorized area.*)

Leader Trek – 8 temporary

Double Rafter (Tongue Permittee) -35

Morrison – spring bear -168 (for all hunting lion, bear, and big game) *No historical use in this compartment but part of authorized area.*)

Because of the large area of primitive ROS class and steep terrain in this compartment Recommend allocating up to:

422 SDs (5%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 3 people per day.

211 SDs (2.5%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day.

Leaves 7,804 for public use – averages 60 people per day

Types of activities suitable are summer horseback trips, cattle drives, limited fishing, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips, and motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, and Photography trips.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Nation – big game -94

Morrison -168 (for all hunting lion, bear, big game)

Wyoming High Country -63 rifle elk, 28 archery elk, also moose, bear, & lion

Double Rafter (Tongue Permittee) -42(Sept)

Hunting - *Allow no new big game hunting outfitters as we have three in this compartment already. Current authorized service days for big game hunting are at 141% of capacity in Elk area 39.*

Recommend allocating up to:

566 SDs (10%) for all fall-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season is heavy-averages 5 people per day.

283 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 3 people per day

Leaves 4,811 for public use-averages 45 people per day

Types of activities are the same as the summer season

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

TRO (lion) –Included in big game days

Nation (lion)-Included in big game days

Wyoming High Country (lion)-Included in big game days

Morrison (lion)-Included in big game days

Bighorn Mountain Adventures (lion) –Included in big game days

Hideout (lion) –Included in big game days

Snowmobiling - *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

843 SDs (10%) for all winter-based commercial use-averages 7 people per day.

421 SDs (5%) for semi-public use-averages 3 people per day

Leaves 7,164 for public use-averages 59 people per day

Types of activities are dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter camping, ice climbing, etc.

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Powder River District Allocation

19. Clear Creek Non-wilderness

- 7,660 available acres
- 8 miles of trail –5 miles motorized, 3 miles non-motorized, 1 trailhead – Elgin Park
- 13 miles of open road
- 18 miles of fishable stream.

The primary access to this area is via Elgin Park Loop Road. Dispersed camping is a popular activity. The compartment includes portions of an ORV trail network. Road access is restricted – open to motorized use only from 6/15 to the end of big game season for roads east of Elgin Loop, 22. Fishing is available at Tie Hack Reservoir, owned by the city of Buffalo.

Current ROS Area Capacity 840,912 with average per day of 2,303 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 314,973

Fall = 211,311

Winter = 314,627

Current ROS Trail Capacity 17,096 with average per day of 47 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 6,404

Fall = 4,296

Winter = 6,396

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 13

Paradise Ranch = 51

Pines Lodge = 11

South Fork = 10

Trails West = 12

Wallop = 4

Existing outfitters = 101 days total (2% of capacity) *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

640 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 4.5 people per day.

320 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2.5 people per day.

Leaves 5,444 days for public use – averages 39.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are spring bear hunting, ATV tours, Historic/Geologic/bird&wildlife tours, cattle/sheep drives, mountain bike tours, educational activities.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Flatiron Troutfitters = 5 days eastside
- Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side
- Rafter B = 60 days east side
- South Fork = 25 days east side
- Trails West = 14 days east side
- Triple Three (Archery big game) = 25 east side
- 179 days total (east side permits)
- Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

430 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 4 people per day.

215 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 3,652 days for public use – averages 26 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are the same as for summer.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side
- Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side
- Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside
- Hunting = *Remain static*
- Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest
- Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 service days for S½ of forest.*

Recommend allocating up to:

640 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 5.5 people per day.

320 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2.5 people per day.

Leaves 5,437 days for public use – averages 45 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips (cross-country ski, snowshoe).

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20. East Tensleep Creek - Non-wilderness

- 15,437 available acres
- 19 miles of trail –11 miles motorized, 8 miles non-motorized
- 13 miles of open road
- 19 miles of fishable stream.

The primary access to this compartment is via East Tensleep Lake and Upper Meadows. Dispersed camping is a popular activity. The compartment includes portions of an ORV trail network. Road access is prohibited for wheeled motorized vehicles during winter snowmachine season in the Sitting Bull and East Tensleep areas. Fishing is available at Meadowlark Lake and East Tensleep Lake along with stream fishing.

Current ROS Area Capacity 2,979,550 with average per day of 8163 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,116,026

Fall = 748,726

Winter = 1,114,797

Current ROS Trail Capacity 43,314 with average per day of 119 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 16,224

Fall = 10,884

Winter = 16,206

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Bighorn Basin = 54

Meadowlark Resort = 8

Existing outfitters = 62 days total but currently have 600 days unallocated on the west side from previous priority permit. (662 is 4% of capacity)

Recommend allocating up to:

1,622 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 4.5 people per day.

811 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 11.5 people per day.

Leaves 13,790 days for public use – averages 100 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Mulestring = 75

Bighorn Basin = 50

125 total days (west side permits)

Hunting = ***Remain static***

Recommend allocating up to:

1,088 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 10.5 people per day.

544 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 9,251 days for public use – averages 87 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments: (west side permits)

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 10

Hunting = *Remain static*

Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest

Deer Haven = 1,000

Meadowlark Resort = 500

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of the forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

1,621 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 13.5 people per day.

810 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 6.5 people per day.

Leaves 13,775 days for public use – averages 114 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are ATV tours, Winter Nordic skiing, Lake based, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle services, pack trips, trail rides, educational activities depending on season.

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21. East Tensleep Creek - Wilderness

- 4,128 available acres
- 2 miles of trail – non-motorized
- 0 miles of open road
- 7 miles of fishable stream.

The primary access into this compartment is by trail to McClain and Maybelle Lakes. Fishing is available at the lakes and in the streams flowing from the lakes. The entire area is in the Cloud Peak Wilderness.

Current ROS Area Capacity 9326 with average per day of 25.6 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 3493

Fall = 2343

Winter = 3489

Current ROS Trail Capacity 1081 with average per day of 3.0 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 405

Fall = 272

Winter = 404

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

NOLS = 412 off-trail days (12% of capacity) *Remain static*

Outfitted days in this compartment are authorized to NOLS for off-trail trips, so days do not contribute to trail capacity.

Recommend allocating up to:

41 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use – averages less than 0.5 person per day

20 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages less than 0.5 person per day

Leaves 344 days for public use – averages 2.5 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Mulestring = 75

Bighorn Basin = 50

125 total days (west side permits)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to: See East Tensleep Nonwilderness Writeup.

430 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - Would average 4 people per day.

215 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 36,513 days for public use – averages 33 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments: (west side permits)

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 10

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Not Applicable as designated Wilderness.*

348 SD (10%) for all winter trail based commercial use. Would average 3 people per day.

174 SD (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day.

Leaves 2,966 days for public use – averages 24.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips (cross-country ski, snowshoe) and pack trips depending on season of use.

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22. French Creek Non-wilderness

- 4,955 available acres
- 21 miles of trail – 12 miles motorized, 9 miles non-motorized
- 10 miles of open road
- 8 miles of fishable stream.

The primary access into this area is by a high clearance road through French Creek Swamps. There is little summer use and heavy hunting season use since the area is within a General Hunt area for elk. No developed sites are located in this watershed. Road access is by high clearance vehicle.

Current ROS Area Capacity 195,259 with average per day of 534.9 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 73,137

Fall = 49,066

Winter = 73,056

Current ROS Trail Capacity 52,386 with average per day of 143.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 19,622

Fall = 13,164

Winter = 19,600

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 13

Paradise Ranch = 1,277

Trails West = 28

Existing outfitters = 1,318 days total (7% of capacity) **Remain static**

Recommend allocating up to:

1,962 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 14 people per day.

981 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 7 people per day.

Leaves 16,679 days for public use – averages 121 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 5

Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side

Rafter B = 60 days east side

South Fork = 25 days east side

Trails West = 14 days east side

Triple Three (Archery big game) = 25 east side

179 days total (east side permits)

Hunting = **Remain static**

Recommend allocating up to:

1,316 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 12.5 people per day.

658 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 6 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 11,189 days for public use – averages 105.5 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side
Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side
Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside
Hunting = **Remain static**
Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest
Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest**

Recommend allocating up to:

1,960 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 16 people per day.

980 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 8 people per day.

Leaves 16,660 days for public use – averages 137.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are spring bear hunting, historic/geologic/biological tours, shuttle/game packing service, drop trips, moose hunting, mountain bike tours, bird hunting depending on season of year.

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23. Leigh Creek Non-wilderness

- 11,186 available acres
- 3 miles of trail – 3 miles non-motorized
- 8 miles of open road
- 13 miles of fishable stream.

The primary access to this compartment is the hike up the canyon. The area is designated as a “Recommended for Research Natural Area” in the 2005 Forest Plan decision. Permitted activities need to be compatible with the objectives of the RNA guidelines.

Current ROS Area Capacity 2,215,339 with average per day of 6,069 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 829,782

Fall = 556,689

Winter = 828,868

Current ROS Trail Capacity 5,649 with average per day of 15.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,116

Fall = 1,419

Winter = 2,113

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Meadowlark Resort = 12 (*remain static*)

Recommend allocating up to:

212 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 1.5 people per day.

*106 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 people per day.
Leaves 1,799 days for public use – averages 13 people per day.*

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Mulestring = 75
Bighorn Basin = 50
125 total days (west side permits)
Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

142 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 1.5 people per day.

71 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 1,206 days for public use – averages 11.5 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments: (west side permits)

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 10
Hunting = *Remain static*
Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest
Deer Haven = 1,000
Meadowlark Resort = 500
Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 service days for S½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

211 SDs (10%) for all winter trail based commercial use - averages 1.5 people per day.

106 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1 person per day.

Leaves 1,796 days for public use – averages 15 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are spring bear hunting, rock/ice climbing, winter backcountry, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/packing service, moose hunting, mountain bike tours, bird hunting, educational activities depending on season.

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24. Middle/South Paintrock Creek Non-wilderness (includes North Paintrock Creek NW on PRRD)

- 36,419 available acres
- 22 miles of trail –13 miles motorized, 9 miles non-motorized, 1 trailhead – Lily Lake
- 53 miles of open road
- 56 miles of fishable stream.

There are many popular dispersed camping areas in the watershed including the Battle Park area. There are also many miles of ORV trails and fishing streams available including access to the Cloud Peak Wilderness.

Current ROS Area Capacity 6,700,192 with average per day of 18,357 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,509,637

Fall = 1,683,680

Winter = 2,506,874

Current ROS Trail Capacity 55,672 with average per day of 152.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 20,852

Fall = 13,990

Winter = 20,830

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Bighorn Basin = 39

Sports Lure = 2

Widjiwagan = 27

Existing outfitters = 68 days total (0.3% of capacity) **Remain static**

Recommend allocating up to:

2,085 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 15 people per day.

1,043 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 7.5 people per day.

Leaves 17,724 days for public use – averages 128 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Mulestring = 75

Bighorn Basin = 50

125 total days (west side permits)

Hunting = **Remain static**

Recommend allocating up to:

1,399 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 13 people per day.

700 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 6.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 11,892 days for public use – averages 112 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments: (west side permits)

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 10

Hunting = **Remain static**

Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest

Deer Haven = 1,000

Meadowlark Resort = 500

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

2,083 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 17 people per day.

1,042 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 8.5 people per day.

Leaves 17,706 days for public use – averages 146 people per day.

Types of activities suitable ATV tours, rock/ice climbing, winter non-motorized, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/packing services, progressive pack trips, trail rides, pack trips, bird hunting, and educational activities.

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25. Middle Fork Clear Creek Non-wilderness

- 4,399 available acres
- 8 miles of trail - 5 miles motorized, 3 miles non-motorized, 1 trailhead – Elgin Park
- 10 miles of open road
- 12 miles of fishable stream.

The primary access in this area is by the Circle Park and Schoolhouse Park roads. A Wilderness Trailhead is located at Circle Park. The area includes one privately operated resort at Pines Lodge.

Current ROS Area Capacity 785,816 with average per day of 2,152 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 294,337

Fall = 197,466

Winter = 294,013

Current ROS Trail Capacity 15,591 with average per day of 42.7 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 5,840

Fall = 3,918

Winter = 5,834

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Just Gone Fishing = 11

Paradise Ranch = 1,275 (*these service days consist primarily of 1-2 hours on forest per day on trails near the private inholding, consequently not much time is contributing to overall capacity*)

Pines Lodge = 32

South Fork = 547

Widjiwagan = 27

Existing outfitters = 1,892 days total (32% of capacity) **Remain static**

Recommend allocating up to:
1,892 SDs (32%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 13.5 people per day.

292 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2 people per day.

Leaves 3,656 days for public use – averages 26.5 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 5

Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side

Rafter B = 60 days east side

South Fork = 25 days east side

Trails West = 14 days east side

Triple Three (Archery big game) = 25 east side

179 days total (east side permits)

Hunting = **Remain static**

Recommend allocating up to:

392 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 3.5 people per day.

196 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 3,330 days for public use – averages 31.5 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side

Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside

Hunting = **Remain static**

Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest

Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest**

Recommend allocating up to:

583 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 5 people per day.

292 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2.5 people per day.

Leaves 4,959 days for public use – averages 41 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are ORV tours, non-motorized winter sports, historic/geologic/biologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, moose hunting, mountain bike tours, horse drawn activities, and educational activities depending on the season.

