

Brief Summary of All Theme Areas (4/21/05)

THEME 1 NATURAL PROCESSES DOMINATE—Theme includes special/primitive areas like; designated Wilderness, Wilderness Study areas, Wild River designation/eligible areas and possibly other primitive non-motorized areas.

THEME 2 SPECIAL INTEREST AREAS—Theme goal is to protect or enhance areas with unusual characteristics, including Research Natural Areas, special biological or geological areas, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern or cultural/historical areas.

THEME 3 NATURAL LANDSCAPES WITH LIMITED MANAGEMENT—Natural character and appearance of landscape is emphasized; management improvement practices are done to blend in with natural setting.

THEME 4 RECREATION EMPHASIS AREAS—Typically areas are centered on recreational destinations, transportation corridors or bodies of water and are managed to emphasize recreational opportunities while maintaining the natural landscape.

THEME 5 ACTIVE MANAGEMENT—Typically includes areas where commodity production is emphasized, presence of human alterations and resource development is evident, and road and other infrastructure developments are common.

THEME 6 GRASSLAND ENVIRONMENT—This landscape theme type does not occur on the San Juan National Forest/BLM Resource Area.

THEME 7 RESIDENTIAL FOREST INTERMIX—A primary management consideration of these lands is the affect on adjacent private lands.

THEME 8 PERMANENTLY DEVELOPED AREAS—Typically small scale permanently altered landscapes, such as Ski Resorts.

The following factors help describe broad differences between Theme 3 “Natural Landscape with Limited Management” and Theme 5 “Active Management”.

- Landscape Appearance
- Management Approach
- Facilities and Infrastructure
- Investments
- Access
- The extent of change that is allowed

Theme 3: In a Theme 3 the [natural character and appearance of landscape is emphasized](#), in other words any projects or developments [are done to blend in with natural setting](#) and appear less evident or noticeable on the landscape. Accordingly, there is typically [less investment](#) in facilities and structural developments and [less management](#) of the areas. [Existing access](#) is likely to be maintained, but investment in new road construction is not emphasized. Multiple uses occur in Theme 3 areas, however due to less investment and management these lands are typically not emphasized for commodity production.

Theme 5: Generally speaking, these are [areas where commodity production is emphasized, presence of human alterations and resource development is evident](#), and [road and other infrastructure developments are common](#). Accordingly, continued use of existing development and additional development (infrastructure, facilities, etc.) is common. Multiple uses occur in Theme 5 areas and structural and non-structural improvements are more common and evident, such that the landscape appearance [may appear un-natural or modified](#). Structuring access may be appropriate in areas with high road proliferation in order to protect the resource and improved the recreation experience and overall utility of area.