**Landscape Profile: Dove Creek**
**District: Mancos-Dolores**
**April 14, 2005**

### Outstanding Features
- Scenic – canyons, slick rock
- Dolores River Canyon
- Dolores River Overlook (a.k.a. Mountain Sheep Overlook)
- Big game habitat-desert big horn sheep, elk, winter range, Gunnison Sage Grouse, Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse
- Historic mining
- Bradfield Homesite

### Active Uses
- Firewood
- Big game hunting
- Grazing
- Multiple Recreation Uses
- Fuel reduction
- Utility corridors
- Oil and gas leasing & development
- Water source-domestic and agricultural
- Decorative Rock Collecting
- Uranium Mine Claims

### Landscape Concerns
- ATV use along Dolores river corridor
- Weed proliferation–thistle, Dalmatian toadflax, Tamarisk
- Water quality affecting fisheries & domestic use
- Wildfire Risks – area wide
- Camping impacts along shoreline
- Mine land reclamation
- Big game and public conflicts

### Landscape Opportunities
- Big game, Grouse and big horn sheep habitat improvement
- Cooperation on weed control
- Wild land fire use
- Potential Wild and Scenic River status
- Townsend’s Big-Eared Bat conservation
- Fuels management (urban interface, wildlife, & forage improvement
- Facility and Trail development to enhance campground use

### Land Ownership (Acres)
- National Forest 6,500
- BLM 60,000
- Private 121,000
- State 1,500
- CDOW 2,000

### Utility Corridors (miles)

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### Vegetation Data
- Vegetation Types: % of area by Vegetation Types:
  - Grasslands: 44
  - Shrublands: 30
  - Riparian veg.: 3
  - Rock/bare soil: 3
  - Conifers: 1
  - Ponderosa pine: 2
  - Pinyon-Juniper: 16
  - Water: 1
- Currently Suitable Timberlands: 8,000 acres

### Dominant Recreation Uses
- Rock climbing
- Hiking
- Mtn. biking
- Hunting
- Driving for pleasure
- Dispersed Camping,
- Rafting
- ATV’s
- Developed CG: Lone Dome, Bradfield Pump station
- Big Game and River Outfitters

### Oil and Gas Leasing (Acres)
- Current leases 54,300
- Available BLM & FS: 49,600 W/ restrictions 45,700 (No Surface Occupancy, big game, scenic, riparian and steep slopes)

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