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26. Middle Fork Clear Creek - Wilderness

- 4829 available acres
- 8 miles of trail – 8 miles non-motorized
- 0 miles of open road
- 4 miles of fishable stream.

This area is within the Cloud Peak Wilderness and the third busiest area within the wilderness.

Current ROS Area Capacity 41,516 with average per day of 113.7 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 15550

Fall = 10433

Winter = 15533

Current ROS Trail Capacity 18,302 with average per day of 50.1 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 6855

Fall = 4599

Winter = 6848

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Just Gone Fishing = 7

NOLS = 25

Paradise Guest Ranch = 255

Pines Lodge = 5

South Fork = 50

Widjiwagan = 12

Existing outfitters = 354 total (5% of capacity)

Recommend allocating up to:

686 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use. - Would average 5 people per day. This is 330 more SDs than what is already authorized.

342 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2.5 people per day.

Leaves 5,828 days for public use – averages 42 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 5

Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side

Rafter B = 60 days east side

South Fork = 25 days east side

Trails West = 14 days east side

Existing Outfitters = 154 total (3% of capacity)

Triple Three (Archery big game) = 25 east side

179 days total (east side permits)

Hunting = ***Remain static***

Recommend allocating up to:

460 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - Would average 4.5 people per day.

230 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 3,910 days for public use – averages 37 per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side

Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside

Hunting = **Remain static**

Snowmobiling = *Not appropriate use - designated wilderness.*

Recommend allocating up to:

685 SDs (10%) for all winter trail based commercial use - Would average 5.5 people per day.

342 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 3 people per day.

Leaves 6855 days for public use – averages 56.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are winter non-motorized, historic/geologic/biological tours, shuttle/packing services and moose hunting depending on the season.

27. Middle Fork Crazy Woman Creek - Non-wilderness

- 21,199 available acres
- 1 mile of trail – 1 miles non-motorized, Development stages for 5 – 6 miles of ORV trails east of Doyle Creek Campground
- 28 miles of open road
- 20 miles of fishable stream.

Doyle Creek CG is in the watershed. Fishing streams include Doyle and Basco Creeks. The area south of Doyle Creek CG in the Taylor Creek area is important spring/summer big game habitat.

Current ROS Area Capacity 4,469,745 with average per day of 12,246 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,674,197

Fall = 1,123,195

Winter = 1,672,354

Current ROS Trail Capacity 2,486 with average per day of 6.8 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 931

Fall = 625

Winter = 930

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Just Gone Fishing = 22

Klondike Ranch = 14

South Fork = 5

Existing outfitters = 41 days total (4% of capacity) *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

93 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 0.5 people per day.

47 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 people per day.

Leaves 791 days for public use – averages 5.5 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 5

Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side

Rafter B = 60 days east side

South Fork = 25 days east side

Trails West = 14 days east side

Triple Three (Archery big game) = 25 east side

179 days total (east side permits)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

63 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 0.5 people per day.

31 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 531 days for public use – averages 5 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side

Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside

Hunting = *Remain static*

Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

93Ds (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 1 person per day.

47Ds (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 people per day.

Leaves 791 days for public use – averages 6.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable Spring bear hunting, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle service, moose hunting, bird hunting, education activities including alpine activities in the Hazelton Peaks areas outside the Cloud Peak Wilderness.

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28. North Clear Creek - Non-wilderness

- 6,051 available acres
- 7 miles of trail – 4 miles motorized, 3 miles non-motorized, 1 trailhead – Elgin Park
- 17 miles of open road
- 13 miles of fishable stream.

This area contains considerable developed recreation sites including North Fork Picnic Ground, Hunter Campground/Trailhead. The general forest area has large amounts of dispersed camping, fishing, ORVing, with access to popular areas of the Cloud Peak Wilderness and Recommended Wilderness Rock Creek area. Access is by graveled roads.

Current ROS Area Capacity 768,834 with average per day of 2,106 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 287,976
Fall = 193,199
Winter = 287,659

Current ROS Trail Capacity 8,601 with average per day of 23.6 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 3,222
Fall = 2,161
Winter = 3,218

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 26
Outlaw Ranch = 18
Paradise Ranch = 1,275 (*these service days consist primarily of 1-2 hours on forest per day on trails near the private inholding, consequently not much time is contributing to overall capacity*)
Paul Wallop = 7
Pines Lodge = 44
South Fork = 17
Sports Lure = 25
Trails West = 28
Widjwagan = 90

Existing outfitters = 1,530 days total (47% of capacity) **Remain static**

Recommend allocating up to:

1,530 SDs (47%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 11 people per day.

161 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1 person per day.

Leaves 1,531 days for public use – averages 11 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 5

Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side

Rafter B = 60 days east side

South Fork = 25 days east side

Trails West = 14 days east side

Triple Three (Archery big game) = 25 east side

179 days total (east side permits)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

216 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 2 people per day.

108 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1 person per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 1,837 days for public use – averages 17.5 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side

Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside

Hunting = *Remain static*

Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

322 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 2.5 people per day.

161 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day.

Leaves 2,735 days for public use – averages 22.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable winter backcountry skiing, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/packing/drop trips, and moose hunting.

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29. North Clear Creek Wilderness (includes North/Middle/South Rock Wilderness)

- 7,021 available acres
- 14 miles of trail – All in Cloud Peak Wilderness.
- 0 miles of open road
- 11 miles of fishable stream.

This is a very popular wilderness destination area. Many miles of fishable streams are in area with some high mountain lakes.

Current ROS Area Capacity 72,404 with average per day of 198 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 27,120

Fall = 18,194

Winter = 27,090

Current ROS Trail Capacity 35,466 with average per day of 97.2 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 13,284

Fall = 8,912

Winter = 13,270

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

NOLS = 90

Outlaw Ranch = 234

Paradise Ranch = 306

South Fork = 174

Trails West = 12

Widjiwagan = 84

Existing outfitters = 900 days (7% of capacity) *Remain static*

Analysis of the wilderness required registration determined that use is already in excess of the capacity numbers. This includes commercial and semi-public permitted use as well as general public use. Recommend allocating no additional days for outfitted use in this compartment.

Leaves 12,384 days for public use – averages 89.5 per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 5 days eastside

Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side

Rafter B = 60 days east side

South Fork = 25 days east side

Trails West = 14 days east side

Existing outfitters = 154 (2% of capacity)

Triple Three (Archery big game) = 25 east side

179 days total (east side permits)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - Would average 8.5 people per day.

446 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 4 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 7,575 days for public use – averages 71.5 per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side

Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Not Applicable for this watershed.*

Recommend allocating up to:

1327 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - Would average 11 people per day.

664 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 5.5 people per day.

Leaves 11,279 days for public use – averages 93 people per day.

Types of activities suitable rock/ice climbing, winter backcountry non-motorized tours, historic/geologic tours; shuttle/packing/drop trips, moose hunting and progressive pack trips.

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30. North Fork Crazy Woman Creek above TA Ranch - Non-wilderness

- 27,625 available acres
- 8 miles of trail – 8 miles motorized
- 65 miles of open road
- 38 miles of fishable stream.

This is a very accessible watershed with many miles of graveled roads. The Clear/Crazy ORV decision will be adding some miles of designated ORV trails in this watershed along with other on the east side of the district.

Current ROS Area Capacity 12,552,416 with average per day of 34,390 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,701,658

Fall = 3,154,277

Winter = 4,696,482

Current ROS Trail Capacity 21,845 with average per day of 59.8 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 8,182

Fall = 5,489

Winter = 8,173

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Just Gone Fishing = 32

Klondike Ranch = 108

Paradise Ranch = 51

Pines Lodge = 7

South Fork = 10

Trails West = 6

Existing outfitters = 214 days total (3% of capacity) **Remain static**

Recommend allocating up to:

818 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 6 people per day.

409 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 3 people per day.

Leaves 6,955 days for public use – averages 50.5 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 5 days eastside

Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side

Rafter B = 60 days east side

South Fork = 25 days east side

Trails West = 14 days east side

Triple Three (Archery big game) = 25 east side

179 days total (east side permits)

Hunting = **Remain static**

Recommend allocating up to:

549 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 5 people per day.

274 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 4,666 days for public use – averages 44 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side

Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside

Hunting = **Remain static**

Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest

Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest**

Recommend allocating up to:

817 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 7 people per day.

409 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 3.5 people per day.

Leaves 6,947 days for public use – averages 57.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, ATV tours, rock/ice climbing, winter backcountry tours, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/packing/drop trips,

moose hunting, mountain bike tours, bird hunting and educational activities depending on the season.

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31. North Fork Crazy Woman below Munkres - Non-wilderness

- 5,746 available acres
- 4 miles of trail – miles motorized
- 15 miles of open road
- 8 miles of fishable stream.

Currently there is limited use of this area by the general public. There is some dispersed camping and ORV use. When Clear/Crazy ORV trail system is completed there may be more opportunity for motorized tours.

Current ROS Area Capacity 2,628,219 with average per day of 7,200 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 984,431

Fall = 660,441

Winter = 983,347

Current ROS Trail Capacity 12,694 with average per day of 34.8 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,755

Fall = 3,190

Winter = 4,749

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

0 days - *Possible area for new or redistribution of existing authorizations.*

Recommend allocating up to:

475 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 3.5 people per day.

238 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day.

Leaves 4,042 days for public use – averages 29.5 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 5

Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side

Rafter B = 60 days east side

South Fork = 25 days east side

Trails West = 14 days east side

Triple Three (Archery big game) = 25 east side

179 days total (east side permits)

Hunting = **Remain static**

Recommend allocating up to:
319 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 3 people per day.
160 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.
Leaves 2,712 days for public use – averages 25.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are the same as for summer.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side
- Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side
- Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside
- Hunting = **Remain static**
- Big Horn Safari (snowmobile) = 600 for entire forest
- Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest**

Recommend allocating up to:
475 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 4 people per day.
237 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2 people per day.
Leaves 4,037 days for public use – averages 33.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, moose hunting, educational activities depending on the season.

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32. North Fork Powder River near Powder River - Non-wilderness

- 9,543 available acres
- 0 miles of trail
- 14 miles of open road
- 6 miles of fishable stream.

Hazelton Peaks, on the eastside of area, includes some popular dispersed camping areas and fishing streams.

Current ROS Area Capacity 1,024,304 with average per day of 2,806 and the following breakdown by season:

- Summer = 1,025,433
- Fall = 687,949
- Winter = 1,024,304

Current ROS Trail Capacity 0 with average per day of 0 and the following breakdown by season:

- Summer = 0
- Fall = 0
- Winter = 0

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Bighorn Basin = 54

Just Gone Fishing = 11

Existing outfitters = 65 days total *Remain static. No days available since there are no trails and no trail-based capacity. However fishing and some road-based opportunities are available.*

Recommend allocating up to:

0 for all summer trail-based commercial use

0 SDs for semi-public use

Leaves 0 days for public use

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Mulestring = 75

Bighorn Basin = 50

125 total days (west side permits)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

0 SDs for all fall trail-based commercial use

0 SDs for semi-public use

Leaves 0 days for public use

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments: (west side permits)

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 10

Hunting = *Remain static*

Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest

Deer Haven = 1,000

Meadowlark Resort = 500

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

0 SDs for all winter trail-based commercial use

0 SDs for semi-public use

Leaves 0 days for public use

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33. North/Middle/South Rock Creek - Non-wilderness

- 22,560 available acres
- 45 miles of trail – 45 miles non-motorized
- 4 miles of open road
- 37 miles of fishable stream.

Most of this compartment is recommended Wilderness by the Forest Plan decision of 2005. It includes a large area of non motorized non-wilderness. The trails are non motorized designated with road access by high clearance vehicle. The major use period is during fall hunting season as this is an elk general hunt area. The Tongue District has a very small portion that includes #319, which is a service road open only to authorized use. The beginning of the road is located on private land near Story.

Current ROS Area Capacity 260,790 with average per day of 714.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 97,682

Fall = 65,534

Winter = 97,575

Current ROS Trail Capacity 93,617 with average per day of 256.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 35,066

Fall = 23,525

Winter = 35,027

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 25

HF Bar Ranch = 425

Paradise Ranch = 153

Rafter B = 10

Sports Lure = 10

Trails West = 100

Widjiwagan = 36

Existing outfitter days = 759 days total (2% of capacity) ***Remain static***

Recommend allocating up to:

3,507 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 25.5 people per day.

1,753 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 125.5 people per day.

Leaves 29,806 days for public use – averages 216 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 5

Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side

Rafter B = 60 days east side

South Fork = 25 days east side

Trails West = 14 days east side

Triple Three = 25 east side

179 days total (east side permits)

Hunting = ***Remain static***

Recommend allocating up to:
2,532 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 22 people per day.
1,176 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 11 people per day, limit use to September only as above.
Leaves 19,996 days for public use – averages 188.5 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side

Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside

Hunting = **Remain static**

Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest

Snowmobiling = **Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest**

Recommend allocating up to:

3,503 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 29 people per day.

1,751 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 14.5 people per day.

Leaves 29,773 days for public use – averages 246 people per day.

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, winter backcountry trips, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/pack/drop trips, moose hunting, progressive pack trips, bird hunting and educational activities.

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34. Rock Creek Non-wilderness

- 3,325 available acres
- 10 miles of trail – 10 miles non-motorized
- 3 miles of open road
- 0 miles of fishable stream.

Access is difficult by non motorized and motorized methods. There is limited summer use. There is heavy use during big game season as area is a general elk hunt area.

