



## **B. MANAGEMENT AREA PRESCRIPTIONS**

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>a - Research Natural Area Candidates</b>	<b>b - Moderate Timber Production</b>	<b>d - High Forage Production and Livestock Utilization</b>
<b>Description of Area</b>	These are areas of minimal management impacts. Various representative ecosystems are being inventoried to be maintained in near natural conditions for future research use. See the candidate areas listed by name, size, and location in the EIS. The prescription is designed for custodial level management.	This occurs on forested lands with commercial timber stands. Although providing the Ashley Forest's highest timber production, there is still only a moderate* level of investment for the timber resources.	May occur on forested or non-forested analysis areas scattered throughout the Forest.
<b>Recreation</b>	Use will not be encouraged and may be discouraged or even limited. Minimal administration. Low investment. VQO's managed as inventoried.	High dispersed use. Development will not be detrimental to the timber resources. May limit use for public safety and/or to protect the investment or resource. Standard service level. VQO's of Maximum Modification or Modification.	Open to all recreational uses and generally all travel. May limit or discourage use to reduce conflicts with livestock use. Standard service level VQO's variable to meet range resource needs except in highly sensity
<b>Wildlife</b>	No improvements	Developments will not increase the cost of timber production or decrease timber yield (i.e. no permanent vegetative conversions.)	New wildlife improvements in primary and secondary range will be coordinated closely with range interests and will not be detrimental to livestock. Habitat diversity may be reduced as the result of vegetative manipulation.
<b>Range</b>	Closed to permitted grazing after official designation. Grazing presently not encouraged. No improvements.	Transitory range is available for livestock if it does not interfere with regeneration. Improvements only if they don't decrease the yield or increase the cost of production	Secondary range will be aggressively improved. Investments on primary range will be maintained prior to new improvements and prior to development on secondary range.

\* Moderate investment = Timber - one precommercial thinning and one or more commercial thinning operations

Low investment = 40% of area may be treated with precommercial and/or commercial operations.

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<b><u>Timber</u></b>	No harvest	Open to commercial and personal use harvest. Cultural treatments to meet production objectives.	Harvest allowed for increasing forage production and if no interference in grazing management systems. Harvest can be used for permanent vegetative conversions. Similar prescription as MA b but regeneration not encouraged.
<b><u>Minerals</u></b>	No surface occupancy. Upon establishment, recommend withdrawal from mineral entry.	All disturbed sites must be rehabilitated and regenerated.	Sites on primary and secondary range will be rehabilitated to improve forage production.
<b><u>Facilities</u></b>	No utility/transportation corridors. No construction. No trail maintenance.	Construction as needed to meet management objectives. Maintenance as required. Local roads usually closed after fuelwood removal unless needed for resource management activities.	As needed to maintain AMP's. Other construction permitted if conflicts with livestock are mitigated.
<b><u>Protection</u></b>	Manage for natural conditions.	Protect timber resources as necessary. Immediate and aggressive control but with a cost consistent with the land management objectives.	Prescribed fire to improve forage production and range condition.
<b><u>Riparian</u></b>	Protect	Restore and maintain. Special harvesting techniques required.	Maintain to protect streambank stability.

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Activity	e - Wildlife Habitat Emphasis	f - Dispersed Recreation Rooded	g - Undeveloped dispersed recreation - unroaded
<u>Description of Area</u>	Includes portions of: summer and winter ranges, T&E habitat, strutting areas, calving and fawning areas, and spawning areas on timbered and non-timbered analysis areas.	Areas receiving a variety of uses in a variety of landforms and vegetation types located throughout the Forest in a roaded environment.	A variety of timbered and non-timbered lands between mid and high elevations.
<u>Recreation</u>	May be closed or restricted in a District Travel Plan during key area use periods. Standard service level. No new developed sites. Road closures may be common in stress seasons for the featured species. VQO's variable to meet wildlife needs.	VQO's at inventoried standards. Dispersed recreation is favored over other resources. Travel plan will be used to protect resources while permitting access. Standard service level.	District Travel Plan will be used to resolve conflicting uses. Facilities commonly used for public safety and convenience and for protection of the site. Moderate Investment.
<u>Wildlife</u>	Key areas protected to maintain their functionability. Priority for wildlife improvement dollars.	Improvements designed to enhance recreation opportunities and optimize species diversity. Key or critical areas will be emphasized.	Improvements allowed to improve habitat.
<u>Range</u>	All improvements will be designed not to be detrimental to wildlife. Livestock grazing may be limited or excluded.	Travel (or recreation) conflicts may require expensive controls. Forage not required for wildlife will be allocated to permitted livestock	Structural improvements only if they don't distract from recreational use.
<u>Timber</u>	Sale activities allowed within forage/cover ratio requirements and to maintain or enhance habitat. Site preparation, regeneration, and TSI work will be designed to meet cover needs/requirements. Some stands may be held beyond normal rotation ages. Retains 5% of area in old growth habitat.	Harvest designed to enhance recreation, wildlife, and visual opportunities. Transitory range allocated to wildlife.	No harvest. Vegetative manipulation limited to creation of wildlife openings and for enhancement of recreation opportunities.

