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- Substantial limitation to nonmotorized or motorized (including OHV) public access to and travel within public lands.
- Substantial reduction in opportunity for access easement acquisition and major road developments.
- Inability to accommodate access to existing utility corridors and communication sites.
- Inability of private and state landowners to reasonably access their lands.
- Impairment of public access or valid existing rights to public lands.

Assumptions

- BLM would increase the managed transportation system.
- BLM has the authority to designate and enforce decisions to close BLM-administered roads on public lands as necessary to meet the goals and objectives of all resource programs.
- RS 2477 ROWs may exist across the RMPPA, although adjudication is beyond the scope of this RMP.
- BLM would coordinate with local counties and the State of Colorado in development, maintenance, and management of BLM system, state, and county roads on public lands in the RMPPA.
- The demand for OHV opportunities in the RMPPA would grow at a rate equal to or greater than rates for the State of Colorado.

Methods of Analysis

Impacts to transportation, access, and OHV use are caused primarily by the closure of roads and/or a limitation on the type, amount or timing of motorized travel. Additionally, impacts to OHV use also occur if the OHV experience is diminished in quality. Most motorized travel opportunities in the RMPPA are directly related to travel management designations (open, closed, limited). Mapping of the travel management designations is not complete at this stage, therefore impacts will be limited to a general, area-wide discussion and not specific areas, except where specific areas are mentioned in text.

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AIR QUALITY			
SOIL RESOURCES			
WATER RESOURCES			
VEGETATION			
Vegetation Treatments			
A. Conducted on case-by-case basis as needed.	When consistent with healthy rangeland ecosystems, emphasize vegetation treatments to increase forage production.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use vegetation treatments on an average of 3,030 acres per year over the life of the plan to restore diversity of seral stages and species, as appropriate. 2. Work with the Northwest Colorado Sage-Grouse Working Group to identify, maintain, and restore an average of 530 acres of sagebrush per year. Emphasize creation of functional blocks of sagebrush as sage grouse habitat. 3. Use vegetation treatments on an average of 1,600 acres per year to reduce encroachment of juniper and woody species to mimic natural conditions. 4. Restore a total of 80 acres during the planning period of bitterbrush and other important winter forage species in the 	<p>Use vegetation treatments on an average of 7,570 acres per year over the life of the plan to restore diversity of seral stages and species, as appropriate.</p> <p>Work with the Northwest Colorado Sage-Grouse Working Group to identify, maintain, and restore an average of 2,000 acres of sagebrush per year. Emphasize creation of functional blocks of sagebrush.</p> <p>Use vegetation treatments on an average of 3,500 acres per year to reduce encroachment of juniper and woody species to mimic natural conditions.</p> <p>Restore an average of 50 acres per year of bitterbrush and other important winter forage species in all LHAs, starting with the Sand Hills</p>

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		Sand Hills and Spring Creek LHAs. 5. Restore an average of 100 acres per year of Mountain shrub.	and Spring Creek LHAs. Restore an average of 1,000 acres of per year Mountain shrub.
Vegetation treatments, such as prescribed fire, would remove vegetation and blacken the landscape which could impact the quality of the OHV experience for some users.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
B. No Similar Action.	Same as Alternative A.	Use vegetation treatments where Land Health Standards are not being met for reasons other than livestock (such as areas where reclamation efforts have not been successful or heavy-use OHV areas), improve conditions on 50 percent of sites during the life of the plan.	Same as Alternative C.
No impact.	No impact.	Vegetation treatments in heavy-use OHV areas could decrease the quality of experience for some OHV users.	Same as Alternative C.
FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT			
SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES			
Black-footed Ferret			
A. OHV use will be closed within ¼ mile of black-footed ferret release cages or release sites for 3 to 4	No Similar Action.	OHV use will be closed within ¼ mile of black-footed ferret release sites for 3 to 4 months during the release period.	Same as Alternative C

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months during the release period.			
Closing OHV use would temporarily eliminate OHV opportunities in these localized areas.	No impact.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
Mexican Spotted Owl			
B. No similar action	No similar action	Special and/or temporal restrictions may be applied for recreational activities for protected and restricted MSO habitat other than protected or restricted habitats (PACs).	Same as Alternative C.
No impact.	No impact.	These restrictions could apply to motorized travel and OHV opportunities, eliminated at certain times.	Same as Alternative C.
Bald Eagle			
MMMM. No similar action	New roads and bridges on BLM lands should be located at least ½ mile from critical night roosts. If BLM chooses to construct a road or bridge within ½ mile of critical night roosts, then the road must be closed to all use from November 15 to March 15. If topography or vegetation provide a visual screen, the buffer can be reduced to ¼ mile, but the seasonal closure would still be required.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.
No impact.	Relocation of roads and bridges		

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	can decrease motorized travel and OHV opportunities. Seasonal closures could temporarily eliminate travel through some areas.		
CULTURAL AND HERITAGE RESOURCES			
PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES			
SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS			
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern			
<p>The following sites, totaling 22,530 acres, are designated to protect enhance the values noted:</p> <p>Limestone Ridge ACEC/RNA (1,350 acres; remnant plant associations, Colorado BLM sensitive plant species, scenic quality).</p> <p>Irish Canyon ACEC, including the Ink Springs area (11,680 acres; remnant plant associations, Colorado BLM sensitive plant species, geologic values, cultural resources, scenic quality).</p> <p>Lookout Mountain ACEC (6,500 acres; Colorado BLM sensitive plant species, scenic quality).</p>	<p>Designate no additional ACECs, and remove ACEC designation from all existing ACECs. (Manage 0 acres as ACEC).</p>	<p>Retain designation of the Irish Canyon ACEC (11,680 acres).</p> <p>The following areas would not be retained as ACECs. Management of these areas would be as described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limestone Ridge (1,350 acres) • Lookout Mountain (6,500 acres) • Cross Mountain Canyon (3,000 acres) 	<p>Retain Irish Canyon ACEC, Limestone Ridge ACEC, Lookout Mountain ACEC, and Cross Mountain Canyon ACEC.</p> <p>In addition, designate the White-Tailed Prairie Dog ACEC (289,438 acres), Cold Desert Shrublands ACEC (5,755 acres), Gibben's Beardtongue ACEC (5,477 acres), Bull Canyon ACEC (3,416 acres), G Gap ACEC (5,661 acres), Little Juniper Canyon ACEC (14 acres), Bassett Spring ACEC (117 acres), No Name Spring ACEC (76 acres), Pot Creek ACEC (2,230 acres), Whiskey Springs ACEC (2,758 acres), Willow Spring ACEC (88 acres), and Deception Creek ACEC (XX acres).</p>

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Cross Mountain Canyon ACEC (3,000 acres; threatened and endangered species, Colorado BLM sensitive plant species, scenic quality).			
See specific impacts under individual ACEC actions listed below.	No impact.	See specific impacts under individual ACEC actions listed below.	See specific impacts under individual ACEC actions listed below.
Limestone Ridge			
<p>Minerals and Energy: No Surface Occupancy for oil and gas exploration and development</p> <p>Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Open Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Closed</p> <p>VRM: Not applicable</p> <p>Lands and Realty: Exclusion area unless associated with valid existing rights.</p>	<p>No similar action.</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Open to all exploration and development; however, not available for coal leasing.</p> <p>OHV: Open</p> <p>VRM: Class III</p> <p>Lands and Realty: No restrictions</p>	<p>Drop ACEC designation.</p> <p>Objective: Protect sensitive plants, remnant plant communities, and scenic values.</p> <p>Management of the area would be the same as Alternative A, except closed to other minerals.</p>	<p>Objective: Protect sensitive plants, remnant plant communities, and scenic values.</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Closed</p> <p>VRM: Class II</p> <p>Lands and Realty: Exclusion area unless associated with valid existing rights.</p>
Closing the ACEC to OHV use would eliminate motorized travel opportunities in this	No impact.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.

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area.			
Irish Canyon			
<p>Minerals and Energy: Controlled Surface Use for oil and gas operations Locatable - Open Other Minerals - Open Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Limited to Designated</p> <p>VRM: Not applicable</p> <p>Lands and Realty: Exclusion area unless associated with valid existing rights.</p>	<p>No similar action.</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Open to all exploration and development; however, not available for coal leasing.</p> <p>OHV: Open</p> <p>VRM: Class III</p> <p>Lands and Realty: No restrictions</p>	<p>Objective: Protect sensitive plant, remnant plant communities, scenic, cultural, and geologic values.</p> <p>Same as Alternative A, except closed to oil and gas exploration and development.</p>	<p>Objective: Protect sensitive plant, remnant plant communities, scenic, cultural, and geologic values.</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas exploration and development. Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Limited to Designated</p> <p>VRM: Class II</p> <p>Lands and Realty: Exclusion area unless associated with valid existing rights.</p>
Limiting the ACEC to designated routes would eliminate motorized cross country travel opportunities in this area.	No impact.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
Lookout Mountain			
<p>Minerals and Energy: Controlled Surface Use for oil and gas operations</p>	<p>No similar action.</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Open to</p>	<p>Drop ACEC designation.</p> <p>Objective: Protect sensitive plant,</p>	<p>Objective: Protect sensitive plant, remnant plant communities, and scenic values.</p>

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<p>Locatable - Open Other Minerals - Open Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Limited to Designated</p> <p>VRM: Not applicable</p> <p>Lands and Realty: Exclusion area unless associated with valid existing rights.</p>	<p>all exploration and development; however, not available for coal leasing.</p> <p>OHV: Open</p> <p>VRM: Class III</p> <p>Lands and Realty: No limitations</p>	<p>remnant plant communities, and scenic values.</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: No Surface Occupancy for oil and gas operations Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Limited to designated</p> <p>VRM: Class III</p> <p>Lands and Realty: ROW – Renewal of existing and authorization of future ROWs will be allowed upon approval of a site-specific development plan consistent with area resource objectives.</p>	<p>Minerals and Energy: No Surface Occupancy for oil and gas operations Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal –Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Limited to Designated</p> <p>VRM: Class II</p> <p>Lands and Realty: Communication Sites – Existing communication ROWs may be renewed at the end of their term in accordance with area objectives and current regulations. No new communication sites will be authorized.</p> <p>ROW – Exclusion area</p>
Limiting the ACEC to designated routes would eliminate motorized cross country travel opportunities in this area.	No impact.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
Cross Mountain Canyon (Area is currently within Cross Mountain WSA)			
Minerals and Energy: No Surface Occupancy for oil	No ACEC designation but manage consistent with WSA	Same as Alternative B.	Objective: Protect sensitive plants, threatened and endangered species,

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and gas operations Locatable - Open Other Minerals- Open Coal – Not available for leasing OHV: Closed VRM: Class I Lands and Realty: Exclusion area unless associated with valid existing rights.	requirements.		and scenic values. Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas operations Locatable - Closed Other Minerals- Closed Coal – Not available for leasing OHV: Closed VRM: Class I Lands and Realty: Exclusion area unless associated with valid existing rights.
Closing the ACEC to OHV use would eliminate motorized travel opportunities in this area.	WSA requirements would also eliminate motorized travel opportunities in this area, essentially the same impact as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative A.
White-Tailed Prairie Dog			
No ACEC designated. Active white-tailed prairie dog colonies are avoidance areas for surface disturbing activities	Same as Alternative A	Same as Alternative A	Objective: Protect white-tailed prairie dog habitat.

