

## Study Group Theme Comments for Dove Creek, Cortez, McPhee: Dolores Meeting 5-18

**Theme Area #:** A

**Draft Theme Designation:** 3

### Comment

Theme 3 makes sense. It is accessible but needs to be kept natural.

The area is currently designated an "A" area (non-motorized) so Theme 3 is more appropriate than Theme 5.

**Theme Area #:** A1

**Draft Theme Designation:** 3

### Comment

Concern about 3 being too restrictive for developing fuels management roads

Due to uses the area seems like a Theme 5. There's also lots of wildlife, but the grazing and forage management is also enhancing the wildlife habitat.

Support the change from Theme 5 to 3 because this is close to the canyon and there is not much activity here.

**Theme Area #:** A2

**Draft Theme Designation:** 3

### Comment

High density of archeological resources here

Leave the area as Theme 5 instead of changing it to 3 – there is no reason to change.

Make sage hen area a theme 4

Good access to this area but should be kept natural. Good wildlife area.

Needs to stay as a Theme 3 and avoid more road development. Tons of wildlife. Vandalism is a problem.

3 provides continuity with landscape

Theme 8 for the dam is good.

The change from Theme 5 to 3 in this area is appropriate because the land doesn't need intensive management.

Theme 3 is recommended rather than 5 because of the large number of cultural resources in the area.

Entire McPhee Landscape: Support for all themes within the landscape. The themes provide for a good mix of uses, recreation, and access that fit with the terrain. There was not support for increasing management or protection of cultural resources in the area. The table felt that there had been enough time and resources

The change to Theme 3 is appropriate because of the limited access.

When lake is low, there is concern about motorized impacts. Should be managed during low water.

Concern with motorized use along waterline because of archeological sites and wildlife

**Theme Area #:** B

**Draft Theme Designation:** 2

**Comment**

Theme 4 is better because of the heavy recreational use.

Supportive of wild and scenic river to be a 2

Theme 2 is appropriate here – the only other theme worth considering would be Theme 1.

If 2, maintain the current uses on the road

**Theme Area #:** B1

**Draft Theme Designation:** 2

**Comment**

Should be Theme 1 from Bradfield Bridge to the Pumps – reasons: no roads, lots of wildlife, rugged country, rare low altitude ponderosa pine ecosystem, “19 very rare miles.”

Continue to pursue Wild and Scenic designation from Bradfield Bridge down.

Support Theme 2.

From the Pumps on down Theme 2 makes sense because there is road access but many unique and special features.

**Theme Area #:** B2

**Draft Theme Designation:** 2

**Comment**

Keep this as Theme 3 instead of 2 because of the road and the heavy usage..

From Snaggletooth north the recreation is unorganized and dispersed. Suggest a Theme 3 because there's a road, limited access and recreation uses.

**Theme Area #:** C

**Draft Theme Designation:** 4

**Comment**

Support theme 4 in this area since it is organized recreation.

**Theme Area #:** D

**Draft Theme Designation:** 4

**Comment**

Emphasizing recreation in the area could help assist cleaning up the area, because recreators will have an incentive to be stewards of the area (along with others).

Mostly participants were concerned with trash dumping and health hazards in this area (Cash Canyon). There needs to be a collective effort to clean up the area (adjacent land owners, county, BLM, dept. of health, AND recreators).

Makes senses as a 4

There was support for the Theme 4 designation AND participants wanted to retain the ability to collect firewood in the area and supported fuels mitigation projects in the area.

Concerned about the potential for escalating motorized use. Primarily a mountain biking now and should remain so. Should be in Theme 4 with motorized restrictions or in Theme 3 with same. Find other suitable locations for motorized use.

Concern about displacing motorized use

**Theme Area #:** E

**Draft Theme Designation:** 5

**Comment**

Support Theme 3 since there is limited access in the area.

Leave this area as a Theme 3 because wild areas become more important as development pressures increase around them. Limit fragmentation of public lands.

Changing this area to a Theme 5 in order to do fuels-reduction is not necessary. As piñon trees die and fall, fires will be limited to the ground rather than crowns. Fuels-reduction work will just increase the spread of weeds.

Tree health in this area is still good; support for fuels mitigation projects to keep the forest healthy and alive. Also desire to continue grazing in area.

**Theme Area #:** F

**Draft Theme Designation:** 3

**Comment**

Theme 3 O.K. for now, but could change with more development. Currently agricultural and wildlife usage.

Maintain federal ownership don't trade or sell land.

Support for Theme 3 because the area is pretty, good wildlife habitat and does not have any public access.

**Theme Area #:** F1

**Draft Theme Designation:** 3

**Comment**

Suggest this area be a Theme 5 because of the gravel pit and recreation use in the area. The area does not seem as natural as other "Three" areas.