

Landscape Profile: Mancos-Cherry Creek				District: Mancos-																		
Dolores 186, 000 Acres				March, 17 2005																		
Outstanding Features	Active Uses	Landscape Concerns	Landscape Opportunities	Oil /Gas Leasing (Acres)																		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timber management – important Aspen area • Historic coal mining • Big game hunting • Grazing • Multiple Recreation Uses • Fuel reduction • Water Ditches • Communication sites and utility corridors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Current leases 14,453</p> <p>Available 49,000 W/restrictions 6139 (No Surface Occupancy) Non-FS 7,700</p>																		
		Land Ownership (Acres)	Utility Corridors (miles)		Roads and Trails																	
		National Forest 55,000 BLM 28,000 NPS 3,400 Private 90,000 State 9,600			<p>Roads (miles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved 273 • Unimproved 83 • Closed 52 • Non-System 216 est. <p>Trails (miles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classified 36 • Unclassified 45 <p>Total Miles 705</p>																	
Vegetation Data	Dominant Recreation Uses																					
<p>Vegetation Types: % of area by Vegetation Types:</p> <table> <tr><td>Alpine</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Grasslands</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Shrublands</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Riparian veg.</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>Aspen</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>Conifers</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>Ponderosa pine</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>Spruce/Fir</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Rocks/soil</td><td>1</td></tr> </table> <p>Currently Suitable Timberlands: 27,000 acres</p>	Alpine	1	Grasslands	15	Shrublands	28	Riparian veg.	4	Aspen	11	Conifers	5	Ponderosa pine	16	Spruce/Fir	6	Rocks/soil	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 			
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