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Activity	e - Wildlife Habitat Emphasis	f - Dispersed Recreation Roaded	g - Undeveloped dispersed recreation - unroaded
<u>Minerals</u>	May have seasonal restrictions for access or seismic work. No surface occupancy may be applied.	No restrictions other than what's in the Standards and Guidelines.	Stipulations will be applied as needed to protect the resources. Validation examinations will be required prior to claim development. Recommend against future leasing as current leases expire.
<u>Facilities</u>	Temporary roads for timber harvest. New construction mitigated for wildlife needs.	Construction allowed as needed. Maintenance at high levels (3 or 4) on main roads.	No road construction. Facilities may be constructed for public safety, convenience, and protection of the site.
<u>Protection</u>	Prescribed burning may be commonly used to improve wildlife forage production and conditions.	Prescribed burning used to manage resources but aggressive prevention and suppression to protect resources under heavy use levels.	Control only to protect investments. Prescribed burning may be used to improve forage production and range condition.
<u>Riparian</u>	Allow activity only to improve wildlife habitat. Protect.	Maintain. Control as needed to protect streambank stability, minimize sedimentation, prevent compaction, and maintain visuals.	Protect

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<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>h - Developed recreation sites and Forest Administrative sites.</b>	<b>l - High Uintas Wilderness</b>	<b>k - Maximum water yield recreation</b>
<b>Description of Area</b>	These facilities are located through-out the Forest in other management areas as inclusions.	Management is under the direction of the Utah Wilderness Act of 1984.	These areas are in forested stands at mid to high elevations.
<b>Recreation</b>	Developed recreation emphasized at standard service level.	No developed recreation sites. Entrance permits or other types of management tools may be necessary to prevent over use or user conflicts. VQO is preservation. Standard service level.	No improvements. Dispersed recreation would be at less than standard service levels. VOO can be Modification or Maximum Modification.
<b>Wildlife</b>	Stream improvements only. Maintain identified wildlife trees.	Habitat manipulation by natural means only.	Vegetative manipulation would consider wildlife habitat needs.
<b>Range</b>	Closed to permitted use. Administrative and recreation horse use in designated areas where livestock can be kept separated from public.	Livestock utilization permitted. Range improvement construction only for the protection of the wilderness resource.	Permitted livestock may be used to maintain openings in timber harvested areas.
<b>Timber</b>	Harvest only in hazardous situations (to the public or the investments) or to implement vegetative management plans.	No harvest. Dead and down materials can be used for fuelwood for on-site use only.	Small sales with the objective of increasing water yields. Vegetative manipulating would consider location, shape, size, and orientation of harvesting units.
<b>Minerals</b>	Recommend withdraw from mineral entry or use No Surface Occupancy Stipulation.		No restrictions other than what's in the Standards and Guidelines.
<b>Facilities</b>	New construction within approved site plans. Traffic controls and gating may be used.		Construction as needed to meet management objectives (i.e. protection of water quality.)
<b>Protection</b>	Protect all investments.	Wildfire and rarely prescribed fire may be used to reduce fuel loading and to maintain or enhance the wilderness resource	Control only to protect investments. Prescribed fire may be used to meet the objectives of the Management Area.
<b>Riparian</b>	Maintain to protect streambank stability, minimize sedimentation, prevent compaction, and maintain visuals.		Maintain

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<u>Activity</u>	i - Optimization of wildlife habitat diversity through timber harvest at moderate levels.	n - Range of resource uses and outputs. Commodity production modified for amenity production.	n <sub>1</sub> - NRA Existing Situation
<u>Description of Area</u>	This area occurs in timbered analysis areas outside Flaming Gorge NRA and the High Uintas Wilderness.	Resource protection as needed outside of NRA. Low investment.	These are lands in the NRA that have the existing low prescription applied. Activities and practices recognize and emphasize the recreation and wildlife values within the NRA. Standards and guidelines are modified to comply with Public Law 90-540.
<u>Recreation</u>	Vehicle access to meet the management objectives controlled in the Travel Plan. VQO's may be reduced from inventoried levels.	Resource protection as needed, covered in Travel Plan. Developed recreation at less than standard service level except in Alternative J where standard service level is used. VQO's as inventoried.	Dispersed recreation use is high and will be managed at standard service level over most of area.
<u>Wildlife</u>	Optimize species diversity and production. Vegetative manipulation achieved through timber harvest and use of prescribed fire.	Access may be controlled to enhance wildlife habitat. Improvements allowed on a low investment basis. Habitat diversity would remain fairly stable.	Wildlife habitat diversity would remain stable.  Improvements made on existing herd unit plans where compatible with NRA direction. Access control may be used for wildlife enhancement where compatible with NRA direction.
<u>Range</u>	Forage not required for wildlife will be allocated to permitted livestock.	Improvements coordinated with wildlife and recreation.	Maintain levels of utilization and investment based on allotment management plans where compatible with NRA direction.
<u>Timber</u>	Natural regeneration. Manage timber to retain at least 5% of the area in old growth habitat.	Harvest coordinated with wildlife and recreation. Some old growth retained. Low investment.	Timber stands will generally be managed on an uneven-aged basis.*  Rotation ages will be extended and cultural treatment entries will be on lengthier cycles than normal