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only within black-footed ferret reintroduction area.			<p>The following management applies only to areas within the designated polygon (Map X) containing active/inactive white-tailed prairie dog colonies:</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: No Surface Occupancy for oil and gas operations Locatable - Closed Other Minerals- Closed Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Limited to Designated</p> <p>VRM: No classification related to prairie dog colonies.</p> <p>Lands and Realty: ROW – exclusion</p>
No impact.	No impact.	No impact.	Limiting the ACEC to designated routes would eliminate motorized cross country travel opportunities in this area.
Natural Systems ACECs			
No similar action	No similar action	No similar action.	<p>Designate the following ACECs</p> <p>Cold Desert Shrublands ACEC (5,755 acres), Gibben's Beardtongue ACEC (5,477 acres), Bull Canyon ACEC (3,416 acres), G Gap ACEC (5,661 acres), Little</p>

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			<p>Juniper Canyon ACEC (14 acres), Bassett Spring ACEC (117 acres), No Name Spring ACEC (76 acres), Pot Creek ACEC (2,230 acres), Whiskey Springs ACEC (2,758 acres), Willow Spring ACEC (88 acres), Deception Creek ACEC (XX acres).</p> <p>The Objective of these ACECs is to protect sensitive plants and plant communities.</p> <p>The following management applies only to areas within the designated polygons (Map X):</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Controlled Surface Use for oil and gas operations Locatable - Closed Other Minerals- Closed Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Limited to Designated Routes</p> <p>VRM: No classification related to ACECs.</p> <p>Lands and Realty: ROW – avoidance</p>
No impact.	No impact.	No impact.	Limiting the ACEC to designated

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			routes would eliminate motorized cross country travel opportunities in this area.
Wilderness Study Areas			
<p>The Diamond Breaks WSA will be recommended as preliminarily suitable for wilderness designation (RMP/ROD page 22). If Congress does not designate Diamond Breaks as wilderness, the Colorado portion of the WSA (31,480 acres) would be managed as a recreation management unit; the Utah portion (3,900 acres) would be managed by the Vernal District according to existing management framework plans</p>	<p>Diamond Breaks WSA would be managed to preserve its wilderness values according to the IMP (BLM-H-8550-1) and would continue to be managed in that manner until the Congress either designates it wilderness or releases it for other uses.</p> <p>If Congress releases Diamond Breaks from wilderness study, it would be managed as multiple use consistent with resource goals and objectives.</p>	<p>Diamond Breaks WSA would be managed to preserve its wilderness values according to the IMP (BLM-H-8550-1) and would continue to be managed in that manner until the Congress either designates it wilderness or releases it for other uses.</p> <p>If Congress releases Diamond Breaks from wilderness study, it would be managed as follows:</p> <p>OHV – Limited to designated</p> <p>Minerals –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to oil and gas exploration and development • Locatable – closed • Other minerals – closed • Coal – Not available for leasing <p>VRM – Class II</p> <p>Lands and Realty: ROW exclusion</p>	<p>Diamond Breaks WSA would be managed to preserve its wilderness values according to the IMP (BLM-H-8550-1) and would continue to be managed in that manner until the Congress either designates it wilderness or releases it for other uses.</p> <p>If Congress releases Diamond Breaks from wilderness study, it would be managed as follows:</p> <p>OHV – Closed</p> <p>Minerals –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to oil and gas exploration and development • Locatable – closed • Other minerals – closed • Coal – Not available for leasing <p>VRM – Class II</p> <p>Lands and Realty: ROW would be considered on a case-by-case basis.</p>

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<p>WSA status would eliminate motorized transportation and OHV use in this area. If Congress released the WSA, impacts would likely decrease.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except if Congress releases the area from WSA status, which would eliminate WSA impacts.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except if Congress releases the area from WSA status OHV use would be "limited to designated" which would reduce WSA impacts.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except if Congress releases the area from WSA status transportation and OHV use would still be closed.</p>
<p>The Cross Mountain WSA (including the proposed Cross Mountain Canyon ACEC) will be recommended as preliminarily suitable for wilderness designation. BLM will recommend that the proposed Cross Mountain wilderness remain open to oil and gas leasing with no-surface-occupancy stipulations. If Congress does not designate Cross Mountain as wilderness, the area would be managed as a special recreation management area (13,000 acres), including the Cross Mountain Canyon ACEC (3,000 acres)</p>	<p>Cross Mountain WSA would be managed to preserve its wilderness values according to the IMP (BLM-H-8550-1) and would continue to be managed in that manner until the Congress either designates it wilderness or releases it for other uses.</p> <p>If Congress releases Cross Mountain from wilderness study, it would be managed as multiple use consistent with resource goals and objectives.</p>	<p>Cross Mountain WSA would be managed to preserve its wilderness values according to the IMP (BLM-H-8550-1) and would continue to be managed in that manner until the Congress either designates it wilderness or releases it for other uses.</p> <p>If Congress releases Diamond Breaks from wilderness study, it would be managed as an ACEC as follows:</p> <p>Objective: Protect sensitive plants, threatened and endangered species, and scenic values.</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas operations Locatable - closed Other Minerals- closed Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Closed</p>	<p>Same as Alternative C.</p>

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		VRM: Class II Lands and Realty: Exclusion area unless associated with valid existing rights.	
WSA status would eliminate motorized transportation and OHV use in this area. If Congress released the WSA, impacts would likely decrease.	Same as Alternative A, except if Congress releases the area from WSA status, which would eliminate WSA impacts.	Same as Alternative A, except if Congress releases the area from WSA status transportation and OHV use would still be closed.	Same as Alternative C.
The West Cold Spring WSA will be recommended as nonsuitable for wilderness designation. If Congress does not designate the area as wilderness, the Colorado portion of West Cold Spring would be managed as the Cold Spring and Little Snake River management units (total of 14,482 acres). The Utah portion of the WSA would be managed under the Brown's Park Management Framework Plan	West Cold Spring WSA would be managed to preserve its wilderness values according to the IMP (BLM-H-8550-1) and would continue to be managed in that manner until the Congress either designates it wilderness or releases it for other uses. If Congress releases West Cold Springs from wilderness study, it would be managed as multiple use consistent with resource goals and objectives.	West Cold Spring WSA would be managed to preserve its wilderness values according to the IMP (BLM-H-8550-1) and would continue to be managed in that manner until the Congress either designates it wilderness or releases it for other uses. If Congress releases West Cold Springs from wilderness study, it would be managed the same as the adjacent wilderness character area: Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas operations Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed	West Cold Spring WSA would be managed to preserve its wilderness values according to the IMP (BLM-H-8550-1) and would continue to be managed in that manner until the Congress either designates it wilderness or releases it for other uses. If Congress releases West Cold Springs from wilderness study, it would be managed the same as the adjacent SRMA: Designate as a backcountry SRMA. Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas operations Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal – Not available for leasing

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		Coal – Not available for leasing OHV: Limited (apply adaptive criteria) VRM: Class III Lands and Realty: ROW – avoidance; accept wind energy applications on case-by-case basis.	OHV: Limited to Designated VRM: Class I Lands and Realty: ROW – exclusion; no wind energy
WSA status would eliminate motorized transportation and OHV use in this area. If Congress released the WSA, impacts would likely decrease.	Same as Alternative A, except if Congress releases the area from WSA status, which would eliminate WSA impacts.	Same as Alternative A, except if Congress releases the area from WSA status OHV use would be “limited” which could reduce WSA impacts.	Same as Alternative A, except if Congress releases the area from WSA status OHV use would be “limited to designated” which would reduce WSA impacts.
Four WSAs evaluated under Section 202 of FLPMA – Ant Hills, Chew Winter Camp, Peterson Draw, and Vale of Tears – will be recommended as nonsuitable for wilderness designation but would be recommended to the Secretary for forwarding to Congress for the final decision. If Congress does not designate these areas as wilderness, they would be managed as follows: 1. The northwest corner of Ant Hills would be managed as the Douglas Mountain Management Unit and the remainder as	Ant Hills, Chew Winter Camp, Peterson Draw, and Vale of Tears WSAs would be managed to preserve their wilderness values according to the IMP (BLM-H-8550-1) and would continue to be managed in that manner until the Congress either designates them wilderness or releases them for other uses. If Congress releases Ant Hills, Chew Winter Camp, Peterson Draw, and Vale of Tears from wilderness study, it would be managed as multiple use consistent with resource goals	Ant Hills, Chew Winter Camp, Peterson Draw, and Vale of Tears WSAs would be managed to preserve its wilderness values according to the IMP (BLM-H-8550-1) and would continue to be managed in that manner until the Congress either designates it wilderness or releases it for other uses. If Congress releases Ant Hills, Chew Winter Camp, Peterson Draw, and Vale of Tears from wilderness study, they would be managed the same as the adjacent wilderness character area:	Ant Hills, Chew Winter Camp, Peterson Draw, and Vale of Tears WSAs would be managed to preserve its wilderness values according to the IMP (BLM-H-8550-1) and would continue to be managed in that manner until the Congress either designates it wilderness or releases it for other uses. If Congress releases Ant Hills, Chew Winter Camp, Peterson Draw, and Vale of Tears from wilderness study, they would be managed the same as the adjacent SRMA: Designate as a backcountry SRMA.

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<p>the Scattered Sands Management Unit.</p> <p>2. Chew Winter Camp would be managed as the Scattered Sands Management Unit.</p> <p>3. The north third of Peterson Draw would be managed as the Scattered Sands Management Unit and the remainder as the Douglas Mountain Management Unit.</p> <p>4. Most of the Vale of Tears would be managed as the Little Snake River Management Unit and the other portions in the northwest corner would be managed as the Douglas Mountain and Scattered Sands Management Units (Little Snake Resource Management Plan (1989))</p> <p>5. The Cross Mountain, Diamond Breaks, West Cold Spring, Ant Hills, Chew Winter Camp, Peterson Draw, and Vale of Tears Wilderness Study Areas will not be leased. This is 35,280 acres of BLM-administered mineral estate within the Little Snake RMPPA</p>	<p>and objectives.</p>	<p>Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Limited (apply adaptive criteria)</p> <p>VRM: Class II</p> <p>Lands and Realty: ROW – avoidance; no wind energy</p>	<p>Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Limited to Designated</p> <p>VRM: Class I</p> <p>Lands and Realty: ROW – exclusion; no wind energy</p>

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Public land designated as wilderness will be managed in compliance with BLM's Wilderness Management Policy and the Wilderness Act of 1964. Site-specific wilderness management plans will be developed for areas designated by Congress as wilderness	Same as Alternative A	Same as Alternative A	Same as Alternative A
Wilderness designation would eliminate motorized transportation and OHV use in this area.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
Wild and Scenic Rivers			
Existing land use plans contain no decisions regarding wild and scenic rivers. As directed by BLM IM-2004-196, manage all of <i>eligible</i> river segments (XX miles) to protect their outstandingly remarkable values, free-flowing nature, and tentative classification, as follows: In keeping with BLM Manual	No recommendations as suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System.	Determine and Manage Yampa Segments 1, 2 and 3 as suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System.	Determine and manage all eligible segments and tentative classifications (listed below) as suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System: Beaver Creek Segment 1 (wild) Vermillion Creek Segment 1 (Lower Vermillion Creek, scenic) Yampa Segment 1 (River Mile 126 to Milk Creek, recreational) Yampa Segment 2 (Milk Creek to Duffy Tunnel, scenic)