Current ROS Area Capacity 58,956 with average per day of 16.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 22,082

Fall = 14,815

Winter = 22,058

Current ROS Trail Capacity 26,128 with average per day of 71.6 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 9,787

Fall = 6,566

Winter = 9,776

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 13

HF Bar Ranch = 300

Rafter B = 3

Existing outfitters = 316 days total (3% of capacity) *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

979 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 7 people per day.

489 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 3.5 people per day.

Leaves 8,319 days for public use – averages 60 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 5

Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side

Rafter B = 60 days east side

South Fork = 25 days east side

Trails West = 14 days east side

Triple Three = 25 east side

179 days total (east side permits)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

657 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 6 people per day.

328 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 3 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 5,581 days for public use – averages 52.5 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side

Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Not appropriate as all trails are non-motorized.*

Recommend allocating up to:

978 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 8 people per day.

489 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 4 people per day.

Leaves 8,310 days for public use – averages 68.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/packing/drop trips, mountain bike tours.

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35. South Clear Creek - Non-wilderness

- 14,060 available acres
- 5 miles of trail – 4 miles motorized, 1 mile non-motorized (more when Clear/Crazy ORV decision fully implemented.)
- 25 miles of open road
- 19 miles of fishable stream.

This is an easily accessible area with three developed sites within it. Also the Sourdough and Elgin areas receive heavy dispersed camping use. It includes the main area of the ORV trail system. There is access to Cloud Peak Wilderness through this area.

Current ROS Area Capacity 6,185,739 with average per day of 16,947 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,316,942

Fall = 1,554,404

Winter = 2,314,392

Current ROS Trail Capacity 7,598 with average per day of 20.8 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,846

Fall = 1,909

Winter = 2,843

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Just Gone Fishing = 11

Klondike Ranch = 13

Paradise Ranch = 102

Pines Lodge = 120

South Fork = 162

Trails West = 12

Existing outfitters = 420 days total (15% of capacity) ***Remain static***

Recommend allocating up to:

420 SDs (15%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 3 people per day.

142 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1 people per day.

Leaves 2,284 days for public use – averages 16.5 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 5 days eastside

Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side

Rafter B = 60 days east side

South Fork = 25 days east side

Trails West = 14 days east side

Triple Three = 25 east side
179 days total (east side permits)
Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

191 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 2 people per day.

95 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1 person per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 1,623 days for public use – averages 15.5 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side

Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside

Hunting = *Remain static*

Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

284 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 2.5 people per day.

142 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1 person per day.

Leaves 2,417 days for public use – averages 20 people per day.

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, ATV tours, winter backcountry trips, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/packing/drop trips, moose hunting.

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36. South Clear Creek Wilderness

- 5,982 available acres
- 7 miles of trail – all non motorized
- 0 miles of open road
- 14 miles of fishable stream.

This is a very popular area of the Cloud Peak Wilderness with two-wheel vehicle access to the Circle Park TH. Historically this area is the third busiest portion of the Cloud Peak Wilderness.

Current ROS Area Capacity 58,521 with average per day of 160.3 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 21,920

Fall = 14,706

Winter = 21,896

Current ROS Trail Capacity 18,007 with average per day of 49.3 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 6,745

Fall = 4,525
Winter = 6,737

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Just Gone Fishing = 23

Paradise Ranch = 153

Pines Lodge = 12

South Fork = 75

Trails West = 12

Existing outfitters = 263 days total (4% of capacity) **Remain static**

Analysis of the wilderness required registration determined that use is already in excess of the capacity numbers. This includes commercial and semi-public permitted use as well as general public use. Recommend allocating no additional days for outfitted use in this compartment.

Leaves 6,745 days for public use – averages 47 per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 5

Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side

Rafter B = 60 days east side

South Fork = 25 days east side

Trails West = 14 days east side

Triple Three (archery big game) = 25 east side

179 days total (east side permits)

Hunting = **Remain static**

Recommend allocating up to:

453 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 4 people per day.

226 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 3,846 days for public use – averages 36.5 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side

Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side

Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside

Hunting = **Remain static**

Snowmobiling = **Not appropriate- designated wilderness**

Recommend allocating up to:

674 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 5.5 people per day.

337 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 3 people per day.

Leaves 5,726 days for public use – averages 47.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, ATV tours, winter backcountry tours, cattle/sheep drives, shuttle/packing/drop trips, moose hunting.

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37. South Piney Creek above Willow - Non-wilderness

- 1,062 available acres
- 4 miles of trail – non-motorized
- 0 miles of open road
- 2 miles of fishable stream.

There is a moderate amount of dispersed camping in this compartment, mainly around Gem Lake. All trails are non-motorized. The area is used mainly for summer trips with excursions into the Cloud Peak Wilderness. There is also fall hunting as this is in the general elk hunt area.

Current ROS Area Capacity 50,574 with average per day of 137.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 18,943

Fall = 12,709

Winter = 18,922

Current ROS Trail Capacity 10,106 with average per day of 27.7 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 3,785

Fall = 2,540

Winter = 3,781

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 180

Paradise Ranch = 153

Widjiwagan = 9

Existing outfitters = 342 days total (9% of capacity) ***Remain static***

Recommend allocating up to:

379 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 3 people per day.

This leaves only 37 days available for additional commercial use

189 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day.

Leaves 3,217 days for public use – averages 23.5 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 5 days eastside

Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side

Rafter B = 60 days east side
South Fork = 25 days east side
Trails West = 14 days east side
Triple Three (archery big game) = 25 east side
179 days total (east side permits)
Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:
254 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 2.5 people per day.

127 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1 person per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 2,159 days for public use – averages 20.5 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side
Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side
Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside
Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Not appropriate for motorized uses as all trails are non-motorized.*

Recommend allocating up to:
378 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 3 people per day.

189 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day.

Leaves 3,214 days for public use – averages 26.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are moose hunting, winter backcountry non motorized tours.

38. South Piney Creek above Willow - Wilderness

- 1,964 available acres
- 3 miles of trails – non motorized
- 0 miles of open road
- 1 mile of fishable stream.

This compartment includes a portion of the Cloud Peak Wilderness. Access is very difficult.

Current ROS Area Capacity 19,017 with average per day of 52.1 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 7,123

Fall = 4,779

Winter = 7,115

Current ROS Trail Capacity 4,590 with average per day of 12.6 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,719

Fall = 1,153
Winter = 1,717

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Paradise Ranch = 51
Trails West = 2
Widjiwagan = 6
Existing outfitters = 59 days total (3% of capacity) *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

***172 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 1 person per day.
86 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 people per day.
Leaves 1,461 days for public use – averages 10.5 people per day.***

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Flatiron Troutfitters = 5
Paradise Ranch = 50 days east side
Rafter B = 60 days east side
South Fork = 25 days east side
Trails West = 14 days east side
Triple Three = 25 east side
179 days total (east side permits)
Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

***115 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 1 people per day.
58 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.
Leaves 980 days for public use – averages 9 people per day.***

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grand Slam (lion) = 0 east side
Grizzly (lion) = 5 east side
Trophies Unlimited (lion) = 10 eastside
Hunting = *Remain static*
Snowmobiling = *Not appropriate designated wilderness*

Recommend allocating up to:

***172 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 1.5 people per day.
86 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 people per day.
Leaves 1,459 days for public use – averages 12 people per day.***

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39. Tensleep Creek including Canyon Creek below Tensleep - Non-wilderness

- 10,918 available acres
- 2 miles of trail
- 22 miles of open road
- 8 miles of fishable stream.

Access within this compartment is very good with US 16 running through the area in addition to 18 (Old Tensleep Road) which is a gravel surfaced road. There are two campgrounds and the High Park Lookout in the area. The canyon walls have a lot of bolted routes already in place.

Current ROS Area Capacity 2,094,499 with average per day of 5,738 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 784,520

Fall = 526,323

Winter = 783,656

Current ROS Trail Capacity 4,706 with average per day of 13 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,763

Fall = 1,183

Winter = 1,761

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Meadowlark Resort = 38

Sports Lure = 3

Existing outfitters = 41 days total (2% of capacity) *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

176 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 1 person per day.

88 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 people per day.

Leaves 1,499 days for public use – averages 11 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Mulestring = 75

Bighorn Basin = 50

125 total days (west side permits)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

118 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 1 people per day.

59 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 1,006 days for public use – averages 9.5 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments: (west side permits)

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 10

Hunting = *Remain static*

Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest

Deer Haven = 1,000

Meadowlark Resort = 500

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

176 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 1.5 people per day.

88 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 people per day.

Leaves 1,497 days for public use – averages 12.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable spring bear hunting, rock/ice climbing, winter backcountry tours, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, bird hunting and educational activities.

40. Upper Canyon Creek Non-wilderness

- 9.703 available acres
- 0 miles of trail – Pasture Park Trail FST 410.
- 19 miles of open road
- 10 miles of fishable stream.

This compartment includes one developed facility, the Leigh Creek dump station. There is very popular dispersed camping along s 25 and 452. These roads also provide access to the Canyon Creek Estates outside of the south Forest boundary.

Current ROS Area Capacity 3,091,264 with average per day of 8,469 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,157,870

Fall = 776,799

Winter = 1,156,595

Current ROS Trail Capacity 178 with average per day of 0.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 67

Fall = 45

Winter = 67

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Meadowlark Resort – 12 (18% of capacity) *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

12 SDs (18%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages less than 0.5 person per day.

3 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0 people per day.

Leaves 52 days for public use – averages 0.5 person per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Mulestring = 75

Bighorn Basin = 50

125 total days (west side permits)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

5 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 0 people per day.

2 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 38 days for public use – averages 0.5 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments: (west side permits)

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 10

Hunting = *Remain static*

Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest

Deer Haven = 1,000

Meadowlark Resort = 500

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

7 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 0 people per day.

3 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0 people per day.

Leaves 57 days for public use – averages 0.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are spring bear hunting, ATV tours, winter backcountry, historic/geologic tours, cattle/sheep drives, moose hunting, mountain bike tours, horse drawn activities, educational activities.

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41. West Tensleep Creek - Non-wilderness

- 11,751 available acres
- 18 miles of trail –2 miles motorized, 16 miles non-motorized
- 20 miles of open road
- 19 miles of fishable stream.

This is a very popular area on the district. There is easy access on a two-lane gravel road to a most popular wilderness trailhead. There are seven developed recreation sites in the area with two privately run resorts and a downhill ski area. The West Tensleep Road #027 is a very popular dispersed camping area.

Current ROS Area Capacity 3,953,508 with average per day of 10,831 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,480,834

Fall = 993,471

Winter = 1,479,204

Current ROS Trail Capacity 46,485 with average per day of 127.4 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 17,412

Fall = 11,681

Winter = 17,392

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Meadowlark Resort = 88 (0.5% of capacity) *Remain static*

Due to the large amount of general public recreation use in this compartment and the easy access, no new summer use is authorized for commercial or semi-public use authorizations. Many summer days there is more use at the West Tensleep TH than the total capacity for this compartment.

88 SDs for all summer trail-based commercial use - Would average 0.5 person per day.

0 SDs for semi-public use – averages 0 people per day.

Leaves 17,324 days for public use – averages 125.5 per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Mulestring = 75

Bighorn Basin = 50

125 total days (west side permits)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

1,168 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 11 people per day.

584 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 5.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 9,929 days for public use – averages 93.5 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments: (west side permits)

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 10

Hunting = *Remain static*

Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest

Deer Haven = 1,000

Meadowlark Resort = 500

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 1,500 Service days for S½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

1,739 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 14 people per day.

870 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 7 people per day.

Leaves 14,784 days for public use – averages 122 people per day.

Types of activities suitable winter backcountry trips, lake based activities such as canoeing/ice fishing/scenic cruises at Meadowlark Lake.

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42. West Tensleep Creek - Wilderness

- 9,732 available acres
- 8 miles of trail – nonmotorized in designated wilderness
- 0 miles of open road
- 11 miles of fishable stream.

This area is the most frequently visited section of the Cloud Peak Wilderness with 40% of the wilderness use from the West Tensleep trailhead. This area provides the the main access for those climbing Cloud Peak. There are numerous lakes in Middle and West Tensleep drainages.

Current ROS Area Capacity 47,094 with average per day of 129 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 17,639

Fall = 11,834

Winter = 17,620

Current ROS Trail Capacity 19,470 with average per day of 53 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 7,293

Fall = 4,893

Winter = 7,285

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

NOLS = 233

Outlaw Ranch = 72

Widjiwagan = 18

Existing outfitters = 323 days total (4% of capacity) **Remain static**

Analysis of the wilderness required registration determined that use is already in excess of the capacity numbers. This includes commercial and semi-public permitted use as well as general public use. Recommend allocating no additional days for summer outfitted use in this compartment.

Leaves 6,890 days for public use – averages 50 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Mulestring = 75

Bighorn Basin = 50

125 days total (west side permits)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

489 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 4.6 people per day.

245 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2.5 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 4,159 days for public use – averages 39 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments: (west side permits)

D&D Outfitters (lion) = 10

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Not appropriate as designated wilderness.*

Recommend allocating up to:

729 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 6 people per day.

364 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 3 people per day.

Leaves 6,192 days for public use – averages 51 people per day.

Types of activities suitable shuttle/pack/drop trips, progressive pack trips, trail rides, and pack trips.

