

**APPENDIX E - STRUCTURE RECREATION
MANAGEMENT AREAS -SRMAS**

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Structured recreation management areas are based on the BLM's special recreation management area (SRMA), re-named to avoid confusion between similar BLM and Forest Service nomenclature. A structured recreation management area (also abbreviated SRMA in this document) is a public lands unit identified in land use plans to direct recreation funding and personnel to fulfill commitments made to provide specific, structured recreation opportunities.

The purpose of identifying SRMAs in this Plan is to focus management, better direct people to opportunities, and coordinate recreation activities with other multiple uses in the area. SRMAs are planned for and managed in zones to best incorporate unique landscapes, activities, and circumstances. The unique opportunities defining each zone are best described in terms of:

- Activities and experience;
- Benefit opportunities and outcomes.

CORTEZ STRUCTURED MANAGEMENT AREA

Cortez Structured Recreation Management Area is managed under a community recreation-tourism market strategy targeting the town of Cortez, and visitors already in the Cortez and Mancos area wanting to participate in motorized or non-motorized recreation activities within a short commuting distance from Cortez. Other recreation activities are allowable to the extent they are compatible with the primary targeted activities. The area has designated routes for recreational motorized use. A recreation activity management plan (RAMP) and travel management plan are prepared within five years of the completion of this Plan. The RAMP develops in cooperation with local community partners to identify specific management actions.

Recreation Management Zone 1 (RMZ 1) – Phil's World

Management objective

Provide opportunities primarily to Cortez area residents to engage in needed strenuous to easy exercise in a predominantly natural-appearing environment. The area provides opportunities for moderately challenging mountain-biking, hiking, trail-running, dog-walking and similar activities through diverse terrain on trails that are close to Cortez.

Quality standard

By the year 2015 the mean (average) response is at least a “moderate” (i.e., 3.0 on a probability scale where 1=not at all, 2=somewhat, 3=moderate, 4=complete/total realization) attainment of the following experiences and benefits.

Table E.1 - Targeted recreational opportunities and outcomes for RMZ 1 – Phil’s World

Activities and Experience	
Activity Opportunities	Mountain-biking, hikers, trail-runners, dog-walkers
Experience Opportunities and Outcomes	Needed exercise Develop skills and ability Ability to choose level of physical challenge
Benefit Opportunities and Outcomes	
Personal	Improved skills and abilities Greater competence Greater confidence Deeper sense of humility Improved capacity for outdoor physical activity Improved understanding of our community’s dependence and impact on public lands and adjoining private lands
Household/Community	Enhanced outdoor-oriented lifestyle
Economic	Reduced health maintenance costs Increased desirability of Cortez as a place to visit, live, or retire
Environmental	Reduce negative human impacts such as litter, vegetative trampling, and unplanned trails. Greater community ownership/stewardship of recreation resource attractions.

These are not exclusive of other activities, experiences and benefits that are compatible with the management objectives of the RMZ.

Recreation setting prescriptions

The following are the recreation setting prescriptions to produce activity, experience and benefit opportunities and facilitate the attainment of the targeted outcomes. The prescriptions would be accomplished by sustaining some existing recreation setting characteristics and carrying out implementation actions designed to change some characteristics of the recreation setting.

Table E.2 - Recreation setting prescriptions for RMZ 1 – Phil’s World

Prescribed Physical Setting Summary	The area retains its predominantly natural-appearing landscape. Trails are marked and maintained. Trailhead on state trust land remains open to the public and maintained.
Prescribed Social Setting Summary	Visitors experience a high number of contacts with others and group sizes over 50 people per group at trailheads. Evidence of soil erosion on trails, widening trails, occasional litter, and worn vegetation likely.
Prescribed Administrative Setting Summary	Mechanized use is acceptable. Brochures and maps are available to inform visitors. Periodic monitoring especially during the spring and fall high use seasons. Visitor information signs are clearly posted at access points, directional signing at trail junctions is provided, directional signs on highway are not provided. Domestic animals present. Individual user fees charged for access on state trust lands, BLM fees for dispersed use not likely.

Management

The recreation setting prescriptions are created by sustaining some existing recreation setting characteristics and carrying out management actions designed to change some characteristics of the recreation setting. BLM will work with the City of Cortez and Montezuma County on a master plan for public land recreation trails.