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<p>8351, .32C and .33 C, suitability determinations would not be made for any of the eligible river segments. They would remain eligible and would be managed to protect their outstandingly remarkable values, free-flowing nature, and tentative classification to the degree that BLM has authority (i.e., BLM lands within the corridor) and within the parameters of decisions made in the previous planning documents until such time as suitability determinations are made.</p>			<p>Yampa Segment 3 (Cross Mountain Canyon, wild)</p>
<p>No impact.</p>	<p>No impact.</p>	<p>See impacts for specific sections listed below.</p>	<p>See impacts for specific sections listed below.</p>
<p>No similar action.</p>	<p>No similar action.</p>	<p>No similar action.</p>	<p>The following management actions would only apply to the portions of the river segments where the river corridor is managed by the BLM.</p> <p>Manage Beaver Creek Segment 1 as suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System with the tentative classification of <i>wild</i>.</p> <p>Manage to protect the outstandingly remarkable values, including fish. Specific management prescriptions within one-quarter mile of each side</p>

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			of the river include— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to OHV • Close to oil and gas leasing. • Recommend withdrawing from mineral entry.
No impact.	No impact.	No impact.	Closing the WSR corridor would eliminate motorized transportation and OHV use in this area.
No similar action.	No similar action.	No similar action.	The following management actions would only apply to the portions of the river segments where the river corridor is managed by the BLM. Manage Vermillion Creek Segment 1 as suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System with the tentative classification of <i>scenic</i> . Manage to protect the outstandingly remarkable values, including cultural and geology. Specific management prescriptions within one-quarter mile of each side of the river include— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to OHV • Close to oil and gas leasing. • Recommend withdrawing from mineral entry.
No impact.	No impact.	No impact.	Closing the WSR corridor would eliminate motorized transportation and OHV use in this area.
No similar action.	No similar action.	The following management actions	The following management actions

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		<p>would only apply to the portions of the river segments where the river corridor is managed by the BLM.</p> <p>Manage Segment 1 of the Yampa River (2.8 miles from River Mile #126 to Milk Creek area) as suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System with the tentative classification of <i>recreational</i>.</p> <p>Manage to protect the outstandingly remarkable values, including recreation and fish. Specific management prescriptions within one-quarter mile of each side of the river include—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to OHV • Close to oil and gas leasing. • Recommend withdrawing from mineral entry. <p>For sites within the segment where habitat loss is a risk, remedial actions would be implemented to ensure that the suitability of the spawning habitat is maintained, or enhanced.</p>	<p>would only apply to the portions of the river segments where the river corridor is managed by the BLM.</p> <p>Manage Segment 1 of the Yampa River (2.8 miles from River Mile #126 to Milk Creek area) as suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System with the tentative classification of <i>recreational</i>.</p> <p>Manage to protect the outstandingly remarkable values, including recreation and fish. Specific management prescriptions within one-quarter mile of each side of the river include—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to OHV • Close to oil and gas leasing. • Recommend withdrawing from mineral entry. • For sites within the segment where habitat loss is a risk, remedial actions would be implemented to ensure that the suitability of the spawning habitat is maintained, or enhanced.
No impact.	No impact.	Closing the WSR corridor would eliminate motorized transportation and OHV use in this area.	Same as Alternative C.

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No similar action.	No similar action.	<p>The following management actions would only apply to the portions of the river segments where the river corridor is managed by the BLM.</p> <p>Manage Segment 2 of the Yampa River (13.9 miles from Milk Creek to Duffy Tunnel) as suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System with the tentative classification of <i>scenic</i>.</p> <p>Manage to protect the outstandingly remarkable values, including recreation and fish. Specific management prescriptions within one-quarter mile of each side of the river include—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to OHV • Close to oil and gas leasing. • Recommend withdrawing from mineral entry. • For sites within the segment where habitat loss is a risk, remedial actions would be implemented to ensure that the suitability of the spawning habitat is maintained, or enhanced. 	<p>The following management actions would only apply to the portions of the river segments where the river corridor is managed by the BLM.</p> <p>Manage Segment 2 of the Yampa River (13.9 miles from Milk Creek to Duffy Tunnel) as suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System with the tentative classification of <i>scenic</i>.</p> <p>Manage to protect the outstandingly remarkable values, including recreation and fish. Specific management prescriptions within one-quarter mile of each side of the river include—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to OHV • Close to oil and gas leasing. • Recommend withdrawing from mineral entry. • For sites within the segment where habitat loss is a risk, remedial actions would be implemented to ensure that the suitability of the spawning habitat is maintained, or enhanced. • Close to livestock grazing during the months of June and July.
No impact.	No impact.	Closing the WSR corridor would	Same as Alternative C.

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		eliminate motorized transportation and OHV use in this area.	
No similar action.	No similar action.	<p>The following management actions would only apply to the portions of the river segments where the river corridor is managed by the BLM.</p> <p>Manage Segment 3 of the Yampa River (3.3 miles through Cross Mountain Canyon) as suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System with the tentative classification of <i>wild</i>.</p> <p>Manage to protect the outstandingly remarkable values, including scenic, recreation, geologic, and fish. Specific management prescriptions within one-quarter mile of each side of the river include—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to OHV • Close to oil and gas leasing. • Recommend withdrawing from mineral entry. 	<p>The following management actions would only apply to the portions of the river segments where the river corridor is managed by the BLM.</p> <p>Manage Segment 3 of the Yampa River (3.3 miles through Cross Mountain Canyon) as suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System with the tentative classification of <i>wild</i>.</p> <p>Manage to protect the outstandingly remarkable values, including scenic, recreation, geologic, and fish. Specific management prescriptions within one-quarter mile of each side of the river include—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to OHV • Close to oil and gas leasing. • Recommend withdrawing from mineral entry.
No impact.	No impact.	Closing the WSR corridor could eliminate motorized transportation and OHV use in this area, however the steep topography of this area may already preclude any such travel.	Same as Alternative C.
Lands With Wilderness Character Outside Existing WSAs			
Vermillion Basin			

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<p>Minerals and Energy: Open to new oil and gas leasing Locatable - Open Other Minerals - Open Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Open, some Limited to Existing</p> <p>VRM: Not applicable</p> <p>Lands and Realty: Considered on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>Objectives: Allow for oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development by utilizing state of the art technology, while protecting natural values. Manage for minimal surface disturbance by focusing development near existing trails, ROWs, canyons and washes and clustering wells where feasible. Manage to minimize visual intrusions, Lookout Mountain as observation point Control infrastructure by requiring pre-planning, including transportation planning. Lease in larger leases (4 section blocks) in order to facilitate seismic exploration and allow operators to drill fewer wells</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Open to new oil and gas leasing with a Controlled Surface Use stipulation. Stipulation language would reference Objectives above. Locatable – Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal – Not available for leasing</p>	<p>Zone 1 (Northern Zone of High and Medium potential):</p> <p>Objectives: Allow for oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development by utilizing state of the art technology, while protecting natural values. Manage for minimal surface disturbance by focusing development near existing trails, ROWs, canyons and washes and clustering wells where feasible. Manage to minimize visual intrusions, Lookout Mountain as observation point Control infrastructure by requiring pre-planning, including transportation planning. Lease in larger leases (4 section blocks) in order to facilitate seismic exploration and allow operators to drill fewer wells Long term goal for Vermillion Basin is to manage the area so that any disturbance caused by permitted actions will eventually be returned to the state prior to development.</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Open to new oil and gas leasing with a Controlled Surface Use stipulation. Stipulation language would</p>	<p>Objective: provide quality primitive recreational experiences in largely natural settings</p> <p>Designate as a backcountry SRMA.</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Closed to new oil and gas leasing Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Closed</p> <p>VRM: Class II</p> <p>Lands and Realty: Exclusion area</p>

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	<p>OHV: Limited to Designated Routes</p> <p>VRM: Class III, Class II for Vermillion Bluffs area</p> <p>Lands and Realty: Case-by-case basis, avoidance for Vermillion Bluffs and fragile soil areas</p>	<p>reference Objectives above.</p> <p>Locatable – Closed</p> <p>Other Minerals - Closed</p> <p>Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Limited to Designated Routes</p> <p>VRM: Class III, Class II for Vermillion Bluffs area</p> <p>Lands and Realty: Case-by-case basis, avoidance for Vermillion Bluffs and fragile soil areas?</p> <p>Zone 2: (Southwest area of Low and No Known potential)</p> <p>Objectives: Manage to protect naturalness, opportunities for semi-primitive recreation, and solitude.</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Closed to new oil and gas leasing Locatable – Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal – Closed</p> <p>OHV: The portion of Vermillion Basin south and east of Ted's Draw will be Limited to Designated Routes</p>	

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		<p>The remaining portion of Zone 2 will be Closed to OHVs.</p> <p>VRM: II</p> <p>Lands and Realty: ROW Avoidance - the portion of Vermillion Basin south and east of Ted's Draw</p> <p>ROW Exclusion – remaining portion of Zone 2</p>	
No impact.	Limiting OHV to designated routes would restrict some motorized travel and OHV opportunities.	Same as Alternative B.	Closing OHV would eliminate motorized travel and OHV opportunities.
<i>Dinosaur North</i>			
<p>Multiple use outside existing WSAs</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Open Locatable - Open Other Minerals - Open Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Open</p> <p>VRM: Not applicable</p> <p>Lands and Realty: No</p>	Same as Alternative A.	<p>WHEN CALCULATING AREA, MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE WILD MOUNTAIN.</p> <p>Objective: Manage to protect naturalness, opportunities for semi-primitive recreation, and solitude.</p> <p>No designation with the following prescriptions:</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas operations Locatable - Closed</p>	<p>WHEN CALCULATING AREA, MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE WILD MOUNTAIN.</p> <p>Objective: Provide quality primitive recreational experiences in largely natural settings.</p> <p>Designate as a backcountry SRMA.</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas operations Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed</p>

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restrictions, case-by-case basis		Other Minerals - Closed Coal – Not available for leasing OHV: Limited to Designated Routes VRM: Class II Lands and Realty: ROW – avoidance; no wind energy	Coal – Not available for leasing OHV: Closed VRM: Class II Lands and Realty: ROW – exclusion; no wind energy
No impact.	No impact.	Limiting OHV to designated routes would restrict some motorized travel and OHV opportunities.	Closing OHV would eliminate motorized travel and OHV opportunities.
<i>Cold Springs Mountain</i>			
Multiple use outside existing WSAs Minerals and Energy: Open Locatable - Open Other Minerals - Open Coal – Not available for leasing OHV: Majority Limited to Existing, remainder is Open VRM: Not applicable Lands and Realty: No restrictions, case-by-case	Same as Alternative A.	Objective: Manage to protect naturalness, opportunities for semi-primitive recreation, and solitude. No designation with the following prescriptions: Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas operations Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal – Not available for leasing OHV: Limited to designated routes VRM: Class III	Objective: Provide quality primitive recreational experiences in largely natural settings Designate as a backcountry SRMA. Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas operations Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal - Not available for leasing OHV: Closed VRM: Class II