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Tongue District Allocation

43. Cross Creek NW (SPM)

- 272 available acres
- 0 miles of trail (less than 0.5 mile)
- 0 miles of open road
- 0 miles of fishable stream

This is a very small compartment consisting almost entirely of Cross Creek Reservoir and a portion of the trail (#625) leading to it. The area receives light use, mainly in the summer months.

Current ROS Area Capacity 4,908 with average per day of 13 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,838

Fall = 1,233

Winter = 1,836

Current ROS Trail Capacity 0 with average per day of 0 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 0

Fall = 0

Winter = 0

Allocation

Summer, Fall and Winter:

Existing service day assignments:

0

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating no additional OGs for summer, fall and winter use as very minimal trail-based capacity available.

Fall:

Existing service day assignments:

Triple Three (archery big game)

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

Hunting = *Remain static*

Winter:

Existing service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide

Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
Hunting = *Remain static*

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44. Cross Creek W (P)

- 2,859 available acres
- 3 miles of trail
- 0 miles of open road
- 2 miles of fishable stream

This compartment is small with only a portion of the Solitude Loop trail #38 crossing through along the NE corner. Cross-country travel is not too common in this compartment, with most heading to Cross Creek Lakes. Wilderness Trailhead registrations average approximately 130 per year which is 4% of the total trail-based capacity for summer use.

Current ROS Area Capacity 58,458 with average per day of 160 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 21,896

Fall = 14,690

Winter = 21,872

Current ROS Trail Capacity 7,629 with average per day of 21 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 2,858

Fall = 1,917

Winter = 2,855

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

NOLS = 4 temporary (2% of capacity)

Sheridan Co. District 2 Schools = 3 temporary (0.1% of capacity)

Spear O Wigwam = 190 (7 % of capacity)

Recommend allocating up to:

286 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use – Averages 2 people per day.

143 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1 people per day.

Leaves 2,429 days for public use – averages 17.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Triple Three (archery big game)

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

192 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use – Averages 2 people per day.

96 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1 person per day.

Leaves 1,629 days for public use – averages 15 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide

Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

286 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use – averages 2 people per day.

143 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1 person per day.

Leaves 2,426 days for public use – averages 20 people per day.

Types of activities suitable would be cross-country skiing/winter camping

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45. Dry Fork Little Bighorn River (Primarily SPNM and P)

- 25,480 available acres
- 26 miles of trail
- 40 miles of open road
- 33 miles of fishable stream

Considerable dispersed camping occurs in this compartment during summer and fall, primarily along FSR#15, 177 and 149. Additional 4-wheel drive roads receive camping and ATV pressure. #15 is a groomed snowmobile route as well and receives heavy use during the winter. Bull Elk Park RNA is located in the center of this compartment, accessible by several non-motorized trails. Primary trails include Lick Creek #076, Lake Creek #006 and Dry Fork #004.

Current ROS Area Capacity 4,485,699 with average per day of 12,290 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,680,172

Fall = 1,127,204

Winter = 1,678,323

Current ROS Trail Capacity 34,906 with average per day of 96 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 13,074

Fall = 8,771
Winter = 13,060

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Leader Trek = 36 temporary (0.3% of capacity)

Kerns = 56 (0.4% of capacity) **Remain static**

The Trophy Connection = 141 (1% of capacity)

Bighorn Wild & Scenic Trail Run Recreation Event annually mid-June = 465 participants

+ 150 spectators (passes through this compartment and others)

Bliss Creek (spring bear)

The Trophy Connection (spring bear)

Beaver Trap (spring bear)

Hunting = **Remain static**

Recommend allocating up to:

1,307 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use – averages 10 people per day.

654 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 4.5 people per day.

Leaves 11,113 days for public use – averages 80.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

The Trophy Connection (big game)

Grizzly Outfitters (big game)

Hunting = **Remain static**

Recommend allocating up to:

877 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use - averages 8 people per day.

439 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 4 people per day.

Leaves 7,455 days for public use – averages 70 per day.

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting with regards to shuttle/packing/drop camps services.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide

Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Bear Lodge = 1,000 for entire forest

Big Horn Safari = 600 for entire forest

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

1,306 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 11 people per day.

653 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 5 people per day.

Leaves 11,101 days for public use – averages 92 per day.

Types of activities suitable would be dog sledding, ice climbing.

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46. East and West Fork Big Goose Creek Non-Wilderness (Primarily SPNM and SPM, with sections of RN and RM)

- 35,336 available acres
- 31 miles of trail
- 43 miles of open road
- 68 miles of fishable stream

This compartment is a very large area with numerous developed sites as well as areas of concentrated dispersed recreation. Developed sites include East Fork, Ranger Creek, and Cross Creek CGs; Twin Lakes PG, Coney TH, Big Goose RS. Areas of concentrated dispersed use include Park Reservoir, Sawmill Lakes and Twin Lakes. There is heavy summer and fall use. Access is primarily from Red Grade #26. There are several 4 wheel-drive roads offering vehicle and ATV opportunities. There are several recreation residences and two private inholdings that also have numerous cabins. Despite the heavy public use, there is still a need for some types of outfitted services.

Current ROS Area Capacity 3,279,210 with average per day of 8,984 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,228,267

Fall = 824,027

Winter = 1,226,915

Current ROS Trail Capacity 84,792 with average per day of 232 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 31,760

Fall = 21,307

Winter = 31,725

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Sheridan Co. Schools District 2 – 3 temp (negligible % of capacity)

Angling Destinations = 6 (*Remains static*)

Wallop = 20 (includes Sept) (*Remains static*)

Areas of high concentrated developed and dispersed use (see narrative above) should generally be unavailable for outfitted use because of the easy access, high levels of use, and reduced need for services. Recommend allocating up to:

3,176 SDs (10%) for summer trail-based commercial use - averages 23 people per day

1,588 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 11.5 people per day.

Leaves 26,996 days for public use – averages 195.5 people per day.

Activities may include Day horseback rides, photography, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, shuttle services

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Black Mtn. (big game)

Triple Three (archery big game)

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

Hunting = *Remain static*

Same rationale applies to fall as to summer use – see above. Recommend allocating up to:

2,131 SDs (10%) for fall trail-based commercial use - averages 20 people per day

1,065 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 10 people per day.

Leaves 18,111 days for public use – averages 171 people per day.

Activities may include same as for summer in addition to pack/drop camp services for hunting.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide

Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Bear Lodge = 1,000 for entire forest

Big Horn Safari = 600 for entire forest

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

3,173 SDs (10%) for winter trail-based commercial use - averages 26 people per day

1,586 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 13 people per day.

Leaves 26,966 days for public use – averages 223 people per day.

Activities may include dog sled, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, winter camping.

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47. East and West Fork Big Goose Creek Wilderness (Primitive and Pristine)

- 7,558 available acres
- 4 miles of trail

- 0 of open road
- 13 miles of fishable stream

Access into this compartment is via 2 trails, Coney #21 and Geddes Lake #23. Coney Trailhead is a developed facility located along #26. Geddes Lake trail has no developed facility and is somewhat difficult to access due to the roughness of the road/trail into Weston Reservoir. Stull and Coney Lakes are popular destinations and receive moderately heavy use. Wilderness Trailhead registrations average 756 per year which is approximately 18% of the total trail-based capacity for summer use. Most of this use (63%) is to Coney/Stull Lakes.

Current ROS Area Capacity 89,848 with average per day of 246 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 33,654

Fall = 22,578

Winter = 33,617

Current ROS Trail Capacity 10,988 with average per day of 30 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,116

Fall = 2,761

Winter = 4,111

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

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No outfitted use should be allowed to Coney or Stull Lakes because of the ease of access and amount of general public use the area is already receiving. Trailhead data indicates that the average existing use to these lakes is 13% of the general public use days. Recommend allocating up to:

329 SDs (8%) for summer trail-based commercial use - averages 2.5 people per day

123 SDs (3%) for semi-public use – averages 1 person per day.

Leaves 3,664 days for public use – averages 26 people per day.

Activities may include shuttle services and drop camps, photography.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly Outfitters = 36 (Archery) 75 (Big Game) = 111

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

Hunting = *Remain static*

No outfitted use should be allowed to Coney or Stull Lakes as ease of access and amount of general public use the area is already receiving. Recommend allocating up to:

276 SDs (10%) for fall trail-based commercial use - averages 2.5 people per day
138 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day.
Leaves 2,347 days for public use – averages 22 people per day.

Activities may include shuttle/pack/drop camp services

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide
- Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide
- Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

411 SDs (10%) for winter trail-based commercial use - averages 3.5 people per day
206 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day.
Leaves 3,494 days for public use – averages 29 people per day.

Activities suitable may include cross-country skiing/snowshoeing/winter camping.

48. East and West Pass Creek (Primarily SPNM and SPM)

- 5,756 available acres
- 7 miles of trail
- 5 miles of open road
- 15 miles of fishable stream

Access is limited. Road access is restricted for motorized use, open only from 6/16 to 11/15. One road accesses area via Kerns Big Game Winter Range and the other via Riley Point Road #149. The only trail, West Pass Trail #428, access is restricted via private land from the east face, but open from the top at the end of FSR #149.

Current ROS Area Capacity 376,729 with average per day of 1,032 and the following breakdown by season:

- Summer = 141,108
- Fall = 94,668
- Winter = 140,953

Current ROS Trail Capacity 10,441 with average per day of 29 and the following breakdown by season:

- Summer = 3,911
- Fall = 2,624
- Winter = 3,907

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Recommend allocating up to:

391 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 3 people per day.

196 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day.

Leaves 3,324 days for public use – averages 24 per day.

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

262 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time – averages 8.5 people per day.

131 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 4.5 people per day.

Leaves 2,231 days for public use – averages 21 per day.

Types of activities suitable are the same as for summer.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide

Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Bear Lodge (snowmobiling) = 1,000 for entire forest

Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

391 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 3 people per day.

195 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day.

Leaves 3,321 days for public use – averages 27 people per day.

Types of activities suitable would be dog sledding, non-motorized, unless snowmobile for other than snowmobile tours.

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49. East Fork Big Goose Creek NW (RN, SPM, SPNM)

- 2,132 available acres
- 2 miles of trail
- 3 miles of open road

- 4 miles of fishable stream

This compartment is very small. The only road access is via FSR #293 into Coffeen Park CG and TH. This is the major wilderness portal on the north end of the forest. The area receives moderately heavy use in summer and fall. The adjacent concentrated use area around Park Reservoir contributes to this use (fishing, ATV, vehicle, hiking, camping, horseback riding). There are two recreation residences in this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 215,125 with average per day of 589 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 80,578

Fall = 54,059

Winter = 80,489

Current ROS Trail Capacity 3,745 with average per day of 10 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,403

Fall = 941

Winter = 1,401

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Sheridan Co. Schools District 2 – 2 temporary (0.1% of capacity)

Sierra Club Outings – 6 temporary

Spear O = 25 (2%)

Commercial use is recommended at lower levels here due to the high public use within the compartment. Refer to use information for the East Fork Big Goose Creek Wilderness compartment since access to that compartment is primarily via this compartment. Recommend allocating up to:

70 (5%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 0.5 people per day.

35 SDs (2.5%) for semi-public use – averages less than 0.5 people per day.

Leaves 1,298 days for public use – averages 9 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

Same rationale for fall use as for summer use. Recommend allocating up to:

47 (5%) for all fall trail-based commercial use – averages less than 0.5 people per day.

23 SDs (2.5%) for semi-public use – averages less than 0.5 people per day.

Leaves 871 days for public use – averages 8 people per day.

Types of activities are the same as for summer.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide
- Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide
- Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Bear Lodge = 1,000 for entire forest
- Big Horn Safari = 600 for entire forest
- Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

140 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use – averages 1 person per day

70 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 people per day.

Leaves 1,191 days for public use – averages 10 people per day

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50. East Fork Big Goose Creek W (P)

- 4,568 available acres
- 12 miles of trail
- 0 miles of open road
- 11 miles of fishable stream

This is the primary wilderness portal for the north end of the CPW. Several trails criss-cross the compartment, including #38, 25, 592, 122, and 123. Day use to several lakes is common for both hikers and horseback visitors. Wilderness Trailhead registrations average approximately 2,569 per year which is 22% of the total trail-based capacity for summer use. Most of this use (54%) is to Lake Geneva and Crystal Lakes. Use to these lakes is 12% of the total trail-based capacity by itself.

Current ROS Area Capacity 58,754 with average per day of 161 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 22,007

Fall = 14,764

Winter = 21,983

Current ROS Trail Capacity 31,761 with average per day of 87 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 11,896

Fall = 7,981

Winter = 11,883

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Sheridan Co. District 2 Schools = 6 temporary (0.05% of capacity)

Sierra Club Outings – 30 temporary
NOLS = 7 temporary
Spear O = 210 (1.5% of capacity)
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Commercial use is recommended at lower levels here due to the high public use within the compartment. Wilderness trailhead registrations without the numbers to Lake Geneva and Crystal Lake average 10% of the total summer capacity. No additional outfitted use is allowed at Lake Geneva or Crystal Lake and no additional overnight outfitted use is allowed due to the high use indicated from the Wilderness Trailhead data (13% of general public use days). Recommend allocating up to: 595 (5%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 4 people per day. 297 SDs (2.5%) for semi-public use – averages 2 people per day. Leaves 11,004 days for public use – averages 80 per day.

