

Landscape Profile: Animas Valley
49,000 Acres

District: Columbine
May 24, 2005

Outstanding Features	Active Uses	Landscape Concerns	Landscape Opportunities	Oil and Gas Leasing (Acres)																
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenery- Hermosa Cliff, Eng. Mtn, Animas Canyon • Historic – Lime Cr Road and CCC rockwork • CO River Cuthroat Trout • Riparian Kettles – in low elevation P. pines • Multiple recreation uses easily accessed year round 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resort Development • Multiple recreation uses • Fuel treatments • Year round recreation use • Urban interface • Grazing • Durango Mountain Resort Ski Area • D&SNGRR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ski area real estate development • Weed proliferation – thistles, hounds tongue • Motorized vs. non-motorized conflicts • Season long grazing • Loss of Trout habitat • Wildfire risks • Rock slides • Increasing recreation use- motorized & non-motorized impacts • Development next to public lands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel management – network of trails • Providing for non-motorized and motorized uses • Forest products • Campground improvement • Stewardship • Riparian restoration 	<p>Current leases 0</p> <p>Available 32,600 W/restrictions 4921 (No Surface Occupancy) Non-FS 11,669</p>																
	<p>Land Ownership (Acres)</p> <p>National Forest 37,500 BLM 0 Private 11,500 State 0</p>		<p>Utility Corridors (miles)</p>	<p>Roads and Trails</p>																
<p>Vegetation Data</p>	<p>Dominant Recreation Uses</p>		<p>Electric 106</p>	<p>Roads (miles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved 20 • Unimproved 31 • Closed 60 • Inventoried unclassified 128 																
<p>Vegetation Types: % of area by Vegetation Types:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td>Grasslands</td><td style="text-align: right;">10</td></tr> <tr><td>Shrublands</td><td style="text-align: right;">6</td></tr> <tr><td>Riparian veg.</td><td style="text-align: right;">4</td></tr> <tr><td>Aspen</td><td style="text-align: right;">21</td></tr> <tr><td>Conifers</td><td style="text-align: right;">10</td></tr> <tr><td>Ponderosa pine</td><td style="text-align: right;">21</td></tr> <tr><td>Spruce/Fir</td><td style="text-align: right;">26</td></tr> <tr><td>Water</td><td style="text-align: right;">2</td></tr> </table> <p>Currently Suitable Timberlands: 4,200 acres</p>	Grasslands	10	Shrublands	6	Riparian veg.	4	Aspen	21	Conifers	10	Ponderosa pine	21	Spruce/Fir	26	Water	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting & Fishing • Downhill skiing • Hiking, backpacking • Mtn. Biking • Developed and Dispersed Camping • Snowmobiling • Commercial recreation use. • Horseback riding • Driving for pleasure • Backcountry skiing • Snow cat skiing • River running 			<p>Trails (miles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classified 28 • Unclassified 12 <p>Total Miles 279</p>
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