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basis		Lands and Realty: ROW – avoidance; accept wind energy applications on case-by-case basis.	Lands and Realty: ROW – exclusion; no wind energy
No impact.	No impact.	Limiting OHV to designated routes would restrict some motorized travel and OHV opportunities.	Closing OHV would eliminate motorized travel and OHV opportunities.
<i>Lands with Backcountry Characteristics outside existing WSAs</i>			
No Similar Action	No similar action	No similar action	<p>Cross Mountain Area XX acres adjacent to Cross Mountain WSA. See Map X.</p> <p>Objective: Provide backcountry recreation experience in predominantly natural settings</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas operations Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal – Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Closed</p> <p>VRM: Class II</p> <p>Lands and Realty: ROW – exclusion.</p>
No impact.	No impact.	No impact.	Closing OHV would eliminate motorized travel and OHV

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			opportunities.
No similar action	No similar action	No similar action	<p>Diamond Breaks Area XX acres adjacent to Diamond Breaks WSA. See Map X.</p> <p>Objective: Provide backcountry recreation experience in predominantly natural settings</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas operations Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal - Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Closed</p> <p>VRM: Class II</p> <p>Lands and Realty: ROW – exclusion.</p>
No impact.	No impact.	No impact.	Closing OHV would eliminate motorized travel and OHV opportunities.
No similar action	No similar action	No similar action	<p>Pinyon Ridge Area XX acres. See Map X.</p> <p>Objective: Provide backcountry recreation experience in</p>

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			<p>predominantly natural settings</p> <p>Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas operations Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal - Not available for leasing</p> <p>OHV: Closed</p> <p>VRM: Class II Lands and Realty: ROW – exclusion.</p>
No impact.	No impact.	No impact.	Closing OHV would eliminate motorized travel and OHV opportunities.
VISUAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (VRM)			
VRM Class I			
WSAs (manage in accordance with IM)	Same as Alternative A	Same as Alternative A	In addition to WSAs, Cross Mountain Canyon ACEC
VRM Class I in WSAs only would not add any additional impacts to motorized travel or OHV opportunities. See WSA section for impacts.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
VRM Class II			
No similar action	Vermillion Bluffs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable WSR corridors • Limestone Ridge area • Irish Canyon ACEC • Zone 2 and Vermillion Bluffs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable WSR corridors • Limestone Ridge ACEC • Irish Canyon ACEC • Lookout Mountain ACEC

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Deleted: except the addition of Cross Canyon ACEC could eliminate or severely reduce motorized travel and OHV opportunities in that area. However, the steep topography may already preclude such travel.

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		<p>areas of Vermillion Basin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dinosaur North wilderness character area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vermillion Basin SRMA Dinosaur North SRMA Cold Springs Mountain SRMA Cross Mountain area outside WSA Diamond Breaks area outside WSA Pinyon Ridge area
No impact	VRM Class II could reduce motorized travel and OHV opportunities in that area.	Same as Alternative B, except the impacted area would be expanded.	Same as Alternative B, except the impacted area would be greatly expanded.
ENERGY AND MINERALS			
Oil and Gas			
Leasing Decisions			
<p>A. Lease with standard lease terms and conditions plus specified stipulations</p> <p>B. The RMPPA is available for oil and gas leasing. Areas have been designated for leasing with standard stipulations, seasonal restrictions, avoidance stipulations, performance objectives, or no-surface-occupancy stipulations; areas where no new leasing is allowed have also been identified.</p> <p>C. 1,878,000 acres of BLM-</p>	<p>Lease with standard lease terms and conditions and non-discretionary stipulations. Resources would be protected and impacts mitigated through site specific NEPA documents. See Appendix OG for explanation of the BLM's oil and gas leasing and development process.</p>	<p>Lease with standard lease terms and conditions plus specified stipulations.</p> <p>Exceptions, modifications, and waivers could be provided as detailed in Appendix X.</p>	<p>Lease with standard lease terms and conditions plus specified stipulations, no exceptions, modifications, or waivers</p>

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administered mineral estate within the Little Snake RMPPA are open to oil and gas leasing and development, subject to the lease terms and (as applicable) lease stipulations noted in Appendix A of the Amendment.			
Leasing for oil and gas increases the potential for oil and gas developments, which could impact the OHV experience for some users.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
LIVESTOCK GRAZING			
RECREATION			
Special Recreation Management Areas			
Little Yampa/Juniper Canyon			
A. The Little Yampa/Juniper Canyon area (19,840 acres) will be administered as a special recreation management area to provide unrestricted flatwater river floatboating in the region.	Little Yampa/Juniper Canyon area will be managed as an ERMA. See the ERMA objectives below.	The existing Little Yampa/Juniper Canyon SRMA will be expanded by 10,092 acres (Map X) and administered as the Little Yampa Canyon SRMA to provide quality camping experiences related to river boating in the region and big game hunting.	The existing Little Yampa/Juniper Canyon SRMA will be expanded by XXX acres (Map X) and administered as the Little Yampa Canyon SRMA to provide quality camping experiences related to river boating in the region and big game hunting.
See impacts per zone below.		See impacts per zone below.	See impacts per zone below.
<u>Zone:</u> Zone 1: Yampa River Corridor <u>Market:</u> Community	No similar action.	<u>Zone:</u> Zone 1: Yampa River Corridor <u>Market:</u> Community <u>Objective:</u>	<u>Zone:</u> Zone 1: Yampa River Corridor <u>Market:</u> Community <u>Objective:</u>

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<p><u>Objective:</u> Activities: Non-motorized boating, motorized boating, camping Experiences: Savoring canyon and river aesthetics; testing your endurance; enjoying risk-taking adventure Benefits: Improved skills for outdoor enjoyment with others; heightened sense of satisfaction with our community; greater sense of adventure</p> <p><u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Middle Country east of Milk Creek, Back Country west of Milk Creek. Social: Middle Country east of Milk Creek, Back Country west of Milk Creek. Administrative: Back country</p> <p><u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Access will be negotiated for parking areas at put-in and take-out points. Other facilities will be constructed as needed for public sanitation and safety. Marketing: A map/brochure will be developed to promote visitor health and safety, provide resource protection,</p>		<p>Activities: Non-motorized boating, motorized boating, camping Experiences: Enjoying canyon and river aesthetics; testing your endurance; enjoying risk-taking adventure Benefits: Improved skills for outdoor enjoyment with others; heightened sense of satisfaction with our community; greater sense of adventure</p> <p><u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Middle Country east of Milk Creek, Back Country west of Milk Creek. Social: Middle Country east of Milk Creek, Back Country west of Milk Creek. Administrative: Back country</p> <p><u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Modify roads and trails as needed to mitigate impacts Marketing: Involve Colorado State Parks in developing interpretation, education, and public outreach. Monitoring: In conjunction with State Parks, monitor motorized river boating to gauge if management actions and resulting use is producing targeted recreation opportunities and facilitating their attainment as outcomes. Monitor camp site conditions and use.</p>	<p>Activities: Non-motorized boating, limited motorized boating, camping Experiences: Enjoying canyon and river aesthetics; feeling good about solitude and being isolated from other people and services; testing your endurance; enjoying risk-taking adventure Benefits: Improved skills for outdoor enjoyment with others; heightened sense of satisfaction with our community; greater sense of adventure; closer relationship with the natural world; conservation of entire ecosystems in natural state.</p> <p><u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Middle Country east of Milk Creek, Back Country west of Milk Creek. Social: Back country Administrative: Primitive</p> <p><u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Close and restore roads that have no administrative benefit. Restrict motorized access to the river. Marketing: Involve Colorado State Parks in developing interpretation, education, and public outreach. Monitoring: Monitor motorized river boating to gauge if management actions and resulting use is producing targeted recreation</p>

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<p>and inform the public of available opportunities. Involve Colorado State Parks in developing interpretation, education, and public outreach. Monitoring: Monitor motorized river boating to gauge if management actions and resulting use is producing targeted recreation opportunities and facilitating their attainment as outcomes. Monitor camp site conditions and use. Administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Surface Occupancy for oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Open Other Minerals - Open Coal - Open OHV: Limited to Designated Routes </p>		<p>Administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Surface Occupancy for oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Open Other Minerals - Open Coal - Open OHV: Limited to Designated Routes VRM: Class II from river bottom to ridgeline; Class III in all other areas Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives. </p>	<p>opportunities and facilitating their attainment as outcomes. Monitor camp site conditions and use. Administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal - Closed OHV: XX acres Closed; XX acres Limited to Designated Routes. (To be calculated when GIS is completed) VRM: Class II from river bottom to ridgeline; Class III in all other areas. Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives. </p>
<p>Limiting the SRMA to designated routes would eliminate motorized cross country travel opportunities in</p>	<p>No impacts.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A.</p>	<p>Closing parts of the SRMA to OHV use would eliminate motorized travel and OHV opportunities in this area. Limiting other areas to designated</p>

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this area.			routes would eliminate motorized cross country travel opportunities in these areas.
Zone 2: No similar action. This area was not included in the SRMA.	No similar action.	<p><u>Zone:</u> Zone 2: North of CR 17 <u>Market:</u> Destination <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Predominantly motorized big game hunting and some non-motorized hunting, camping, wildlife watching Experiences: Developing your skills and abilities; gaining a greater sense of achievement; Benefits: Greater self-reliance gained from hunting; improved outdoor knowledge and self-confidence; positive contributions to local and regional economic stability <u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Middle country Social: Middle country Administrative: Middle country <u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Provide camping facilities and improved roads to these facilities in high impact areas related to hunting season uses. Marketing: In partnership with Division of Wildlife and local Chambers of Commerce, increase education and interpretation during hunting season to reduce resource</p>	<p><u>Zone:</u> Zone 2: North of CR 17 <u>Market:</u> Destination <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Predominantly non-motorized big game hunting and some motorized hunting, camping, wildlife watching Experiences: Developing your skills and abilities; gaining a greater sense of achievement; enjoying getting some physical exercise; feeling good about solitude and being isolated from other people and services Benefits: Greater self-reliance gained from hunting; improved outdoor knowledge and self-confidence; positive contributions to local and regional economic stability; closer relationship with the natural world; conservation of entire ecosystems in natural state. <u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Back country Social: Back country Administrative: Back country <u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Provide camping facilities in high impact areas related to hunting season uses.</p>

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		<p>impacts and conflicts.</p> <p>Monitoring: Monitor user experience and satisfaction, camp site conditions and use.</p> <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Surface Occupancy for oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Open Other Minerals - Open Coal - Open • OHV: Limited to Designated Routes • VRM: Class II from river bottom to ridgeline; Class III in all other areas • Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives. 	<p>Marketing: In partnership with Division of Wildlife and local Chambers of Commerce, increase education and interpretation during hunting season to reduce resource impacts and conflicts.</p> <p>Monitoring: Monitor user experience and satisfaction, camp site conditions and use. Monitor to ensure compliance of the motor vehicle closures.</p> <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal - Closed • OHV: Limited to Designated Routes. • VRM: Class II from river bottom to ridgeline; Class III in all other areas. • Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives.
No impacts.	No impacts.	Limiting the SRMA to designated	Same as Alternative C.