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Powder Horn (moose) =6 Districtwide
Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

Same rationale for fall use as for summer use. Recommend allocating up to: 399 (5%) for all fall trail-based commercial use - averages 4 people per day. 199 SDs (2.5%) for semi-public use – averages 2 people per day. Leaves 7,383 days for public use – averages 70 per day.

Types of activities are the same as for summer.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide
Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide
Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
Hunting = ***Remain static***
Snowmobiling = ***Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest***

Recommend allocating up to: 1,188 SDs (10%) for winter trail-based commercial use - averages 10 people per day 594 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 5 people per day. Leaves 10,101 days for public use – averages 83.5 people per day.

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51. Little Bighorn River near Duncum (Primarily SPNM) - Tongue’s portion of this compartment is small – bulk is on MWPR

- 3,819 available acres
- 2 miles of trail – These 2 miles should be on the MWPR portion of this compartment

- 7 miles of open road
- 1 mile and of fishable stream

The bulk of this compartment lies on the MWPR district. Access to Tongue's portion is via FSR #15 and 145 only. There are no trails in this portion of the compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 809,225 with average per day of 2,217 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 303,105

Fall = 203,349

Winter = 302,771

Current ROS Trail Capacity 203 with average per day of 0.5 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 76

Fall = 51

Winter = 76

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Bighorn Wild & Scenic Trail Run Recreation Event annually mid-June = 465 participants + 150 spectators (passes through this compartment and others)

Bliss Creek (spring bear)

The Trophy Connection (spring bear)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend no additional days for commercial or semi-public use as very minimal trail-based capacity and pressure for public use along roads is high.

Leaves 76 days for public use – averages 0.5 people per day.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

The Trophy Connection (big game)

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend no additional days for commercial or semi-public use as very little trail-based capacity and pressure for public use along roads is high.

Leaves 51 days for public use – averages 0.5 people per day.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide

Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Bear Lodge = 1,000 for entire forest
Big Horn Safari = 600 for entire forest
Hunting = *Remain static*
Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*
Recommend allocating no additional days for commercial or semi-public use as very little trail-based capacity.
Leaves 76 days for public use – averages 0.5 people per day

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52. Little Goose Creek Above Bighorn NW (SPM)

- 22,673 available acres
- 23 miles of trail
- 38 miles of open road
- 42 miles of fishable stream

This compartment offers a unique semi-primitive motorized experience to remote backcountry destinations, as well as access to the CPW. There are numerous motorized trails in the area and only 1 non-motorized trail, #19. Little Goose CG is the only developed facility in the compartment. There are several recreation residences within the area.

Current ROS Area Capacity 1,654,000 with average per day of 4,531 and the following breakdown by season:
Summer = 619,525
Fall = 415,631
Winter = 618,843

Current ROS Trail Capacity 56,458 with average per day of 155 and the following breakdown by season:
Summer = 21,147
Fall = 14,187
Winter = 21,124

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Spear O = 120 (0.6% of capacity)
Wallop = 5 (negligible %)
Total = 125 (0.6% of capacity)
Nelson (spring bear)
Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

2,115 SDs (10%) for summer trail-based commercial use - averages 15 people per day
1,057 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 7.5 people per day.
Leaves 17,975 days for public use – averages 130 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Triple Three (archery big game)
- Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide
- Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide
- Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

- 1,419 SDs (10%) for fall trail-based commercial use - averages 13 people per day*
- 709 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 6.5 people per day.*
- Leaves 12,059 days for public use – averages 114 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide
- Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide
- Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Bear Lodge = 1,000 for entire forest
- Big Horn Safari = 600 for entire forest
- Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

- 2,112 SDs (10%) for winter trail-based commercial use - averages 17 people per day*
- 1,056 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 8.5 people per day.*
- Leaves 17,955 days for public use – averages 148 people per day.*

Types of activities dog sledding, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing/winter camping.

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53. Little Goose Creek Above Bighorn W (P)

- 5,291 available acres
- 5 miles of trail
- 0 miles of open road
- 3 miles of fishable stream

Access into this compartment is difficult, via Little Goose Road #314 or from within the CPW. The Little Goose Trail #27 is the primary trail that bisects the compartment. A small portion of the Solitude Loop trail #38 cuts across a corner of the compartment. Cross-country travel is very difficult, which funnels close to 100% of use along the trail corridor. Wilderness Trailhead registrations average 135 per year which is approximately 2% of the total trail-based capacity for summer use.

Current ROS Area Capacity 54,946 with average per day of 150 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 20,577

Fall = 13,805

Winter = 20,554

Current ROS Trail Capacity 15,518 with average per day of 42 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 5,813

Fall = 3,900

Winter = 5,806

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Sheridan Co. Schools District 2 – 3 temp (0.05% of capacity)

Spear O = 30 (0.5% of capacity)

Due to the remoteness of this compartment and expectations of the users, allocation for commercial and semi-public use is recommended to be lower. Access is difficult and demand indicates that it remain that way. Recommend allocating up to:

290 SDs (5%) for summer trail-based commercial use - averages 2 people per day

58 SDs (1%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 people per day.

Leaves 5,465 days for public use – averages 39.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Triple Three (archery big game)

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

Hunting = *Remain static*

Same rational as for summer use. Recommend allocating up to:

195 SDs (5%) for fall trail-based commercial use - averages 2 people per day

4 SDs (1%) for semi-public use – averages 0 people per day.

Leaves 3,701 days for public use – averages 35 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide

Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

290 SDs (10%) for winter trail-based commercial use - averages 2 people per day

58 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 people per day.

Leaves 5,458 days for public use – averages 45 people per day.

Types of activities cross-country skiing/snowshoeing/winter camping.
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54. Little Tongue River (SPNM, RN)

- 8,955 available acres
- 8 miles of trail
- 11 miles of open road
- 22 miles of fishable stream

Primary access into this compartment is via Black Mountain Road #16. A few other 4 wheel-drive roads provide additional access. Trails include Black Mountain Lookout Trail #11, #005, and #427. Heavy use and camping occur along Black Mountain Road in summer and fall. The northern part of Walker Prairie is located in this compartment and this area receives its highest use in the fall. One recreation residence is located within this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 1,729,387 with average per day of 4,738 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 647,763

Fall = 434,575

Winter = 647,050

Current ROS Trail Capacity 15,971 with average per day of 44 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 5,982

Fall = 4,013

Winter = 5,975

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Beaver Trap (spring bear)

The Trophy Connection (spring bear)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

598 SDs (10%) for summer trail-based commercial use - averages 4.5 people per day

299 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2 people per day.

Leaves 5,085 days for public use – averages 37 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Beaver Trap (big game)
- Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide
- Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide
- Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

- 401 SDs (10%) for fall trail-based commercial use - averages 4 people per day*
- 201 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2 people per day.*
- Leaves 3,411 days for public use – averages 32 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide
- Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide
- Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Bear Lodge = 1,000 for entire forest
- Big Horn Safari = 600 for entire forest
- Hunting = *Remain static*
- Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

- 598 SDs (10%) for winter trail-based commercial use - averages 5 people per day*
- 299 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2.5 people per day.*
- Leaves 5,079 days for public use – averages 42 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable would be dog sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing.

55. North Piney Creek Near Story NW (SPM)

- 16,076 available acres
- 25 miles of trail
- 9 miles of open road
- 27 miles of fishable stream

This compartment offers a unique semi-primitive motorized experience into remote backcountry settings. The primary access is via the Story-Penrose trail #33, open to both motorized and non-motorized use. Motorized use is seasonally restricted on this trail, open from mid-June to the end of March. The trail receives moderately heavy use during summer and fall, and light use by snowmobilers during winter. Other trails in the

compartment include #112, 86, 28, and FSR 320 which functions as a trail since it is open to vehicles only for administrative use. The Penrose GS, a G&F cabin, a cow camp, and one recreation residence are all located within this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 131,089 with average per day of 359 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 49,101

Fall = 32,941

Winter = 49,047

Current ROS Trail Capacity 67,762 with average per day of 186 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 25,381

Fall = 17,028

Winter = 25,353

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters = 63 (125 total with South Piney Creek Near Story NW and includes hunting)

Recommend allocating up to:

2,538 SDs (10%) for summer trail-based commercial use - averages 18 people per day

1,269 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 9 people per day.

Leaves 21,574 days for public use – averages 156 people per day.

Types of activities suitable would be ATV tours, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps into remote locations

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Clarendon (big game)

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

Hunting = ***Remain static***

Recommend allocating up to:

1,703 SDs (10%) for fall trail-based commercial use - averages 16 people per day

851 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 8 people per day.

Leaves 14,474 days for public use – averages 136 people per day.

Types of activities suitable would be the same as for summer but with hunting as emphasis

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide

Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide
Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
Bear Lodge = 1,000 for entire forest
Big Horn Safari = 600 for entire forest
Hunting = *Remain static*
Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:
2,535 SDs (10%) for winter trail-based commercial use - averages 21 people per day
1,268 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 10 people per day.
Leaves 21,550 days for public use – averages 178 people per day.

Types of activities suitable would be winter camping based

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56. North Piney Creek Near Story W (Pristine)

- 2,644 available acres
- 0 miles of trail
- 0 miles of open road
- 2 miles of fishable stream

There is no trail access into this compartment, and therefore, no trail-based capacity for allocation purposes.

Current ROS Area Capacity 12,209 with average per day of 33 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,573

Fall = 3,068

Winter = 4,568

Current ROS Trail Capacity 0 with average per day of 0 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 0

Fall = 0

Winter = 0

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

0

Recommend allocating no additional OGs for summer, fall AND winter use as no trail-based capacity available.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide
Hunting = *Remain static*

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide
Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide
Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
Hunting = *Remain static*

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57. North Tongue River (SPM, RM, RN, R)

- 49,330 available acres
- 13 miles of trail
- 69 miles of open road
- 64 miles of fishable stream

Compartment receives heavy public use, particularly in summer and fall. There are many miles of open road used by a range of vehicles and ATVs. Primary access is via Highway 14A and a small portion of Highway 14. Major Forest roads include a portion of FSR #15 and 168 as well as a number of 4 wheel-drive roads and low level roads to recreation residences. Numerous streams are very popular and accessible for fishing. The North Tongue River is a blue ribbon trout stream, exceedingly popular to fishermen. There are several developed facilities in this compartment including Bear Lodge Resort, North Tongue CG, Burgess PG, Burgess Visitor Center, Burgess RS, several fishing access parking areas, and numerous recreation residences. The Garden of the Gods area is located in the central portion of this compartment. Major groomed snowmobile routes travel through this compartment as well.

Current ROS Area Capacity 8,539,467 with average per day of 23,396 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 3,198,560

Fall = 2,145,868

Winter = 3,195,039

Current ROS Trail Capacity 11,482 with average per day of 31 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,301

Fall = 2,885

Winter = 4,296

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Beaver Trap (spring bear)

The Trophy Connection (spring bear)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend no outfitted services for fishing in the North Tongue River due to easy access and high public use. 2003 sampling efforts found E. coli concentrations above the State defined water quality standards for primary contact recreation use. In addition, human waste concentrations are occurring along the stream near the developed access sites. Additional fishing pressure may only add to these identified concerns. It is also recommended that areas close to developed facilities remain non-outfitted as there is generally no need for outfitted services in these locations.

Recommend allocating up to:

430 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use – averages 3 people per day.

215 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day.

Leaves 3,656 days for public use – averages 26 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

The Trophy Connection (big game)

Beaver Trap (big game)

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

Hunting = *Remain static*

Same recommendations as for summer use apply to the fall season. Recommend allocating up to:

289 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use – averages 2.5 people per day.

144 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day.

Leaves 2,452 days for public use – averages 23 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting with regards to packing and drop camp services.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide

Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Bear Lodge = 1,000 for entire forest

Big Horn Safari = 600 for entire forest

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

430 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use – averages 3.5 people per day.

215 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2 people per day.

Leaves 3,652 days for public use – averages 30 people per day.

Types of activities suitable would be dog sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing into back country settings.

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58. South Piney Creek Above Willow NW (Primarily SPM)

- 6,268 available acres
- 11 miles of trail
- 1 miles of open road (Service Road restricted to authorized use)
- 6 miles of fishable stream

Access into this compartment is via the Story-Penrose trailhead from the north and via the Hunter Trailhead from the south. Willow Park and Cloud Peak Reservoirs are both popular destinations, as are Frying Pan and Flatiron Lakes. Use is moderately heavy in summer and fall. Trails include #38, 200, 118, 37 and 82. There is access into and from CPW.

Current ROS Area Capacity 331,386 with average per day of 908 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 124,125

Fall = 83,276

Winter = 123,988

Current ROS Trail Capacity 26,113 with average per day of 71 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 9,781

Fall = 6,562

Winter = 9,770

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

HF Bar = 125 (1% of capacity)

Flatiron Troutfitters = 300 (3% of capacity)

Paradise Ranch = 100 (1% of capacity)

Trails West = 314 (3% of capacity)

Existing outfitters = 839 total days (8% of summer capacity)

Recommend allocating up to:

978 SDs (10%) for summer trail-based commercial use - averages 7 people per day.

Only leaves 139 remaining days available for outfitted use for summer. Recommend leaving these days available for existing outfitters to increase business rather than additional outfitters in this area.

489 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 3 people per day.

