

## Study Group Theme Comments for Upper Dolores and Mesas: Dolores Meeting 2/17/'05

### Theme Area #: 10

Landscape	Comment
Upper Dolores	Maintain proposed Theme 1 boundary because roads are just outside of the proposed boundary.

### Theme Area #: 106

Landscape	Comment
Mesas	Agree with adjustment of #5 above (see 5.5)
Mesas	Like 5, in relationship to timber mgmt.
Mesas	Make Taylor mesa all a 5
Mesas	Designate Priest Gulch as a 3
Mesas	Keep upper Stoner a "5" for timber harvest
Mesas	Keep it a "5" so as not to reduce grazing
Mesas	"Share" some of the Taylor Mesa theme 5 designation w/ Stoner Mesa, mostly at the more readily accessible upper "north" end.

Mesas	1 person would like to see Stoner Mesa a "5"
Mesas	No new roads, maintain and open existing roads
Mesas	Taylor - have A vs. F eliminated - should be same mgmt. on both sides of single track
Mesas	Reserved the trail on top of Stoner Mesa for access to the mesa.
Mesas	Themes recommended for Taylor and Stoner are good. They make sense.
Upper Dolores	Very fragile and concerned about use through the meadows
Upper Dolores	It's steep and not very usable
Upper Dolores	Upper end of Fish Creek a "5" or "4"
Upper Dolores	Review the current designation or re-route the trail through calico
Upper Dolores	Keep as a 5
Upper Dolores	Keep all existing trails
Upper Dolores	Calico Trail should be non-motorized.

Upper Dolores

Rough country in the Calico area makes sense as theme 3

**Theme Area #:** 126

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Mesas	Weed concern
Mesas	Stoner Creek has different habitat than Stoner Mesa, yet they have the same designation. More extensive elk habitat is near Stoner Creek.
Mesas	1 person would like to see it upgraded to a "4"
Mesas	Better signage on the single track trail
Mesas	Would like to see a loop biking trail on Bear Creek
Mesas	Bear Creek Trail should be kept open for bike, mechanized, motorized and horse traffic. It is probably not appropriate for Theme 1.
Mesas	Bear Ck. Should have more solitude, non-motorized
Mesas	Bear Creek is good as a "3", great horseback area and parking
Mesas	Keep Bear Ck. Mgmt. where it is now

**Theme Area #:** 179

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Upper Dolores	Move to a 4
Upper Dolores	Snowmobiles have minimal impact in this area because they are off road and there is no game.
Upper Dolores	Upper Ryman Ck. Area - close to motorized use - trashed
Upper Dolores	It is inappropriate to have off road and off trail snowmobiling here.
Upper Dolores	Keep as adjusted

**Theme Area #:** 18

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Upper Dolores	More weed control in the Black Mesa area.
Upper Dolores	Keep as is
Upper Dolores	Go from a 3 to a 5 in the Ground Hog Mountain/ Black Mesa area. The timber in that area needs to be harvested to reduce fire hazard.
Upper Dolores	Re-introduce grazing in the Black Mesa area.

**Theme Area #:** 25

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Upper Dolores	Concern about development, traffic etc.
Upper Dolores	More fishing access
Upper Dolores	Reasonable "4" on West Fork Road
Upper Dolores	Better Signage for river access

**Theme Area #:** 28

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Mesas	Taylor - should be a 5
Mesas	Do not open the whole thing-wildlife is important
Mesas	Hillside Drive, Bear Creek and Trail 738 (Loading Pen) all are good "put ins" for Dolores River access. This stretch of the Dolores is desirable boating and is probably consistent with a Theme 4 designation.
Mesas	Taylor Mesa should be a "5" but it's not being used that way. The road is really deteriorating. Unhealthy trees need to be harvested. It needs to be managed as a "5"
Mesas	Want public access to the Stoner ski area

**Theme Area #: 33**

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Upper Dolores	There is heavy timber regrowth here. It could be logged again.
Upper Dolores	Maintain the designated trail in this area.

**Theme Area #: 458**

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Upper Dolores	Just because it's flat doesn't mean it should go up on the scale
Upper Dolores	Beautiful beaver dams and great fishing are here.
Upper Dolores	Perfect "3"
Upper Dolores	It should all remain a "3" to prevent drastic use changes in small areas

**Theme Area #: 464**

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Mesas	Leave as a 5

Mesas Buffer the Fen and other Theme 2 areas, particularly from adjacent Theme 5 areas.

Mesas Fen area #2 designation is ok, but note historical uses include grazing and other activities.

Mesas Leave as a 2 - need to protect area our water quality in valleys below - & protect Fens

**Theme Area #: 68**

**Landscape**

**Comment**

Mesas Clear Creek Area, Close roads entirely or actively maintain them. Natural barriers to access need to be removed to prevent people from driving around them and damaging surrounding area. This mostly applies to downed trees

**Theme Area #: 72**

**Landscape**

**Comment**

Upper Dolores No problem with suggested theme designation around Rico. It fits better.

Upper Dolores Good area for year round recreation

Upper Dolores Keep area in Recreational use then move into mining claims with multi use

Upper Dolores Priest Gulch for a more broad management theme such as a 5 instead of a 3.

Upper Dolores Keep it a "7" closer to Rico and a "4" a little further out

Upper Dolores      Possibly look at a "4" around Rico

**Theme Area #:**    **95**

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Mesas	Define the nature, extent and intensity of surface occupancy and leasing for each theme before assigning the theme #.
Mesas	Define the nature, extent and intensity of commercial logging on Taylor Mesa before assigning the theme #.
Mesas	Would rather see Taylor as a 5 not a 3
Mesas	If Taylor is a 5, exclude Stoner Ck. - make a lesser #
Mesas	Allow timber (Aspen) harvesting on Stoner Mesa - can decommission & re-seed roads afterwards.
Upper Dolores	Change to a 1 - east of Calico Rd. - includes Papoose Pk. Area