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		routes would eliminate motorized cross country travel opportunities in this area.	
Juniper Mountain			
<p>Juniper Mountain is currently managed within the Little Yampa /Juniper Canyon SRMA. See Little Yampa Canyon SRMA.</p>	<p>Juniper Mountain will be managed as an ERMA. See the ERMA objectives below.</p>	<p>The Juniper Canyon portion of the existing Little Yampa/Juniper Canyon SRMA will be administered as the Juniper Mountain SRMA.</p> <p><u>Zone:</u> Zone 1: Yampa River Corridor <u>Market:</u> Community <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Day use motorized and non-motorized boating Experiences: Enjoying canyon and river aesthetics; testing your endurance; enjoying risk-taking adventure. Benefits: Improved skills for outdoor enjoyment with others; heightened sense of satisfaction with our community; greater sense of adventure. <u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Middle country Social: Middle country Administrative: Middle country <u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Modify roads and trails as needed to mitigate impacts. Marketing: Involve Colorado State Parks in developing interpretation,</p>	<p>The Juniper Canyon portion of the existing Little Yampa/Juniper Canyon SRMA will be administered as the Juniper Mountain SRMA.</p> <p><u>Zone:</u> Zone 1: Yampa River Corridor <u>Market:</u> Community <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Day use non-motorized boating and limited motorized boating Experiences: Enjoying canyon and river aesthetics; feeling good about solitude and being isolated from other people and services; testing your endurance; enjoying risk-taking adventure. Benefits: Improved skills for outdoor enjoyment with others; heightened sense of satisfaction with our community; greater sense of adventure; closer relationship with the natural world. <u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Middle country Social: Back country Administrative: Back country <u>Activity Planning Framework</u></p>

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		<p>education, and public outreach. Monitoring: In conjunction with State Parks, monitor motorized river boating to gauge if the use is changing the desired recreation experience. Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Surface Occupancy for oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Open Other Minerals - Open Coal - Open • OHV: Limited to Designated Routes • VRM: Class II from river bottom to ridgeline; Class III in all other areas • Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives. 	<p>Management: Close and restore roads that have no administrative benefit. Marketing: Involve Colorado State Parks in developing interpretation, education, and public outreach. Monitoring: Monitor user experience and satisfaction. Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal - Closed • OHV: Limited to Designated Routes. • VRM: Class II from river bottom to ridgeline; Class III in all other areas. • Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives.
See impacts for Little Yampa Canyon SRMA.	No impacts.	Limiting the SRMA to designated routes would eliminate motorized cross country travel opportunities in this area.	Same as Alternative C.
No similar action	No similar action	<u>Zone</u> : Zone 2: Outside river corridor <u>Market</u> : Destination	<u>Zone</u> : Zone 2: Outside river corridor <u>Market</u> : Destination

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ALTERNATIVE A (NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE)	ALTERNATIVE B	ALTERNATIVE C	ALTERNATIVE D
		<p><u>Objective:</u> Activities: Hunting, camping Experiences: Developing your skills and abilities; gaining a greater sense of achievement; Benefits: Greater self-reliance gained from hunting; improved outdoor knowledge and self-confidence; positive contributions to local and regional economic stability <u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Middle Country Social: Middle Country Administrative: Middle Country <u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Provide camping facilities in high impact areas related to hunting season uses. Develop a managed and maintained motorized trail system within the area during hunting season. Marketing: Work with chambers of commerce, adjacent land owners, and permitted outfitters to provide access and hunting experiences. Monitoring: Monitor camp site conditions and use as well as user experience and satisfaction. Administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: No Surface Occupancy for oil and gas </p>	<p><u>Objective:</u> Activities: Hunting, camping Experiences: Developing your skills and abilities; gaining a greater sense of achievement; Benefits: Greater self-reliance gained from hunting; improved outdoor knowledge and self-confidence; positive contributions to local and regional economic stability <u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Middle country Social: Middle country Administrative: Middle country <u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Provide camping facilities in high impact areas related to hunting season uses. Develop a managed and maintained non-motorized trail system within the area during hunting season. Marketing: Work with chambers of commerce, adjacent land owners, and permitted outfitters to provide access and hunting experiences. Monitoring: Monitor camp site conditions and use, user experience and satisfaction. Monitor to ensure compliance of the motor vehicle closures. Administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: </p>

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ALTERNATIVE A (NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE)	ALTERNATIVE B	ALTERNATIVE C	ALTERNATIVE D
		<p>exploration and development Locatable - Open Other Minerals - Open Coal - Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHV: Limited to Designated Routes • VRM: Class II from river bottom to ridgeline; Class III in all other areas • Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives. 	<p>Closed to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal - Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHV: Limited to Designated Routes. • VRM: Class II from river bottom to ridgeline; Class III in all other areas. • Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives.
No impacts.	No impacts.	Limiting the SRMA to designated routes would eliminate motorized cross country travel opportunities in this area.	Same as Alternative C.
Cedar Mountain			
C. No similar action	Cedar Mountain is managed as an ERMA. See the ERMA objectives below.	The Cedar Mountain area (904 acres) will be administered as a special recreation management area to provide opportunities in close proximity to the City of Craig for hiking, nature interpretation, and picnicking.	The Cedar Mountain area (904 acres) will be administered as a special recreation management area to provide opportunities in close proximity to the City of Craig for hiking, nature interpretation, and picnicking.
No impacts.	No impacts.	See impacts per Zone below.	See impacts per Zone below.
D. No similar action	No similar action	<u>Zone</u> : Zone 1: Picnic area <u>Market</u> : Community	<u>Zone</u> : Zone 1: Picnic area <u>Market</u> : Community

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ALTERNATIVE A (NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE)	ALTERNATIVE B	ALTERNATIVE C	ALTERNATIVE D
		<p><u>Objective:</u> Activities: Day use picnicking, hiking, wildlife viewing Experiences: Enjoying having access to close-to-home outdoor activities; enjoying having easy access to natural landscapes; enjoying the closeness of family. Benefits: Improved physical fitness; improved maintenance of physical facilities; increased awareness of natural landscapes; stronger ties to family and friends, vantage points provide improved appreciation for the Yampa Valley and surrounding areas.</p> <p><u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Rural Social: Rural Administrative: Rural</p> <p><u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Vehicle parking for picnicking and trail use will be provided. Prohibit overnight camping, and discharging of firearms not associated with hunting. Marketing: Coordinate with City of Craig, Chamber of Commerce, communication site providers and local sport shops to provide maps, brochures, and other recreation information. Monitoring: Monitoring will occur to</p>	<p><u>Objective:</u> Activities: Day use picnicking, hiking, wildlife viewing Experiences: Enjoying having access to close-to-home outdoor activities; enjoying having easy access to natural landscapes; enjoying the closeness of family. Benefits: Improved physical fitness; improved maintenance of physical facilities; increased awareness of natural landscapes; stronger ties to family and friends, vantage points provide improved appreciation for the Yampa Valley and surrounding areas.</p> <p><u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Rural Social: Rural Administrative: Rural</p> <p><u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Vehicle parking for picnicking and trail use will be provided. Prohibit overnight camping and discharging of firearms. Recreation use of the area would be restricted as a day use area (6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.). Marketing: Coordinate with City of Craig, Chamber of Commerce, communication site providers and local sport shops to provide maps, brochures, and other recreation</p>

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		<p>ensure user experiences are being met. Monitor compliance with restrictions and trail maintenance conditions.</p> <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Surface Occupancy for oil and gas leasing Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal - Closed • OHV: Limited to designated routes • VRM: Class III • Lands and Realty: Require collocation of communication facilities. • Avoidance area for additional ROW 	<p>information.</p> <p>Monitoring: Monitoring will occur to ensure user experiences are being met. Monitor compliance with restrictions and trail maintenance conditions.</p> <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed to oil and gas leasing Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal - Closed • OHV: Limited to designated routes • VRM: Class III • Lands and Realty: Require collocation of communication facilities. • Exclusion area for additional ROW
No impacts.	No impacts.	Limiting the SRMA to designated routes would eliminate motorized cross country travel opportunities in this area.	Same as Alternative C.
E. No similar action	No similar action	<p><u>Zone:</u> Zone 2: Trail system</p> <p><u>Market:</u> Community</p> <p><u>Objective:</u></p> <p>Activities: Hiking, jogging, horseback riding, wildlife viewing</p> <p>Experiences: Enjoying having access to close-to-home outdoor</p>	<p><u>Zone:</u> Zone 2: Trail system</p> <p><u>Market:</u> Community</p> <p><u>Objective:</u></p> <p>Activities: Hiking, jogging, horseback riding, wildlife viewing</p> <p>Experiences: Enjoying having access to close-to-home outdoor</p>

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		<p>activities; Enjoying having easy access to natural landscapes; enjoying the closeness of family.</p> <p>Benefits: Improved physical fitness; improved maintenance of physical facilities; increased awareness of natural landscapes; increased knowledge of wildlife, natural landscapes and ecology.</p> <p><u>Prescribed setting character</u></p> <p>Physical: Rural Social: Rural Administrative: Rural</p> <p><u>Activity Planning Framework</u></p> <p>Management: Provide and maintain a managed non-motorized trail system.</p> <p>Marketing: Coordinate with City of Craig, Chamber of Commerce, communication site providers and local sport shops to provide maps, brochures, and other recreation information.</p> <p>Monitoring: Monitoring will occur to ensure user experiences are being met. Monitor compliance with restrictions and trail maintenance conditions.</p> <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: No Surface Occupancy for oil and gas leasing 	<p>activities; Enjoying having easy access to natural landscapes; enjoying the closeness of family.</p> <p>Benefits: Improved physical fitness; improved maintenance of physical facilities; increased awareness of natural landscapes; increased knowledge of wildlife, natural landscapes and ecology.</p> <p><u>Prescribed setting character</u></p> <p>Physical: Rural Social: Rural Administrative: Rural</p> <p><u>Activity Planning Framework</u></p> <p>Management: Provide and maintain a managed non-motorized and non-mechanized trail system.</p> <p>Marketing: Coordinate with City of Craig, Chamber of Commerce, communication site providers, local sport shops, and Colorado Division of Wildlife to provide maps, brochures, and other recreation information.</p> <p>Monitoring: Monitoring will occur to ensure user experiences are being met. Monitor compliance with restrictions and trail maintenance conditions.</p> <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: Closed to oil and gas leasing

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		Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal - Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHV: Limited to designated routes • VRM: Class III • Lands and Realty: Require collocation of communication facilities. • Avoidance area for additional ROW 	Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal - Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHV: Limited to designated routes • VRM: Class III • Lands and Realty: Require collocation of communication facilities. • Exclusion area for additional ROW
No impacts.	No impacts.	Limiting the SRMA to designated routes would eliminate motorized cross country travel opportunities in this area.	Same as Alternative C.
South Sand Wash			
F. Currently the South Sand Wash area is managed as an OHV open area for cross-country use within the ERMA.	Same as Alternative A	The South Sand Wash area (35,571 acres) will be administered as a special recreation management area to provide quality OHV experiences.	The South Sand Wash area (35,571 acres) will be administered as a special recreation management area to provide quality OHV experiences.
No impacts.	No impacts.	See impacts per Zone below.	See impacts per Zone below.
G. No similar action	No similar action	<u>Zone:</u> Zone 1: Road corridors <u>Market:</u> Community <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Motorized recreation experiences and associated developed and undeveloped camping Experiences: Enjoying risk-taking	<u>Zone:</u> Zone 1: Road corridors <u>Market:</u> Community <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Motorized recreation experiences and associated developed and undeveloped camping Experiences: Enjoying risk-taking