Leaves 8,314 days for public use – averages 60 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, ATV Tours

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Clarendon (big game)
Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide
Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide
Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

656 SDs (10%) for fall trail-based commercial use - averages 6 people per day
328 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 3 people per day.
Leaves 5,578 days for public use – averages 53 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide
Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide
Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
Bear Lodge = 1,000 for entire forest
Big Horn Safari = 600 for entire forest
Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

977 SDs (10%) for fall trail-based commercial use - averages 8 people per day
489 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 4 people per day.
Leaves 8,305 days for public use – averages 69 people per day.

Types of activities suitable would be dog sledding, ice climbing, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, winter camping.

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59. South Piney Creek Above Willow W (P)

- 3,836 available acres
- 4 miles of trail
- 0 miles of open road
- 2 miles of fishable stream

Access into this compartment is primarily via the Willow Park and Cloud Peak Reservoir area and trails. Trails include #118 into the head of Penrose Creek. The area receives light use. Wilderness Trailhead registrations average 85 per year which is approximately 8% of the total trail-based capacity for summer use.

Current ROS Area Capacity 19,287 with average per day of 53 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 7,224

Fall = 4,847

Winter = 7,216

Current ROS Trail Capacity 2,896 with average per day of 8 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,085

Fall = 728

Winter = 1,084

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

NOLS = 11 temporary (10% of capacity)

Paradise Ranch = 100 (9% of capacity)

Wilderness Trailhead data indicates that use is 12% of general public days. Currently at 31% of total summer capacity for outfitted use.

Recommend allocating no additional days for commercial or semi-public use in this compartment during summer season.

Leaves 878 days for public use – averages 6.4 people per day.

Use should be monitored and existing OG service days reduced accordingly, if necessary.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

73 SDs (10%) for fall trail-based commercial use - averages less than 1 person per day

36 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages less than 0.5 persons per day.

Leaves 619 days for public use – averages 6 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide

Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

108 SDs (10%) for winter trail-based commercial use - averages less than 1 person per day

54 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages less than 0.5 persons per day.

Leaves 921 days for public use – averages 8 people per day.

Types of activities suitable would be cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, winter camping.

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60. South Piney Creek near Story Non-Wilderness (Primarily SPM)

- 9,918 available acres
- 16 miles of trail
- 8 miles of open road (Administrative use for vehicles, open trail for motorized use)
- 19 miles of fishable stream

This compartment receives use from the adjacent compartment, North Piney Creek Near Story. The area includes two popular destinations, Kearney and Beaver Lakes. South Piney Creek is popular for fishing. Trails include #33, 80, 38, 36, 621, and a portion of FSR#320 which is open only as a trail for public use. The compartment receives moderately heavy use in summer and fall. Trail #36 provides access into CPW and the Highland Park and Sawtooth Lakes areas.

Current ROS Area Capacity 334,550 with average per day of 916 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 125,310

Fall = 84,069

Winter = 125,172

Current ROS Trail Capacity 36,625 with average per day of 100 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 13,718

Fall = 9,203

Winter = 13,703

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Angling Destinations = 6 (*remains static*)

Spear-O Wigwam = 310 (2% of capacity)

Buffalo Mountain Outfitters = 62 (125 total with N. Piney Cr Near Story NW and includes hunting)

Recommend allocating up to:

1,372 SDs (10%) for summer trail-based commercial use - averages 10 people per day

686 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 5 people per day.

Leaves 11,660 days for public use – averages 84 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are ATV tours, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps into remote locations combined with hiking/backpacking

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Clarendon (big game)
Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide
Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide
Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

920 SDs (10%) for fall trail-based commercial use - averages 9 people per day
460 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 4 people per day.
Leaves 7,823 days for public use – averages 74 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide
Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide
Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
Bear Lodge = 1,000 for entire forest
Big Horn Safari = 600 for entire forest
Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

1,370 SDs (10%) for winter trail-based commercial use - averages 11 people per day
685 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 6 people per day.
Leaves 11,648 days for public use – averages 96 people per day.

Types of activities suitable would be dog sledding, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, winter camping.

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61. South Piney Creek Near Story W (P)

- 3,066 available acres
- 5 miles of trail
- 0 miles of open road
- 6 miles of fishable stream

This compartment includes the somewhat popular CPW destinations of Highland Park, Spear Lake, and Sawtooth Lakes, among others. Access is difficult, following a long, rough route just to the wilderness boundary. The only trails are #36 to Spear Lake, and a portion of the Solitude Loop trail #38 and a connector trail #414. Blacktooth Mountain and Mt. Woolsey lie on the boundary of this compartment, both popular climbing

destinations. The Story-Penrose Trailhead is located on State land adjacent to this compartment. This is a developed facility with parking, information boards and a toilet (summer- early fall only). Wilderness Trailhead registrations average 1,341 per year which is approximately 29% of the total trail-based capacity for summer use.

Current ROS Area Capacity 31,297 with average per day of 86 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 11,723
Fall = 7,865
Winter = 11,710

Current ROS Trail Capacity 12,217 with average per day of 33 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 4,567
Fall = 3,070
Winter = 4,571

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Sheridan Co. Schools District 2 – 31 temporary (0.7% of capacity)
Spear O = 140 (3% of capacity)

Wilderness Trailhead data indicates use averages 29% of the total trail-based capacity, and this is 32% of the general public use. Consequently, lower levels of outfitted use are recommended for this compartment for summer use. Recommend allocating up to: 229 SDs (5%) for summer trail-based commercial use – averages 2 people per day. 114 SDs (2.5%) for semi-public use – averages 1 person per day. Leaves 4,233 days for public use – averages 31 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are Day Horseback Rides, Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Triple Three (big game archery)
Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide
Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide
Hunting = ***Remain static***

Same rationale applies to fall use as to summer use. Recommend allocating up to: 154 SDs (5%) for fall trail-based commercial use - averages 1.5 people per day 77 SDs (2.5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 person per day. Leaves 2,839 days for public use – averages 27 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide
- Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide
- Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

- 457 SDs (10%) for winter trail-based commercial use - averages 4 people per day*
- 229 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2 people per day.*
- Leaves 3,885 days for public use – averages 32 people per day.*

Types of activities cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, winter camping.

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62. South Tongue River (RN, RM, SPM)

- 48,879 available acres
- 22 miles of trail
- 89 miles of open road
- 82 miles of fishable stream

There is heavy summer and fall use in this compartment. Numerous developed sites are located within the area including Owen Creek, Tie Flume, Dead Swede, Sibley, and Prune Creek CGs, Pine Island PG, Woodrock GS. An inholding of private land also exists in the compartment which includes Big Horn Mountain Resort. The area is easily accessed via Highway 14 and FSR#26 and #16, and includes numerous 4 wheel-drive roads. ATV use is heavy and remnants of the historic Tie Hack days draw many exploring visitors and history buffs. Dispersed camping and developed camping use is very high. Average season-long occupancy rates at the developed CGs range from 33 to 51%, with some monthly averages up to 100%. Average annual use for 2002-2004 was 18,673 for these campgrounds. Trails include Tie Prune #430, very popular for fishermen and ATVer's, as well as snowmobiling in winter; also several user-created and non-system trails within the "C" area where cross-country motorized travel is still allowed.

Current ROS Area Capacity 16,508,923 with average per day of 45,230 and the following breakdown by season:

- Summer = 6,183,614
- Fall = 4,148,501
- Winter = 6,176,808

Current ROS Trail Capacity 55,332 with average per day of 152 and the following breakdown by season:

- Summer = 20,725
- Fall = 13,904
- Winter = 20,702

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Angling Destinations = 3 (*Remain static*)

Beaver Trap (spring bear)

Hunting = *Remain static*

General public use is very high within this compartment due to the concentration of developed facilities and easy access. There is no visitor count data except for campground use, which if compared to total trail-based capacity is at 90%. Many of the campground visitors utilize this compartment for ATV-ing, hiking, fishing, etc. As a result the recommendation for outfitted services is reduced to only 2% for commercial and 1% for semi-public. It is also generally recommended that outfitted services not be authorized adjacent to developed facilities because of the high use and reduced need for outfitted services at these locations. Recommend allocating up to: 415 SDs (2%) for summer trail-based commercial use – averages 3 people per day 207 SDs (1%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day. Leaves 20,103 days for public use – averages 146 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are ATV Tours, day horseback rides, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips, Motorized Vehicle tours.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Beaver trap (big game)

Black Mtn. (big game)

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

Hunting = *Remain static*

The same rationale applies to fall use as to summer use. Recommend allocating up to: 278 SDs (2%) for fall trail-based commercial use - averages 2.5 people per day 139 SDs (1%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day. Leaves 13,487 days for public use – averages 127 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide

Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide

Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide

Bear Lodge = 1,000 for entire forest

Big Horn Safari = 600 for entire forest

Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

414 SDs (2%) for winter trail-based commercial use - averages 3.5 people per day
207 SDs (1%) for semi-public use – averages 1.5 people per day.
Leaves 20,081 days for public use – averages 161 people per day.

Considerable snowmobile use, so use should not conflict with this activity.

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63. Tongue River above Dayton Non-Wilderness (Primarily SPNM and SPM)

- 15,295 available acres
- 10 miles of trail
- 27 miles of open road
- 43 miles of fishable stream

Compartment accessed by end of FSR #168 from top and from seasonally restricted roads out of Amsden Winter Range area from the bottom. Trails include Tongue River #002, Horse Creek #159, Cutler #202 and some old stock driveway trails. Tongue River is the primary fished stream. The Tongue River Trailhead is the main trail access and is located on state land. The Tongue River Cave and this trailhead are heavily used year-round. A few recreation residences are located in this compartment.

Current ROS Area Capacity 2,883,853 with average per day of 7,900 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,080,182

Fall = 724,679

Winter = 1,078,993

Current ROS Trail Capacity 25,783 with average per day of 71 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 9,657

Fall = 6,479

Winter = 9,646

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Trophy Connection = 9 (less than 1% of capacity)

Bighorn Wild & Scenic Trail Run Recreation Event annually mid-June = 465 participants + 150 spectators (passes through this compartment and others)

Beaver Trap (Spring Bear)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

966 SDs (10%) for summer trail-based commercial use - averages 7 people per day

483 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 3.5 people per day.

Leaves 8,208 days for public use – averages 59.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are Day horseback rides, rock climbing, photography, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, shuttle services.

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Beaver Trap (big game)
- Trophy Connection (big game)
- Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide
- Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide
- Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

- 648 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use – averages 6 people per day.*
- 324 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 3 people per day.*
- Leaves 5,507 days for public use – averages 52 people per day.*

Same activities as summer in addition to packing/drop camp for hunting

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide
- Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide
- Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Bear Lodge = 1,000 for entire forest
- Big Horn Safari = 600 for entire forest
- Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

- 965 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use – averages 8 people per day.*
- 482 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 4 people per day.*
- Leaves 8,200 days for public use – averages 68 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable include skiing/snowshoeing and winter camping.

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64. West Fork Little Bighorn River (Primarily SPM)

- 2,232 available acres
- 4 miles of trail –1 trailhead
- 6 miles of open road
- 5 miles of fishable stream
- Compartment shared with MWPR.

Primary access is via Little Bighorn Trailhead. Parking is very limited and the road to it is narrow and rough. Compartment includes portions of Little Bighorn Trail #050 and Dry Fork #004. Road access is restricted – open to motorized use only from 6/15 to 11/15. FSRs 114 and 116 begin in Kerns Big Game Winter Range and lead into the

forest. Popular fishing streams are Little Bighorn River and Dry Fork. Three recreation residences are located on forest near the Forest boundary.

Current ROS Area Capacity 25,141 with average per day of 69 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 9,471

Fall = 6,318

Winter = 9,407

Current ROS Trail Capacity 4,786 with average per day of 35 and the following breakdown by season:

Summer = 1,793

Fall = 1,203

Winter = 1,791

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Leader Trek = 201 temporary (11% of capacity)

Wallop = 7 (*remains static + 10% for growth-fishing OG*)

Bighorn Wild & Scenic Trail Run Recreation Event annually mid-June = 465 participants + 150 spectators (passes through this compartment and others)

Nelson (spring bear)

Bliss Creek (spring bear)

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

179 SDs (10%) for all summer trail-based commercial use - averages 1 person per day.

90 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages .65 people per day. Over recommended number of days – DO NOT ALLOCATE ANY MORE DAYS.

Leaves 1,524 days for public use – averages 11 per day.

Types of activities suitable are shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

Grizzly (big game)

Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide

Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide

Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

120 SDs (10%) for all fall trail-based commercial use, but limit use to September as public use during rifle season combined with limited access warrants no additional use at this time - averages 4 people per day.

60 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 2 people per day, limit use to September only as above.

Leaves 1,023 days for public use – averages 9.5 per day.

Types of activities suitable are the same as for summer.

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide
- Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide
- Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Bear Lodge (snowmobiling) = 1,000 for entire forest
- Big Horn Safari (snowmobiling) = 600 for entire forest
- Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

179 SDs (10%) for all winter trail-based commercial use - averages 1.5 persons per day.

90 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 0.5 person per day.

Leaves 1,522 days for public use – averages 12.5 people per day.

Types of activities suitable are shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips (cross-country ski, snowshoe)

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65. Wolf Creek Above Wolf (Primarily P and SPNM)

- 14,984 available acres
- 25 miles of trail
- 0 miles of open road
- 38 miles of fishable stream

This compartment is non-motorized (except for snowmobiles operating on snow), primarily located in Walker Prairie. Trails include #1, 3, 5, 14, 16, and 72. Numerous streams are available for fishing.