\*This is interpreted to mean that "stands" will generally contain two or more age classes of trees. This age spread may be attained by harvesting in small units (1/4 acre to 40 acres) and/or single tree removal.

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<u>Minerals</u>	No restrictions other than what is in the Standards and Guidelines	No restrictions other than what is in the Standards and Guidelines.	Mineral activities permitted when in compliance with P.L. 90-540.  Use of stipulations for minerals activities will be applied as needed to protect the recreation resource and aesthetics.
<u>Facilities</u>	Construction as needed to meet management objectives. Maintenance as required.	Construction as needed to meet management objectives. Maintenance as required.	Transportation system location, design, construction, and maintenance based on MRA legislative objectives.  Trail maintenance will usually be to standard levels.
<u>Protection</u>	Prescribed burning to enhance habitat and reduce conflagration potential.	Prescribed fire allowed.	Some vegetative manipulation by prescribed fire where it is in keeping with scenic, wildlife, and recreation purposes as required by NRA legislation.  Prescription based on protection of facilities, wildlife, VQO's, and fuels abatement.
<u>Riparian</u>	Maintain and restore.	Maintain and restore.	Protect.



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<b>Description of Area</b>	These lands are the timbered areas within the Flaming Gorge NRA that are identified as suitable for timber production. Timber production will be optimized while meeting the intent and direction of Public Law 90-540.	This Management Area consists of those lands identified as having special or critical wildlife capabilities in the Flaming Gorge NRA. Objective is to maintain or increase wildlife species diversity and numbers while meeting the direction for protection of recreation and visual resources in Public Law 90-540.
<b>Recreation</b>	<p>Dispersed recreation opportunities will generally be in the Roaded Natural ROS class.</p> <p>Recreation activities managed at standard service level.</p> <p>ORV restrictions used to protect wildlife, recreation, and watershed values. VQO at inventoried level.</p>	<p>Dispersed recreation opportunities will generally be in the Roaded Natural ROS class.</p> <p>Recreation activities managed at standard service level.</p> <p>ORV restrictions used to protect wildlife, recreation, and watershed values. VQO at inventoried level.</p>
<b>Wildlife</b>	Transitory forage increases from timber activities will be allocated to wildlife.	<p>Structural and non-structural habitat improvements permitted.</p> <p>Transitory forage increases resulting from timber harvest activities would be assigned to wildlife use.</p>
<b>Range</b>	<p>Livestock use of available forage will be permitted when wildlife needs have been met.</p> <p>Improvements permitted if compatible with VQO's and recreation opportunities.</p>	Livestock utilization may be curtailed or precluded to enhance or maintain the wildlife resources

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<u>Minerals</u>	Mineral activities permitted when in compliance with P.L. 90-540.	Mineral activities permitted when in compliance with P.L. 90-540.
<u>Facilities</u>	Locate, design, construct, and maintain systems to serve timber management activities and dispersed recreation. Seasonal closures may be used to protect facilities and resource quality. Temporary road density will generally be greater than in timbered areas outside the NRA.  Arterial/collector roads generally open to public. Local roads closed after use. Trails will be maintained to meet the needs of recreation users and to a standard service level.	Locate, design construct, and maintain systems to serve timber management activities and dispersed recreation. Seasonal closures may be used to protect facilities and resource quality. Temporary road density will generally be greater than in timbered areas outside the NRA.  Arterial/collector roads generally open to public. Local roads closed after use. Trails will be maintained to meet the needs of recreation users and to a standard service level.
<u>Protection</u>	Prescribed fire permitted. Prescriptions based on facilities protection, fuels abatement, management objectives, and VOO requirements.	Prescribed fire permitted. Prescriptions based on facilities protection, fuels abatement, management objectives, and VOO requirements.
<u>Riparian</u>	Protect.	Protect.