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		<p>adventure; enjoying the closeness of family; escaping from everyday stress and responsibilities.</p> <p>Benefits: Increased local tax and tourism revenue; greater family bonding; reduced negative impacts such as litter and disturbance to wildlife and wild horses; enhanced awareness and understanding of nature and recreation opportunities.</p> <p><u>Prescribed setting character</u></p> <p>Physical: Rural Social: Rural Administrative: Rural</p> <p><u>Activity Planning Framework</u></p> <p>Management: Coordinate with Moffat County and stakeholder groups to improve County Road access in South Sand Wash and to gravel the surface of these county roads. Provide trailhead, parking and developed camping facilities.</p> <p>Marketing: Coordinate with local OHV groups, commercial motorized vehicle suppliers, Chambers of Commerce and Moffat County to provide facilities, road improvements, and interpretation.</p> <p>Monitoring: In coordination with local stewardship and motorized recreation groups, monitor to determine the number of developed campsites and trailhead parking</p>	<p>adventure; enjoying the closeness of family; escaping from everyday stress and responsibilities.</p> <p>Benefits: Increased local tax and tourism revenue; greater family bonding; reduced negative impacts such as litter and disturbance to wildlife and wild horses; enhanced awareness and understanding of nature and recreation opportunities.</p> <p><u>Prescribed setting character</u></p> <p>Physical: Rural Social: Rural Administrative: Rural</p> <p><u>Activity Planning Framework</u></p> <p>Management: Coordinate with Moffat County and stakeholder groups to improve County Road access in South Sand Wash and to gravel the surface of these county roads. Provide trailhead, parking and developed camping facilities.</p> <p>Marketing: Coordinate with local OHV groups, commercial motorized vehicle suppliers, Chambers of Commerce and Moffat County to provide facilities, road improvements, and interpretation.</p> <p>Monitoring: In coordination with local stewardship and motorized recreation groups, monitor to determine the number of developed campsites and trailhead parking</p>

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ALTERNATIVE A (NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE)	ALTERNATIVE B	ALTERNATIVE C	ALTERNATIVE D
		<p>needed and their development levels, and additional service needs to meet user experiences and expectations. Monitor user experience and satisfaction.</p> <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil and gas leasing- Open Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Open Coal – Not available for leasing OHV: Open Developed Recreation sites- closed to all mineral actions VRM: Class IV Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives. 	<p>needed and their development levels, and additional service needs to meet user experiences and expectations. Monitor user experience and satisfaction.</p> <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil and gas leasing- Open Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Open Coal – Not available for leasing OHV: Open Developed Recreation sites- closed to all mineral actions VRM: Class IV Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives.
No impacts.	No impacts.	Improvement of County road access could improve access and enhance OHV opportunities in this area for some users. For other users, increased management could decrease the rural feel of OHV experiences.	Same as Alternative C.
H. No similar action	No similar action	<u>Zone:</u> Zone 2: Open play area <u>Market:</u> Community	<u>Zone:</u> Zone 2: Open play area <u>Market:</u> Community

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ALTERNATIVE A (NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE)	ALTERNATIVE B	ALTERNATIVE C	ALTERNATIVE D
		<p><u>Objective:</u> Activities: Off-road motorized recreation experiences Experiences: Enjoying risk-taking adventure; enjoying the closeness of family; developing riding skills and abilities Benefits: Enhanced sense of personal freedom; restored mind from unwanted stress; greater sense of adventure; improved maintenance of physical facilities; positive contribution to local economy <u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Rural Social: Rural Administrative: Rural <u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Identify and sign main access routes through the area. Crucial winter range and other seasonally limited wildlife habitat areas would be closed to surface disturbing activities. Marketing: Coordinate with local OHV groups, commercial motorized vehicle suppliers, Chambers of Commerce and Moffat County to provide maps, brochures, and interpretation. Monitoring: Monitoring will occur to determine if/when this use approaches or exceeds resource</p>	<p><u>Objective:</u> Activities: Off-road motorized recreation experiences Experiences: Enjoying risk-taking adventure; enjoying the closeness of family; developing riding skills and abilities Benefits: Enhanced sense of personal freedom; restored mind from unwanted stress; greater sense of adventure; improved maintenance of physical facilities; positive contribution to local economy <u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Rural Social: Rural Administrative: Front country <u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Identify and sign main access routes through the area. Crucial winter range and other seasonally limited wildlife habitat areas would be closed to surface disturbing activities. Marketing: Coordinate with local OHV groups, commercial motorized vehicle suppliers, Chambers of Commerce and Moffat County to provide maps, brochures, and interpretation. Monitoring: Monitoring will occur to determine if/when this use approaches or exceeds resource</p>

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ALTERNATIVE A (NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE)	ALTERNATIVE B	ALTERNATIVE C	ALTERNATIVE D
		<p>capacity. Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil and gas leasing- Open Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Open Coal – Not available for leasing OHV: Open VRM: Class IV Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives. 	<p>capacity. Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil and gas leasing- Open Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Open Coal – Not available for leasing OHV: Open area smaller than Alternative C, with Clay Buttes area Limited to Designated Routes VRM: Class IV Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives.
No impacts.	No impacts.	Improvement of signing and access improvements could enhance OHV opportunities in this area for some users. For other users, increased management could decrease the rural feel of OHV experiences. Seasonal closures would decrease motorized access and OHV opportunities during certain season.	Same as Alternative C, except the smaller area would decrease overall access and OHV opportunities.
I. No similar action	No similar action	<p><u>Zone:</u> Zone 3: Designated routes area <u>Market:</u> Community <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Single-track and double-</p>	<p><u>Zone:</u> Zone 3: Designated routes area <u>Market:</u> Community <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Single-track and double-</p>

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ALTERNATIVE A (NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE)	ALTERNATIVE B	ALTERNATIVE C	ALTERNATIVE D
		<p>track OHV riding, novice to expert levels.</p> <p>Experiences: Enjoying risk-taking adventure and new challenges; escaping everyday responsibilities for a while;</p> <p>Benefits: Greater retention of desired recreation experience; reduced negative impacts such as litter, vegetative trampling, and unplanned trails; positive contribution to local economy; enhanced sense of personal freedom.</p> <p><u>Prescribed setting character</u></p> <p>Physical: Front country Social: Front country Administrative: Front country</p> <p><u>Activity Planning Framework</u></p> <p>Management: Together with user groups and local government, identify and sign a system of trails to accommodate a wide range of vehicle types and difficulty of riding levels. Crucial winter range and other seasonally limited wildlife habitat areas would be closed to surface disturbing activities.</p> <p>Marketing: Coordinate with local OHV groups, commercial motorized vehicle suppliers, Chambers of Commerce and Moffat County to provide maps, brochures,</p>	<p>track OHV riding, novice to expert levels.</p> <p>Experiences: Enjoying risk-taking adventure and new challenges; escaping everyday responsibilities for a while;</p> <p>Benefits: Greater retention of desired recreation experience; reduced negative impacts such as litter, vegetative trampling, and unplanned trails; positive contribution to local economy; enhanced sense of personal freedom.</p> <p><u>Prescribed setting character</u></p> <p>Physical: Front country Social: Front country Administrative: Front country</p> <p><u>Activity Planning Framework</u></p> <p>Management: Together with user groups and local government, identify and sign a system of trails to accommodate a wide range of vehicle types and difficulty of riding levels. Crucial winter range and other seasonally limited wildlife habitat areas would be closed to surface disturbing activities.</p> <p>Marketing: Coordinate with local OHV groups, commercial motorized vehicle suppliers, Chambers of Commerce and Moffat County to provide maps, brochures,</p>

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		<p>interpretation and route planning and development.</p> <p>Monitoring: Monitoring will occur to ensure user experiences and expectations are being met and to ensure that resources are protected.</p> <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil and gas leasing- Open Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Open Coal – Not available for leasing • OHV: Limited to Designated Routes • VRM: Class III • Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives. 	<p>interpretation and route planning and development.</p> <p>Monitoring: Monitoring will occur to ensure user experiences and expectations are being met and to ensure that resources are protected.</p> <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil and gas leasing- Open Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Open Coal – Not available for leasing • OHV: Limited to Designated Routes • VRM: Class III • Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives.
No impacts.	No impacts.	Improvement of signing and access improvements could enhance OHV opportunities in this area for some users. For other users, increased management could decrease the rural feel of OHV experiences. Limiting OHV opportunities to designated routes would decrease some opportunities and eliminate cross country travel in this area. Seasonal closures would decrease motorized access and OHV	Same as Alternative C.

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		opportunities during certain season.	
Serviceberry			
J. The Serviceberry area is open to OHV use under the current RMP; however, is temporarily closed to OHV use. This area is currently managed as part of the ERMA.	Same as Alternative A, except temporary OHV closures would be removed and would be managed as open to OHV use.	The Serviceberry area (12,375 acres) will be administered as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) to provide backcountry, non-motorized hunting experiences.	The Serviceberry area (12,375 acres) will be administered as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) to provide backcountry, non-motorized hunting experiences.
Closing the area temporarily to OHV use would eliminate motorized travel and OHV opportunities. This is a significant impact. If this temporary restriction were removed, there would be no impacts.	No impacts.	See impacts per Zone below.	See impacts per Zone below.
K. No similar action	No similar action	<u>Zone:</u> Zone 1: Willow Creek and north Serviceberry access <u>Market:</u> Destination <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Non-motorized hunting and associated camping Experiences: Developing your skills and abilities; gaining a greater sense of achievement; Benefits: Reduced wildlife disturbance from recreation users; greater self-reliance gained from hunting; improved outdoor knowledge and self-confidence; positive contributions to local and	<u>Zone:</u> Zone 1: Willow Creek and north Serviceberry access <u>Market:</u> Destination <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Non-motorized hunting and associated camping Experiences: Developing your skills and abilities; gaining a greater sense of achievement; Benefits: Reduced wildlife disturbance from recreation users; greater self-reliance gained from hunting; improved outdoor knowledge and self-confidence; positive contributions to local and

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		<p>regional economic stability. <u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Middle country Social: Middle country Administrative: Middle country <u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Provide camping facilities and improved roads to these facilities in high impact areas related to hunting season uses. Develop a managed and maintained trail system within the area. Marketing: In partnership with Division of Wildlife and local Chambers of Commerce, increase education and interpretation during hunting season to reduce resource impacts and conflicts. Monitoring: Monitor user experience and satisfaction, camp site conditions and use. Administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: Open to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable – closed Other minerals – open Coal – Not available for leasing • OHV: Limited to Designated Routes </p>	<p>regional economic stability. <u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Middle country Social: Middle country Administrative: Middle country <u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Provide camping facilities in high impact areas related to hunting season uses. Develop a managed and maintained trail system within the area. Marketing: In partnership with Division of Wildlife and local Chambers of Commerce, increase education and interpretation during hunting season to reduce resource impacts and conflicts. Monitoring: Monitor user experience and satisfaction, camp site conditions and use. Administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: Open to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable – closed Other minerals – open Coal – Not available for leasing • OHV: Designated Routes • VRM – Class III • Lands and Realty: </p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VRM – Class III Lands and Realty: Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives. 	Determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with SRMA objectives.
See impacts described above for all zones.	No impacts.	Development of a managed and maintained trail system could enhance OHV opportunities in this area for some users. For other users, increased management could decrease the rural feel of OHV experiences. Limiting OHV opportunities to designated routes would decrease some opportunities and eliminate cross country travel in this area.	Same as Alternative C.
L. No similar action	No similar action	<u>Zone:</u> Zone 2: Serviceberry backcountry <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Non-motorized big game hunting and associated undeveloped camping. Experiences: Developing your skills and abilities; gaining a greater sense of achievement; Benefits: Reduced wildlife disturbance from recreation users; greater self-reliance gained from hunting; improved outdoor knowledge and self-confidence; positive contributions to local and regional economic stability. <u>Prescribed setting character</u>	<u>Zone:</u> Zone 2: Serviceberry backcountry <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Non-motorized big game hunting and associated undeveloped camping. Experiences: Developing your skills and abilities; gaining a greater sense of achievement; Benefits: Reduced wildlife disturbance from recreation users; greater self-reliance gained from hunting; improved outdoor knowledge and self-confidence; positive contributions to local and regional economic stability. <u>Prescribed setting character</u>