Current ROS Area Capacity 2,557,802 with average per day of 7,008 and the following breakdown by season:

- Summer = 958,055
- Fall = 642,746
- Winter = 957,001

Current ROS Trail Capacity 50,447 with average per day of 138 and the following breakdown by season:

- Summer = 18,895
- Fall = 12,677
- Winter = 18,875

Allocation

Summer:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Eaton = 700 (4% of capacity)
- The Trophy Connection (spring bear)
- Hunting - *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

- 1,890 SDs (10%) for summer trail-based commercial use - averages 14 people per day*
- 945 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 7 people per day.*
- Leaves 16,061 days for public use – averages 116 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are day horseback rides, shuttle service/Packing/Drop camps, Non-motorized Historic/Natural History/Geology Tours, Photography trips

Fall:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Black Mtn (big game)
- The Trophy Connection (big game)
- Triple Three (big game)
- Powder Horn (moose) = 6 Districtwide
- Big Horn Mtn. (moose) = 7 Districtwide
- Hunting = *Remain static*

Recommend allocating up to:

- 1,268 SDs (10%) for fall trail-based commercial use - averages 12 people per day*
- 634 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 6 people per day.*
- Leaves 10,775 days for public use – averages 101.5 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable are same as for summer but more emphasis on the needs for hunting

Winter:

Existing OG service day assignments:

- Grizzly (lion) = 20 Districtwide
- Wyoming Wildlife (lion) = 10 Districtwide
- Powder Horn (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Beaver Trap (lion) = 6 Districtwide
- Bear Lodge = 1,000 for entire forest
- Big Horn Safari = 600 for entire forest
- Hunting = *Remain static*

Snowmobiling = *Allocate up to 3,000 Service days for N½ of forest*

Recommend allocating up to:

- 1,888 SDs (10%) for winter trail-based commercial use - averages 16 people per day*
- 944 SDs (5%) for semi-public use – averages 8 people per day.*
- Leaves 16,044 days for public use – averages 132.5 people per day.*

Types of activities suitable would be cross-country skiing/snowshoeing/winter camping

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APPENDIX A

Recreation Use and the Forest Service Recreation Agenda

Recreation participation has grown, and continues to grow with the expanding population. Survey results from the National Survey on Recreation and the Environment (NSRE) estimates that “98.5 percent of Americans 16 years of age or older participated in at some type of outdoor recreation in the 12 months prior to being interviewed, which means that almost 210 million people age 16 or older are involved in some form of outdoor recreation.” (Cordell, March 2002).

In response to the growing importance of the National Forests for recreation, the Forest Service, in the spring of 2001, finalized a Recreation Agenda meant to direct management on Forests into the Agency’s second millennium (USDA Forest Service 2000a). As stated in the Agenda, “National Forests have a unique niche of nature-based, dispersed recreation to offer, including undeveloped settings, built environments reinforcing the natural character, and wildland settings that complement enjoyment of these special places.”

Although there are numerous opportunities to recreate off of the Forest since Wyoming is 49% federally owned, the Bighorn Mountains offer an environment which is in sharp contrast to the surrounding semiarid and desert lands. As a result, they will remain particularly attractive to the recreating public.

Outdoor recreation expenditures contribute significantly to Wyoming’s economy. Tourism in Wyoming is the second largest industry behind minerals. Recent studies indicate that visitors have spend \$34.6 million and generated \$56.3 million in total economic impact for the four county area surrounding the Big Horn Mountains.

National trends in outdoor recreation will also affect visitation in the Forest. Recreational use of forests and grasslands has been increasing for decades, and is expected to continue to increase. Almost 99 percent of the U.S. population 16 years old and older participate in some form of outdoor recreation (NSRE, 2002). The most popular activities are walking, family gathering, viewing natural scenery, visiting a nature center, nature trail or zoo and picnicking. The five fastest-growing outdoor recreation activities through the year 2050 are projected to be visiting historic places, downhill skiing, snowmobiling, sightseeing, and participating in nonconsumptive wildlife activity. The Rocky Mountain region is expected to experience a significant increase in hunting participation though 2050. Other national trends that will most likely affect the Bighorn, given its location and what it has to offer, include increased visitation by families, single people and the elderly. Use by the elderly is likely to increase proportionately faster than the other groups given the national aging phenomenon. At the same time, use by younger (20-30 year olds) may increase as the popularity of high risk, individual sports such as rock and ice climbing and back country skiing increase.

Nationally, ATV and snowmobile use continue to grow in popularity. On the Bighorn, an increase in use of ATVs and snowmobiles will increase conflicts between them and the non-motorized user groups. In addition, these motorized vehicles will make larger and larger portions of the Forest accessible to a greater number of users, which will impact recreational experience, habitat and aesthetics. According to SnoWest magazine (2002), the Big Horn Mountains are rated ninth in the nation among the “Top 10” snowmobile trail systems. However, results from the Bighorn Social Assessment (2002) indicate that fewer than five percent of the four-county area respondents list snowmobiling, skiing/snowshoeing, or ATV/off road among their three favorite Forest activities. Snowboarders are a growing use group as are cross-country skiers. Day hiking and walking are also increasingly popular pastimes.

Dispersed recreation includes all those activities that occur outside of developed sites (i.e., campgrounds, picnic areas, visitor centers, etc) and wilderness. From 1989 to 2000, dispersed use accounted for 70 percent of the total Forest RVDs. Dispersed use increased at an average of 2.25 percent. All activities identified in dispersed use increased during this period except fishing, which remained fairly constant.

Many areas off the Forest provide hunting opportunities for deer, antelope, and small game. Elk, moose, and lion hunting occur almost entirely on the Forest. Quality fishing opportunities are available in areas off the Forest, but occur in different settings and sometimes for different fish species than on the Forest.

Forest trails provide the means of access for many dispersed recreation activities. The Forest has approximately 1,158 miles of trail with 143 miles within the Cloud Peak Wilderness, including 12 miles of National Recreation Trail (Bucking Mule Falls). This mileage also includes groomed snowmobile and ski trails. There are over 700 miles open to motorized vehicles. There are a total of 11 developed trailheads with a capacity of 1,001 PAOTs. The majority of trailheads are undeveloped with no facilities, some with spacious area for parking, others with limited parking area. Motorized trails include those trails where ATVs and/or dirt bikes are acceptable uses. Nonmotorized trails include those trails for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking. Total miles includes miles of trail added to the forest trail system with the 1997 Little Goose/Park Reservoir decision on the Tongue Ranger District and miles of trail in the Cloud Peak Wilderness. Trail use projections are included in dispersed recreation and wilderness projections. Table A-1 displays approximate trail miles on the Bighorn National Forest and Table A-2 displays summer use at developed site trailheads and trails.

Table A-1. Miles of Trail

Use Type	Snow Trails	Non-snow Trails	Totals by Use Type
Motorized	286	432	718

Non-Motorized	41	399	440
Totals by Snow/ Non-snow	327	831	1,158

Table A-2. Summer Use Developed Site Trailheads and Trails

Trail and Trailhead Location	Non-motorized Trails outside Wilderness (miles)	Miles of Wilderness Trails	Miles of Motorized Trails	Capacity (PAOT)*	Season-long Capacity**
Bucking Mule Falls	12	0	2.6	90	12,510
Coney	5.6	1.8	0	80	11,120
Battle Park	.9	6.4	18.5	75	9,300
Circle Park	2.4	13	0	70	11,550
Edelman	.6	5.6	0	50	6,200
Hunter	26.7	22.7	1.8	133	21,945
West Tensleep Lake	3.6	17.5	0	250	34,750
Elgin Park	2.6	0	9.3	70	11,550
Paintrock Lake	0	8.3	13.9	60	7,440
Coffeen Park	1	20.1	0	25	3,475
Total	55.4	95.4	46.1	1,001	129,840

*PAOT Capacity is defined as persons at one time per parking site.

**Season-long Capacity is PAOT capacity multiplied by number of days in a season.

Season-long capacities for trailheads are calculated based on design capacity of 3.5 people per parking site per day, for the whole season. Use is generally split unevenly between weekend and weekday, but this system provides an average. All developed facility capacities are estimated using this same method. The majority of trails (634 miles) are not accessed by a developed trailhead, although these facilities attract a large share of the overall users.

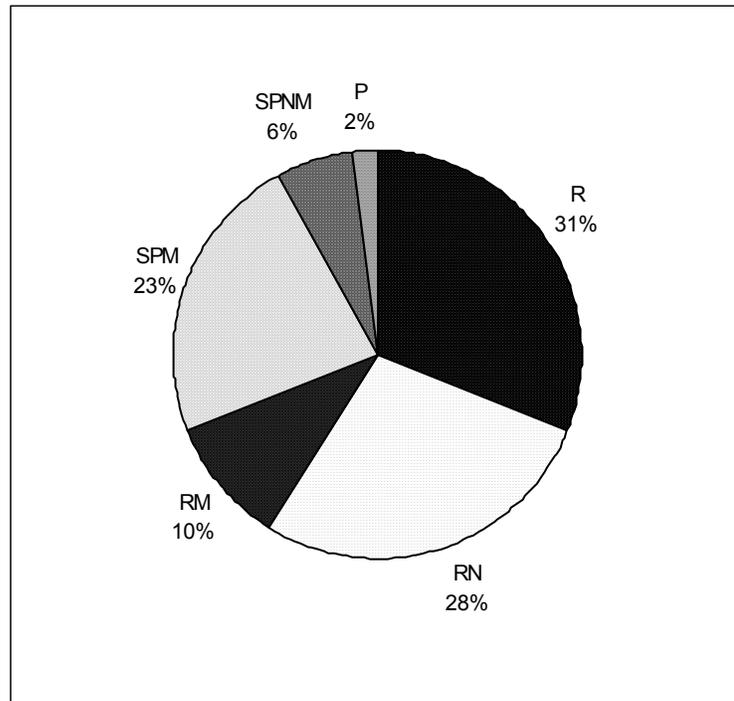
Several caves are located within the Forest, four of which have been determined as significant, as defined and described in the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act, of 1988. One of these caves, Tongue River cave, receives a tremendous amount of recreational use due to its relatively easy access and close proximity to several communities.

Dispersed Recreation Demand and Trends

Demand for dispersed recreation opportunities is high and expected to rise. From 1991-2000 dispersed recreation accounted for 70 percent of the total

Forest RVDs and increased at an average of 2.25 percent. Original estimates in the 1985 Forest Plan have been updated and revised using historical growth patterns (Bighorn RVD data specific to dispersed recreation) adjusted to reflect the national projection index by activity (Bowker, English, Cordell). This data was further broken down into use by ROS class based on current use patterns. These estimates are very similar to those estimated in the original Forest Plan and the ASQ Amendment.

Figure A-1. Dispersed Recreation Use (RVDs) by ROS Class



R=Rural; RN=Roaded Natural; RM=Roaded Modified; SPM=Semi-primitive Motorized; SPNM=Semi-primitive Non-Motorized; P= Primitive

The NSRE report indicates that participation in numerous activities categorized as dispersed recreation can be expected to increase over the next 50 years (Bowker et al. 1999). From 1982 to 1995, NRSE reports that bird watching increased significantly at 155 percent; sightseeing activities increased 40%; backpacking 73%; off-road vehicle driving 44%; hiking 93%; primitive area camping 73%; snowmobiling 34%; cross-country skiing 23%.

Forest-wide use data indicates that snowmobile use has increased 32 percent from 1989 to 2000. Other winter use (ice skating, sledding, snowplay, and cross-country skiing) increased 91 percent during this time.

Use projections based on historic RVD data and national projection index by Bowker et al. 1999 predict that by 2055 dispersed non-motorized recreation will notably increase by 128 percent; dispersed motorized recreation will increase 24

percent; big game hunting will increase 31 percent; fishing will increase one percent; and non-consumptive wildlife recreation will increase tremendously at 150 percent.

Summer motorized trail uses include riding off-road vehicles (ATVs, OHVs, and ORVs), 4-wheelers, and motorbikes on rough trails and 2-track roads. Motorized trail participation rates increased tremendously between 1989 and 2000, over 400 percent. This was overwhelmingly from ATV, as motorcycle use decreased. According to the Bighorn Social Assessment, respondents indicated a desire for designated ATV trails. Neither snowmobiling nor ATV/off road vehicle use ranked among the top favorite activities for these local respondents. This points to the fact that most of the increase in motorized use is from non-local visitors.

