### Landscape Profile: Upper Dolores
#### 158,000 Acres

**District:** Mancos-Dolores  
**January 20, 2005**

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<td>Develop &amp; implement consistent road signing with county, state and FS</td>
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<td>Lizard Head Volcanic Rock Spire</td>
<td>Suitable timber lands</td>
<td>Over use of parks and meadows recreation &amp; grazing</td>
<td>Consolidate patented mining claims; pursue land exchanges</td>
<td>Available 87,000 W/restrictions 30,562 (No Surface Occupancy)</td>
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<td>Lizard Head Wilderness</td>
<td>Municipal watershed for Rico – Silver Creek</td>
<td>Water quality impaired by abandoned mines (Silver Creek has copper, zinc &amp; cadmium)</td>
<td>Winter motorized recreation possible</td>
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<td>Peaks and Summits—many 13 &amp; 14 k ft. peaks</td>
<td>Firewood collection</td>
<td>Motorized vs. non-motorized experiences in the Tenderfoot, Calico and Bear Creek drainages.</td>
<td>Develop fishing access, direct river access and use areas; improve riparian habitat – Dolores River</td>
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**Land Ownership (Acres)**

- National Forest 138,500
- BLM 300
- Private 18,200
- Non-FS 400
- State 600
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### Vegetation Data

- **Vegetation Types:**
  - % Area:  
    - Trees 39%  
    - Shrubs 11%  
    - Grass 7%  
    - Forbes 9%  
    - Barren 5%  
    - Water 1%  
    - Unclassified 28%  
  - History of past harvesting
- **Currently Suitable Timberlands:** 31,500 ac

### Dominant Recreation Uses

- Rock Climbing
- Wilderness Backpack
- Hiking
- Hunting – Big game
- Fishing
- Dispersed Camping
- Developed Rec Sites:
  - Mtn. Biking
  - High elevation motorized Single-tracks
  - ATV,4WD/Jeeping
  - Snowmobiling
  - X-C skiing

### Roads and Trails

- **Roads (miles):**
  - Improved 56
  - Unimproved 61
  - Closed 47
  - Census data 48
  - Inventoried non-system 189
- **Trails (miles):**
  - Motorized UNK
  - Non-motorized UNK
- **Total Miles**