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		<p>Physical: Back country Social: Back country Administrative: Back country <u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Develop a managed and maintained non-motorized trail system within the area. Marketing: In partnership with Division of Wildlife and local Chambers of Commerce, increase education and interpretation during hunting season to reduce resource impacts and conflicts. Monitoring: Monitor user experience and satisfaction, camp site conditions and use. Monitor to ensure compliance of the motor vehicle closures. Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable – closed Other minerals – open Coal – Not available for leasing • OHV: Closed • VRM – Class III • Lands and Realty: ROW would be considered on a case-by-case basis 	<p>Physical: Back country Social: Back country Administrative: Back country <u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Develop a minimal managed and maintained non-motorized trail system within the area. Marketing: In partnership with Division of Wildlife and local Chambers of Commerce, increase education and interpretation during hunting season to reduce resource impacts and conflicts. Monitoring: Monitor user experience and satisfaction, camp site conditions and use. Monitor to ensure compliance of the motor vehicle closures. Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable – closed Other minerals – open Coal – Not available for leasing • OHV: Closed • VRM – Class III • Lands and Realty: ROW would be considered on a

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See impacts described above for all zones.	No impacts.	Closing the area would eliminate motorized travel and OHV opportunities in this area. This would be a significant impact.	case-by-case basis. Same as Alternative C.
Flycreek			
<p>M. The Flycreek area is open to OHV use under the current RMP; however, is temporarily closed to OHV use. This area is currently managed as part of the ERMA.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except temporary OHV closures would be removed and would be managed as open to OHV use.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Flycreek area (12,342 acres) will be administered as a backcountry, non-motorized hunting area. 2. Increase education and interpretation during hunting season to reduce resource impacts and conflicts. 3. Develop a managed and maintained a non-motorized trail system within the area. 4. OHV – closed 5. Minerals – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to oil and gas exploration and development • Locatable – closed • Other minerals – open • Coal - Not available for leasing 	<p>The Flycreek area (12,342 acres) will be administered as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) to provide backcountry, non-motorized hunting experiences.</p> <p><u>Zone:</u> All one RMZ <u>Market:</u> Destination <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Non-motorized big game hunting and associated undeveloped camping. Experiences: Developing your skills and abilities; gaining a greater sense of achievement; Benefits: Reduced wildlife disturbance from recreation users; reduce hunter conflicts; greater self-reliance gained from hunting; improved outdoor knowledge and self-confidence; positive contributions to local and regional economic stability. <u>Prescribed setting character</u> Physical: Back country Social: Primitive</p>

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		<p>6. VRM –Class III</p> <p>7. Lands and Realty: ROW would be considered on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>Administrative: Back country <u>Activity Planning Framework</u></p> <p>Management: Develop a managed and maintained a non-motorized trail system within the area. Increase education and interpretation during hunting season to reduce resource impacts and conflicts. Maintain property boundary signing.</p> <p>Marketing: Coordination with Division of Wildlife, local adjacent land owners, permitted outfitters to provide hunting and recreation information.</p> <p>Monitoring: Monitoring will occur to ensure compliance of the motor vehicle closures. Monitor user experience and satisfaction.</p> <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable – closed Other minerals – open Coal - Not available for leasing • OHV: Closed • VRM: Class III • Lands and Realty: ROW would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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Closing the area temporarily to OHV use would eliminate motorized travel and OHV opportunities. This is a significant impact. If this temporary restriction were removed, there would be no impacts.	No impacts.	Closing the area would eliminate motorized travel and OHV opportunities in this area. This would be a significant impact.	Same as Alternative C.
Dinosaur North Area (outside of WSA)			
<p>N. Multiple use outside existing WSAs</p> <p>O. Minerals and Energy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlled Surface Use for oil and gas exploration and development • Locatable - Open • Other Minerals - Open • Coal - Not available for leasing <p>P. OHV: Open</p> <p>Q. VRM: Not applicable</p> <p>R. Lands and Realty: No restrictions, case-by-case basis</p>	Same as Alternative A.	<p>Objective: Manage to protect naturalness, opportunities for semi-primitive recreation, and solitude.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No designation with the following prescriptions: 2. Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to oil and gas exploration and development • Locatable - Closed • Other Minerals - Open • Coal - Not available for leasing 3. OHV: Limited to Designated Routes 4. VRM: Class II 5. Lands and Realty: ROW – 	<p>The Dinosaur North area (41,355 acres) will be administered as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) to provide quality primitive recreational experiences in largely natural settings.</p> <p><u>Zone:</u> All one RMZ <u>Market:</u> Community <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, camping and hunting. Experiences: Feeling good about solitude and being isolated; experiencing a greater sense of independence; enjoying getting some physical exercise Benefits: Closer relationship with the natural world; improved physical fitness; greater retention of distinctive natural landscapes; conservation of entire ecosystems in</p>

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		avoidance; no wind energy	<p>natural state.</p> <p><u>Prescribed setting character</u></p> <p>Physical: Primitive Social: Primitive Administrative: Primitive</p> <p><u>Activity Planning Framework</u></p> <p>Management: Provide minimally developed trailhead parking and interpretive information adjacent to roads that provide access to the edges of access points.</p> <p>Marketing: Coordinate with Chamber of Commerce, non-motorized recreation organizations, and adjacent land owners in providing maps, brochures and recreation information.</p> <p>Monitoring: Monitoring will occur to ensure compliance of the motor vehicle closures. Monitor user experience and satisfaction.</p> <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal - Not available for leasing • OHV: Closed • VRM: Class II

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lands and Realty: ROW – exclusion; no wind energy
No impacts.	No impacts.	Limiting OHV opportunities to designated routes would decrease some opportunities and eliminate cross country travel in this area.	Closing the area would eliminate motorized travel and OHV opportunities in this area. This would be a significant impact.
Cold Springs Area (outside of WSA)			
<p>S. Multiple use outside existing WSAs</p> <p>T. Minerals and Energy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlled Surface Use for oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Open Other Minerals - Open Coal - Not available for leasing <p>U. OHV: Majority Limited to Existing, remainder is Open</p> <p>V. VRM: Not applicable</p> <p>W. Lands and Realty: No restrictions, case-by-case basis</p>	Same as Alternative A.	<p>Objective: Manage to protect naturalness, opportunities for semi-primitive recreation, and solitude.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No designation with the following prescriptions: Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Open Coal - Not available for leasing OHV: Limited to Designated routes VRM: Class III Lands and Realty: ROW – avoidance; accept wind energy applications on case-by-case 	<p>The Cold Springs Mountain area (30,479 acres) will be administered as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) to provide quality primitive recreational experiences in largely natural settings.</p> <p><u>Zone:</u> All one RMZ <u>Market:</u> Community <u>Objective:</u> Activities: Hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, camping, hunting Experiences: Feeling good about solitude and being isolated; experiencing a greater sense of independence; enjoying getting some physical exercise Benefits: Closer relationship with the natural world; improved physical fitness; greater retention of distinctive natural landscapes; conservation of functioning ecosystems in natural state. <u>Prescribed setting character</u></p>

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		basis.	<p>Physical: Primitive Social: Primitive Administrative: Primitive <u>Activity Planning Framework</u> Management: Provide minimally developed trailhead parking and interpretive information adjacent to roads that provide access to the edges of access points. Provide minimal managed and signed trail system.</p> <p>Marketing: Coordinate with Browns Park Wildlife Refuge, Chamber of Commerce, non-motorized recreation organizations, and adjacent land owners in providing maps, brochures and recreation information.</p> <p>Monitoring: Monitoring will occur to ensure compliance of the motor vehicle closures. Monitor user experience and satisfaction.</p> <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals and Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed to oil and gas exploration and development Locatable - Closed Other Minerals - Closed Coal - Not available for leasing • OHV: Closed • VRM: Class II

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lands and Realty: ROW – exclusion; no wind energy
Limiting OHV opportunities to designated routes would decrease some opportunities and eliminate cross country travel in this area.	No impacts.	Same as Alternative A, except a larger area would be limited to existing routes, which would increase the impact.	Closing the area would eliminate motorized travel and OHV opportunities in this area. This would be a significant impact.
FOREST PRODUCTS			
LANDS AND REALTY			
Land Tenure Adjustments			
<p>The BLM-administered lands in the RMPPA have been divided into general retention and disposal areas.</p> <p>A. The retention area is the existing land base to be managed under multiple use concepts. All land tenure adjustment actions (including recreation and public purposes [R&PP] actions and exchanges), except sales under Section 203 of FLPMA, will be considered on a case-by-case basis, if the public interest would be served. Section 302 leases and</p>	<p>Disposal land tenure adjustment actions (both exchanges and sales) will be allowed on lands that meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lands suitable for public purposes adjacent to or of special importance to local communities, and state and/or federal agencies for purposes including, but not limited to, community expansion, extended community services, or economic development. Lands without legal public access. 	<p>The BLM-administered lands in the RMPPA will be divided into three retention and disposal zones: the East, Central, and West Zones (Map X). Disposal and exchange criteria specific to each zone are the same as in Alternative B with the additional criteria for each zone described as follows:</p> <p>EAST ZONE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively seek opportunities to exchange or sell lands (surface and/or mineral estate) in order to facilitate better management of BLM lands and to benefit the public. Sales should be tied to 	Same as Alternative C.

¹ The Emerald Mountain Land Exchange is currently in progress. It involves approximately 15,000 acres of BLM land scattered throughout Routt County in 131 parcels for one contiguous block of State land containing approximately 6,000. Emerald Mountain is located in the heart of Routt County south and west of Steamboat Springs. The exchange is scheduled to be completed before the RMP Revision is finished and the Emerald Mountain parcel may become BLM land (both surface and mineral estate).