APPENDIX B

Current Outfitter and Guide Permits authorized on the Bighorn National Forest

TONGUE RANGER DISTRICT			
Permittee	Activity	Season	Service Days
Bear Lodge	snowmobile	winter	1,000
Black Mountain Outfitters (Coy)	archery, rifle, big game	fall	42
Grizzly Outfitters (Benton)	archery, big game	fall	36
	rifle, big game	fall	75
	lion	winter	20
Angling Destinations (terminated)	fishing	summer	15
Big Horn Safari (terminated)	snowmobile	winter	600
Bliss Creek Outfitters (Doud)	spring bear, horseback	spring	56
The Trophy Connection (Helferich) “	trail rides, camping	summer	150
	spring bear	spring	28
	archery, rifle, big game	fall	84
Eaton Brothers	trail rides, camping, fishing	summer	700
HF Bar (Schroth)	trail rides, camping	summer	550
Big Horn Mountain Outfitters (Johnson - Terminated)	moose	fall	6
Double Rafter Cattle Drives (Kerns)	cattle drives	summer	180
	trail rides, camping	summer	250
Beaver Trap Outfitters (Adney)	spring bear	spring	30
	archery, big game	fall	42
	rifle, big game	fall	56
Powder Horn Outfitters (Powers)	lion	winter	20
	rifle, big game	fall	40
Triple Three Outfitters (Smith)	archery, big game	fall	60
Spear-O-Wigwam	trail rides, fishing, camping	summer	1,000
Elk Rock Inc. (Paul Wallop)	fishing	summer	65
Nelson Outfitters (Dave Nelson)	spring bear	spring	35
Wyoming Wildlife Outfitters (Rob Marosok)	lion	winter	12
<i>Total use by season– Tongue Ranger District</i>		spring	149
		summer	2,910
		fall	441
		winter	1,652
<i>Total service days offered - Tongue Ranger District</i>			5,152
POWDER RIVER RANGER DISTRICT			
Permittee	Activity	Season	Service Days
Bear Track Outfitters	pack trips, drop camps, fishing	summer	300
Big Horn Basin	pack trips, fishing	summer	80
	hunting	fall	15
Broken Horseshoe	hunting	fall	75
Dairyland Expeditions	rock climbing	summer	160

Permittee	Activity	Season	Service Days
D&D Outfitters	lion	winter	20
Deer Haven Lodge	snowmobile	winter	1,000
Granstrom Outfitters	pack trips, hunting, fishing	summer	80
Just Gone Fishing	fishing	summer	130
Klondike Ranch	hiking, trail riding, fishing	summer	50
Meadowlark Lake Resort	snowmobile	winter	750
Outlaw Ranch	backpacking	summer	360
Paradise Ranch	trail rides, camping, fishing	summer	5,050
Pines Lodge	trail rides	summer	222
Rafters B Outfitters	drop camps, fishing	summer	20
	hunting	fall	55
South Fork Inn	trail rides, camping	summer	4,000
Sports Lure	fishing	summer	42
Trails West Outfitters	trail rides, drop camps	summer	214
	hunting, pack service	fall	100
Trophies Unlimited	lion	winter	20
Big Horn Cowboys	trail rides, camping, drop camps, fishing	summer	600
YMCA Camp Widjiwagan	backpacking	summer	300
<i>Total use by season– Powder River Ranger District</i>		spring	0
		summer	11,608
		fall	245
		winter	1,790
Total service days offered - Powder River Ranger District			13,643
MEDICINE WHEEL/PAINTROCK RANGER DISTRICT			
Permittee	Activity	Season	Service Days
Big Horn Outfitters (Nation)	pack trips	summer	82
	hunting,	fall	94
	Lion	winter	Included in big game days
	Spring Bear	spring	Included in big game days
Diamondtail Outfitters (Stan Flitner)	hunting	fall	42
Hideout Ranch	trail rides, cattle drives	summer	250 (+160 temp available)
	hunting	fall	40
	Lion		Included in big game days
	Snowmobile	winter	250 temp days
Lazy Boot Outfitters (Forrester)	Fishing, hiking, photography, horseback	summer	206 (+110 temp available)
	archery big game	fall	30
NOLS	education, backpacking	summer	1,790
Paintrock Adventures	drop trips pack trips, fishing	summer	166
	hunting	fall	138
Paintrock Outfitters	fishing, trail rides	summer	800
	hunting	fall	550

Permittee	Activity	Season	Service Days
Ranger Creek Ranch	trail rides, camping	summer	1600 + 55 in CPW
	hunting	fall	75 rifle+ 30 archery
Tangle Ridge Outfitters	trail rides, pack trips, fishing	summer	120
	rifle, big game	fall	179
Bighorn Mountain Adventures	camping, trail rides	summer	51
	hunting	fall	74
	spring bear	spring	Included in big game days
	lion	winter	Included in big game days
Michael Smith Outfitters	hunting	fall	77
Jason Morrison	spring bear	spring	Included in fall
	hunting	fall	168
Wyo. High Country LLC	trail rides, pack trips, fishing	summer	290 (+95 temp available)
	archery, big game	fall	28 (+140 temp available)
	rifle, big game	fall	63 (+ 105 temp available)
	snowmobile	winter	80
	spring bear	spring	Included in big game days
	lion	winter	Included in big game days
<i>Total use by season– Medicine Wheel / Paintrock Ranger District</i>		spring	25 *
		summer	5,410 (+365 temp available)
		fall	1,588 (+245 temp available)
		winter	80 (+250 temp available) *
<i>Total service days offered - Medicine Wheel / Paintrock Ranger District</i>			7,078(+860 temp available)

- Most outfitter/guide operations include spring bear and lion hunt service days in with the big game service days.

APPENDIX C

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P.O. Box 470
Red Lodge, Montana 59068

backpacking

Carmine Loguidice

fishing

Robert Meek
Camp Kooch-I-Ching
230 Northland Blvd., Suite 327
Cincinnati, Ohio 45246

backpacking

John Sundberg

wilderness trips – backpacking, climbing for Bible

N8890 Forest Lane Westboro, Wisconsin 54490	camp
Allen Williams Route 4 96A Grandview, Texas 76050	photography and backpacking
Geoff Kuzara	mountain bikes and drop off tours
Tommy Caudle 1569 Road Nine and one-half Lovell, Wyoming	dog sledding
Michael Severance 430 Tschirgi Sheridan, Wyoming 82801	mountain bikes
Steve Edwards	rock climbing
Noel Rader 6 Cottontail Lane Sheridan, Wyoming 82801	snowmobiling
Kathy Johnston P.O. Box 64 Dayton, Wyoming 82836	ATV tours
Bear Lodge	wildlife tours
Bighorn Safari	ATV tours
Kevin Cashman Overland P.O. Box 31 Williamstown, MA 01267	hiking, biking, mountain biking
Larry Gold 1021 Big Goose Rd. Sheridan, WY 82801	horseback trips
Bob Barlow Barlow Outfitting P.O. Box 3065 Alpine, WY 82128	spring bear, summer trips, fall hunting
Glenn Wolzen P.O. Box 507 Hendley, NE 68946	horseback trips
Roger Miller	educational Fly Fishing –Catch and Release only

Fly Shop of the Big Horns
227 North Main St.
Sheridan, WY 82801

Kris Powers
1050 N. Sheridan Ave.
Sheridan, WY 82801

mountain Lion guiding

Steward Tennyson
229 East Lathrop Rd. #19
Evansville, WY 82363

backpacking trips

Jim Ratz
Jackson Hole Mtn. Guides
8 Pheasant Run Rd.
Lander, WY 82520

ice climbing

Andrew Arnold
Solid Rock
617 Plaza Court
Laramie, WY 82070

camping, backpacking, and rock climbing

Dave Johnson
1532 DeSmet Ave.
Sheridan, WY 82801

elk archery

Randy Reece
1612 South Thurmond
Sheridan, WY 82801

moose hunting

Paul Hansen
383 Pine Ridge Rd.
Moorcroft, WY 82721

hunting

Dale Bakke
373 Johnson Lane
Sheridan, WY 82801

moose hunting

Harry Washut
P.O. Box 92
Moran, WY 83013

horseback day trips out of the Story area

John Johnson
Seven Cross Adventures
Yonkee Land and Livestock
691 Pass Creek Rd.
Parkman, WY 82838

elk, deer, bear, & lion hunting

Bob Welsh

horseback trips

87 Deer Run Rd.
Gillette, WY 82716

Steven Nephew
840 N. Carrington
Buffalo, WY 82834

mountain bike rentals @ trailheads

Shane Foote
166 W. River Road
Worland, WY 82401

hiking/backpacking trips in CPW

Medicine Wheel/Paintrock District

Tom Goton
Shell Route
Greybull, Wyoming 82426

Pat Puckett
82 Peno Road
Sheridan, Wyoming 82801

drop camps for backpackers

Gary Fales Outfitting, Inc.
2768 Northfork Route
Cody, Wyoming 82414

snowmobiling

Bryce Antley
P.O. Box 707
Basin, Wyoming 82410

ATV trail rides

Steven Nephew
840 N. Carrington
Buffalo, WY 82834

mountain bike rentals @ trailheads

Willam Hankee
PO Box 165
Worland, Wyoming 82401

Bike tours, hiking, horseback

Absaroka Bicycles
Rick Roach
Cody, Wyoming 82414

Bike tours

Jackson Hole Mtn. Guides
Kenny Gash
(877) 587-0629

Hiking, backpacking

Frank Forshee
PO Box 66
Ten Sleep, Wyoming 82442

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Earl Raines

Overnight horse trips

540 Hwy 14A
Lovell, Wyoming 82431

Mike Kuzara
Thunder Mtn. Tours
400 Dutch Creek Road
PO Box 98
Wyarno, Wyoming 82845

Historic tours

Ray Bohannon
1129 N. Jackson ST
Casper, Wyoming 82601

Drop trips, summer use

Janet Cerroni
Lovell, Wyoming 82431

Cattle Drives

Jack Clucas
Greybull, Wyoming

Wildife tours

Cliff Manuel
Shell, Wyoming

Geological tours

Camp Coca Cola

Guided NOLS type trips

Jack Lindsey
Greybull, Wyoming

Summer horse trips

Camp Kooch-I-Ching

Summer hiking trips

Ranger Creek Resort

Guided bike tours/rentals

Hideout Resort

Guided bike tours

Shane Foote
166 W. River Road
Worland, WY 82401

hiking/backpacking trips in CPW

Powder River Ranger District

Peter Kloess
Sierra Club Outings
85 2nd St. 2nd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105

backpacking (CPW)

Big City Mountaineers
Erin McVoy, Program Director

backpacking; at risk youth

Jake Clark
Cody, WY

moose hunting

Bob Barlow

moose area 34 (gov. tags)

BTNF and Targhee NF permittee
P.O. Box 3065
Alpine, WY 83128

Boys & Girls Club, Worland
c/o Shannon Christian

hiking; field trips

Steve LaForge
P.O. Box 168
Riverton, WY 82501

lion hunting

Kari Smith and husband
712B West Sunnyside Lane
Thermopolis, WY 82443

elk, antelope, deer, & lion hunting

Sharon Rinker
Recluse Wyoming School

school field trip

Ted Hamersma

fishing

Mike Strohmusch

school overnight campout

Jae Camino
Buffalo High School

school camp trip

Andy Stafford
Clear Creek Middle School
Buffalo, WY

school field trip

Bill Hankie
P.O. Box 165
Worland, WY 82401

mountain biking (old Tensleep Hwy; FR 018)

Larry Marlow
P.O. Box 770
Jardine, MT

educational winter survival; tracking

Syd Sparks
N8890 Forest Lane
Westboro, WI 54490

youth backpacking (CPW)

TA Ranch
Barbara Madsen
Buffalo, WY 82834

trail rides

Ed Stidolph
4625 Orchard Bench Rd.
Basin, WY

pack trips

Todd Harstad

trail rides/pack trips: Tensleep Canyon (CPW)

107 Lower River Rd.
Fromberg, MT 59029

Jilaena Childs
P.O. Box 257
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backpacking

BJ & Mike Carlson
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Burlington, WY 8241

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J.H. Kling
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Buffalo, WY 82834

fly fishing

Dale Parrish
Tensleep, WY 82442

snowmobile tours

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Valparaiso, IN 46383-6493

guide

Doug Shey
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MT

backpacking

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Camp Thunderbird
MN

youth backpacking

Scott Petri

extreme snowmobile tours

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Karen Fettig

hiking

herb collecting field trip

Basin, WY	
Barbara Bomack Rochester, MN 55362	backpacking
Laura Tyson	backpack leadership program
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Brad Wold Minneapolis, MN 55440	backpacking
Pat Goodyear	bear hunting
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Jerry Kysar 1211 S. Lane Worland, WY 82401	horse rides
Len Gross 3 Birchwood Heights Dr. Ottawa, IA 52501	
Tim Vadders Rt. 1, Box 258 Spring Valley, MN 55975	youth backpacking
Greg Turner 31 Cedar Mtn. Dr. Cody, WY 82414	spring bear hunting
George McGargle 1507 29 th St. Cody, WY 82414	bear & elk hunting outfitter
Bill Haddleston	snowmobile guide
Stan Armstrong #64 Crazy Woman Canyon Buffalo, WY 82834	guided horse trips
Ted Schumacher	bear hunting

P.O. Box 578
Buffalo, WY 82834

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TA Ranch
P.O. Box 2437
Gillette, WY 82717

hiking/skiing

Carl Worth
Beloit, WI 53511

field geology

Trent Greener
Laramie, WY 82070

hunting

Carroll Johnson
Grand Junction
Durango, CO 81301

Rawhide outfitting

Peter Cloud

youth hiking

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Lou McArdle (Realtor)

outfitting camp

Judy Motlas
70 S. Main
Buffalo, WY 82834

gold panning

Steve Hoyle
Sheridan College
3059 Coffeen Ave.
Sheridan, WY 82801

outfitter

Dale Lyman

outfitting

Richard Tass

deer hunting

Belinda Daugherty
HC 30
P.O. Box 15
Tensleep, WY 82442

pack trips/trail rides

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Worland, WY 82401

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Buffalo, WY 82834

mountain bike rentals @ trailheads

Adam Hoon

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