### Outstanding Features
- Quality Scenery – La Plata’s dominate the view
- High elevation recreation available in rugged mountain terrain.
- Close to Mancos, Cortez and Durango
- High altitude mining/historic sites
- BLM connects with east side of Mesa Verde NP
- Weber and Menefee BLM Wilderness Study Areas
- Jersey Jim and Aspen Guard Station
- Old Growth oak grove

### Active Uses
- Timber management – important Aspen area
- Historic coal mining
- Big game hunting
- Grazing
- Multiple Recreation Uses
- Fuel reduction
- Water Ditches
- Communication sites and utility corridors

### Landscape Concerns
- Lack of access and parking to BLM
- Impacts from heavy recreation use.
- Weed proliferation – thistle & knapweed, hounds tongue, tamarisk
- Water quality along east Mancos river – from past copper mining
- Wildfire Risks – area wide
- Protection of old growth oak grove

### Landscape Opportunities
- Forest restoration to ensure/maintain scenic resource into the future
- Prescribe burning as part of forest restoration to reduce wildfire risk or to restore natural conditions
- Small parcel land exchanges with Mesa Verde NP.
- Summer trail system in Echo Basin
- Wild land fire use
- Timber management - Aspen

### Land Ownership (Acres)
- National Forest 55,000
- BLM 28,000
- NPS 3,400
- Private 90,000
- State 9,600

### Utility Corridors (miles)

### Vegetation Data

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### Dominant Recreation Uses
- ATV’s
- Hiking, backpacking
- Mtn. biking
- Hunting
- Mountain climbing
- Driving for pleasure (w. Mancos overlook)
- Dispersed Camping.
- Chicken Creek ski area
- Winter use motorized and non-motorized (echo basin, W. Mancos)
- Big Al Handicapped trail

### Roads and Trails

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Total Miles 705

### Oil /Gas Leasing (Acres)
- Current leases 14,453
- Available 49,000
- W/restrictions 6139 (No Surface Occupancy)
- Non-FS 7,700

### District: Mancos-Cherry Creek
Dolores 186,000 Acres
March 17, 2005