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<p>permits will be allowed. Conveyance actions will be precluded in wilderness and other special management areas</p> <p>B. Disposal land tenure adjustment actions will be allowed on approximately 6,670 acres of public land that meet the criteria for disposal under applicable authority. This acreage includes land tenure adjustment actions for existing BLM authorized sanitary landfill sites near Oak Creek and Maybell located within the retention area. Section 302 leases and permits would also be allowed.</p> <p>C. Acquisition of land will be pursued based on identified resource values and needs (RMP/ROD pages 30-31).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands that have facilities which are in trespass and predate the RMP. • Lands that are isolated with public access by foot or horseback only. • Lands with irregular shapes, narrow parcels, small parcels or any configuration which makes the land difficult to manage and increases trespass situations. • Lands with public road access that are so small that they cannot be proactively managed for a variety of resource values. • Lands that would be better suited in private or other agency ownership. <p>Acquisition land tenure adjustment actions will be allowed on lands that meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands that would help block up existing BLM land. • Lands near communities that provide open space, preserve agriculture, protect wildlife, protect the environment, enhance 	<p>identification of the purchase of non-federal lands within LSFO, as appropriate and in the public's interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look to exchange lands with the appropriate local, state and federal agencies to facilitate one agency management in particular areas, to include but not limited to, Stagecoach State Park, Steamboat Lake Statement Park, Indian Run State Wildlife, Steamboat Springs Mountain Park, Jimmy Dun Gulch CDOW/SLB lease area and the Emerald Mountain ¹ area. • Retain and seek acquisition of addition lands within identified acquisition areas, to include but not limited to, Sleeping Giant, Emerald Mountain, West Gibraltar Peak, Copper Ridge, Pagoda/Hamilton, Dry Fork/Bull Gulch, Sage Creek, Bear Gulch, Little Middle Creek, Rattle Snake Butte (near Oak Creek), and Watson Creek (near Yampa) areas. • Additional retention or acquisition areas can be identified during the life of the plan for the public good. <p>CENTRAL ZONE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the opportunity arise, 	

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	<p>recreational opportunities and generally serve the public good.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands that would provide public access to public lands or other public assets such as but not limited to river access. <p>Retain lands that are blocked up, have public access, have significant public value, and are efficient to manage.</p> <p>Other land tenure adjustments will be processed on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>exchange or sell lands (surface and/or mineral estate) in order to facilitate better management of BLM lands and to benefit the public. Sales should be tied to identification of the purchase of non-federal lands within LSFO, as appropriate and in the public's interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LU lands should be retained as much as possible, and acquisition of additional lands in the area should be actively sought to protect wildlife habitat, especially sage grouse. • Look to exchange lands with the appropriate state agencies to facilitate one agency management in particular areas, to include but not limited to the Little Snake State Wildlife area. • Retain and seek acquisition of addition lands within identified acquisition areas, to include but not limited to, Thornburg Mountain, Yampa Canyon SRMA, Juniper Mountain SRMA and Serviceberry Mountain areas. • Additional retention or acquisition areas can be identified during the life of the plan for the public good. <p>WEST ZONE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In rare cases exchange or sell 	

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		<p>lands (surface and/or mineral estate) in order to facilitate better management of BLM lands and to benefit the public. Sales should be tied to identification of the purchase of non-federal lands within LSFO, as appropriate and in the public's interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look to exchange lands with the appropriate state agencies to facilitate one agency management in particular areas, to include but not limited to, the Sand Wash Basin and Vermillion Basin areas. • Additional retention or acquisition areas can be identified during the life of the plan for the public good. 	
Acquisitions are often used to increase access and guarantee transportation rights of way, which improves motorized transportation and OHV access. Land disposals could limit access.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
Easements			

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D. Pursue easements for access to public lands on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	Actively pursue easements through specific parcels to improve access to public lands for recreation use, such as hunting and fishing areas. Actively pursue easements for access to develop identified transportation and utility corridors.	Same as Alternative C.
Easements could increase motorized transportation, access, and OHV opportunities in some areas.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS & TRAVEL MANAGEMENT			
Transportation and Access			
A. An access/ transportation plan will be prepared that lists areas needing attention, types of access to be acquired, preferred and alternate routes, roads and trails to be closed or constructed, survey and support needs, and construction or maintenance guidelines. This will be based on other resource program needs to meet their program objectives	Transportation planning will be conducted on a case-by-case basis.	Develop an access/ transportation plan that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enables access where needed • Limits points of access in order to reduce the amount of redundant roads and trails. • Reroutes, rehabilitates, or eliminates existing roads and trails causing resource damage • Reroutes roads and trails where landlocked by private parcels • Restricts access to meet resource objectives (seasonal road closures, gating, etc.) • Concentrates stream and riparian crossings • Reduces habitat fragmentation • Considers new construction and reconstruction of roads and 	Same as Alternative C

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		trails.	
Transportation planning could help solve access issues, which could result in increased or decreased motorized travel and OHV opportunities.	Same as Alternative A, except that planning on a case by case basis may not accommodate long-term transportation needs.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
B. Access to public lands will be acquired as funding and time permit in the areas identified	Pursue access on a case-by-case basis. (See also Lands and Realty section)	Actively pursue access to specific parcels to improve access to public lands for land management purposes. (See also Lands and Realty section)	Same as Alternative C
Acquiring access would increase motorized transportation and OHV opportunities.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
Travel Management			
C. Areas have been designated as open, limited, or closed to vehicle use (RMP/ROD page 28). The Little Snake RMP map shows the areas listed in the table. A vehicle use implementation plan will be completed within one year of the RMP approval.	Areas have been designated as open, limited, or closed to vehicle use as detailed below (Map X).	Areas have been designated as open, limited, or closed to vehicle use as detailed below (Map X).	Areas have been designated as open, limited, or closed to vehicle use as detailed below (Map X).
See impacts below under specific area designations.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
Closed			
D. The following area would be managed as closed to OHV use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diamond Breaks WSA 	The following area would be managed as closed to OHV use. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diamond Breaks WSA 	The following area would be managed as closed to OHV use. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diamond Breaks WSA 	The following area would be managed as closed to OHV use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All WSAs

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limestone ACEC • Cross Mountain WSA • Serviceberry area • Fly Creek area • Maybell Uranium pit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Mountain WSA • Maybell Uranium pit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limestone Ridge • Cross Mountain WSA (Including Wild and Scenic River segment) • Water impoundments (year-round) and within the high water mark when dry, except where a designated road crosses impoundment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limestone Ridge ACEC • Serviceberry SRMA • Fly Creek SRMA • Dinosaur North SRMA • Maybell Uranium pit • Water impoundments (year-round) and within the high water mark when dry, except where a designated road crosses impoundment.
<p>Closed areas would eliminate public motorized travel and OHV opportunities.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except fewer areas would be closed.</p>	<p>Same as alternative B, except the closing of water impoundments would further eliminate these areas from use.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative B, except more areas would be closed. This would be a significant impact. WHY????</p>
<p>Limited to Designated Roads and Trails</p>			
<p>E. The following areas would be managed as limited to designated roads and trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lookout Mountain ACEC • Irish Canyon ACEC • Sections of Little Yampa/Juniper Canyon SRMA • Cottonwood Creek area • Cedar Mountain • Browns Park cellular site 	<p>No areas would be managed as limited to designated roads and trails.</p>	<p>Designate routes determined through adaptive management and travel management planning.</p> <p>The following areas would be managed as limited to designated routes for OHV use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Yampa Canyon SRMA • Cedar Mountain SRMA • Cottonwood Creek area • Irish Canyon ACEC • Lookout Mountain ACEC • Browns Park cellular site • Wild Mountain area 	<p>All areas not managed as open or closed would be managed as limited to designated roads and trails.</p> <p>Criteria in Appendix XX would be used to prioritize areas for transportation planning.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wild Mountain area Hoy Mountain area 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hoy Mountain area Zones within South Sand Wash SRMA 	
Limiting travel to designated roads and trails would eliminate cross-country travel as well as access to some existing routes.	No impact.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A, except more areas would be limited.
Limited to Existing Roads and Trails			
<p>F. The following areas would be managed as limited to existing roads and trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas that meet fragile soil criteria WSAs: All except Diamond Breaks and Cross Mountain Lands adjacent to Cross Mountain WSA Sections of Little Yampa/Juniper Canyon SRMA Pole Gulch area Big Hole Gulch area Cold Springs Mountain Sections of Axial Basin Willow Creek area South Nipple area 	<p>The following areas would be managed as limited to existing roads and trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WSAs: All except Diamond Breaks and Cross Mountain Areas that meet fragile soil criteria Fragile soil criteria areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Are rated as highly or severely erodible by wind or water, as described by the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the Area Soil Survey Report or as described by on-site inspection. Have slopes greater than or equal to 35%, if they also have one of the following soil 	<p>All areas not managed as open or closed would be managed as limited to existing roads and trails.</p> <p>See adaptive OHV designation process explained below.</p>	<p>No areas would be managed as limited to existing roads and trails.</p>

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	characteristics: a) Surface texture that is sand, loamy sand, very fine sandy loam, silty clay or clay. b) A depth to bedrock less than 20 inches. c) Erosion condition rated as 'poor'. d) K factor greater than 0.32.		
Limiting travel to existing roads and trails would eliminate cross-country travel.	Same as Alternative A, except more areas would be limited.	Same as Alternative B, except more areas would be limited.	The lack of areas limited to existing roads and trails is compensated under this alternative by having more routes limited to designated. Some areas that may otherwise be conducive to allowing travel on all existing routes would be impacted.
Seasonal Closure			
G. No similar action.	No similar action	The area within 1-mile of Critical Wild Horse water sources would be closed to OHV use from March 1 to December 1.	Same as Alternative C.
No impact.	No impact.	This seasonal closure would eliminate motorized travel and OHV opportunities during parts of the year.	Same as Alternative C.
Open			
H. Approximately 71% of the Field Office would be managed as open to OHV	All areas of the Field Office that would not be managed as limited or closed to OHV use.	The following areas would be managed as open to OHV use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Sand Wash SRMA (play 	The following areas would be managed as open to OHV use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Sand Wash SRMA (play

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use.		area south edge and Clay Buttes area) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hiawatha open, except from April 15 to July 15 it would be limited to existing routes. 	area south edge, smaller area than Alternative C).
Open areas would have no impact to motorized travel or OHV opportunities. See impacts above for impacts to those parts of the field office that are not open.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
Adaptive OHV Designations			
I. All area within the Field Office, except for Diamond Breaks and Cross Mountain WSAs, would be open to over-the-snow vehicles.	Same as Alternative A	Diamond Breaks and Cross Mountain WSAs and crucial winter range and other seasonally limited wildlife habitat areas would be closed to over-the-snow vehicles unless exception through adaptive management criteria outlined in Appendix X.	All WSAs; and crucial winter range and other seasonally limited wildlife habitat areas would be closed to over-the-snow vehicles.
Over-the-snow opportunities would be eliminated in these localized areas.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A, except more areas would be closed.	Same as Alternative C, except more areas would be closed.
J. No similar action	No similar action	Consider seasonal OHV closures based on site specific transportation planning results (see above).	Big game crucial winter range and production areas would be closed to OHV use during December 1 to April 30
No impact.	No impact.	Seasonal closure could eliminate OHV opportunities during parts of the year.	Seasonal closure would eliminate OHV opportunities during parts of the year.
K. Wild horse foaling areas would be closed to motor	No similar action	Consider seasonal OHV closures	Wild horse foaling areas would be

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vehicle use during March 2 to June 30		based on site specific transportation planning results (see above).	closed to OHV use during March 2 to June 30
Seasonal closure would eliminate OHV opportunities during parts of the year.	No impact.	Seasonal closure could eliminate OHV opportunities during parts of the year.	Same as Alternative A.
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC VALUES			