Marketing

Basic visitor/marketing information (local guidebooks and trailhead signage) will describe what experience and benefit opportunities are targeted, the character of recreation settings, and the management environment that exists for the Phil's World Recreation Management Zone (RMZ). The Dolores PLC works with community partners to develop one set of RMZ-specific information materials that simultaneously facilitate effective management and marketing. The RAMP identifies principal marketing materials and venues to reach community markets targeted in this Plan. The collaborative management partners review marketing materials to ensure consistency with the above and to ensure that what is being marketed is in fact what is being provided. All agency-specific visitor services initiatives (e.g., interpretation, promotion, special events, etc.) are constrained to ensure that only those required to achieve the planning objectives are implemented.

Monitoring

The indicators and standards are set by the SRMA objectives and prescriptions within a RAMP. The RAMP outlines procedural frameworks, methods and schedules for monitoring: 1) the attainment of targeted outcomes, 2) maintenance of prescribed setting character conditions and 3) implementation of planned actions.

Administration

The Dolores PLC will engage key local government, recreation-tourism industry, mountain bike advocacy groups, and other interested parties as community partners. The partners may include, but are not limited to:

Montezuma County
Colorado State Trust Lands
Local mountain-bikers
State Division of Wildlife

City of Cortez
San Juan Mountain Association
Colorado Department of Transportation

A new recreation activity management plan (RAMP) will be developed in collaboration with local community partners to identify specific management actions for the area.

Special recreation permits (SRPs) appropriate to the SRMA benefits may be issued as per the Colorado Special Recreation Permit Handbook.

Recreation Management RMZ 2 – Mud Springs

Management objective

Provide opportunities primarily to Cortez area residents to engage in strenuous and easy-to-moderate OHV (primarily ATV and motorcycle) and similar activities on trails that are close to Cortez.

Quality standard

By the year 2015 the mean (average) response is at least a “moderate” (i.e., 3.0 on a probability scale where 1=not at all, 2=somewhat, 3=moderate, 4=complete/total realization) attainment of the following experiences and benefits:

Table E.3 - Targeted recreational opportunities and outcomes for RMZ 2 – Mud Springs

Activities and Experience	
Activity Opportunities	OHV
Experience Opportunities and Outcomes	Testing your ability Enjoying strenuous outdoor physical exercise Enjoying having access to close-to-home outdoor amenities
Benefit Opportunities and Outcomes	
Personal	Deeper sense of personal humility Restored mind from unwanted stress Improved sense of control over one's life Stronger tie to family and friends
Household/Community	Enhanced lifestyle Enlarged sense of attachments to the land on public lands Greater community ownership/stewardship of recreation resource attractions.
Economic	Enhanced ability for visitors to find areas providing motorized recreation experiences and benefits. Increased desirability as a place to live or retire
Environmental	Increased awareness and protection of natural landscapes

These are not exclusive of other activities, experiences, and benefits outcomes that are compatible with the management objectives of the RMZ.

Recreation setting prescriptions

The following are the recreation setting prescriptions to produce activity, experience and benefit opportunities and facilitate the attainment of the targeted outcomes. The prescriptions are accomplished by sustaining some existing recreation setting characteristics and carrying out implementation actions designed to change some characteristics of the recreation setting.

Table E.4 - Recreation setting prescriptions for RMZ 2 – Mud Springs

Prescribed Physical Setting Summary	The area has a landscape moderately altered by the visible evidence of human activities. Trails are marked and minimally maintained. Trailheads are established.
Prescribed Social Setting Summary	Visitors experience contacts with others and group sizes averaging up to 3-7 people per group, with the largest group sizes occurring on weekends. Conflicts with non-motorized users are commonplace. Visible evidence of use includes vehicle tracks, occasional litter, soil erosion, and worn vegetation.
Prescribed Administrative Setting Summary	Mechanized and authorized motorized use (ATVs, motorcycles, 2X4s & 4x4s) acceptable only on designated routes. Only trail signing, brochures, and maps are available to assist visitors. Enforcement presence is scarce to occasional. Visitor information is clearly posted at key access points. Individual user fees not likely.

Management

The environmental setting prescriptions are created by sustaining some existing recreation setting characteristics and carrying out management actions designed to change some characteristics of the recreation setting. BLM works with the city of Cortez and Montezuma County on a master trails plan. Private ownership of the subsurface mineral rights must be a consideration.

Marketing

Basic visitor/marketing information (local guidebooks and trailhead signing) describes what experience and benefit opportunities are targeted, the character of recreation settings, and the service environment that exists for each RMZ. The BLM works with community partners to develop one set of RMZ-specific information materials that simultaneously facilitates effective management and promotion. The RAMP identifies principal marketing materials and venues to reach targeted community markets. The collaborative management partners review marketing materials to ensure consistency with the above and to ensure that what is being marketed is in fact what is being provided. All agency-specific visitor services initiatives (e.g., interpretation, promotion, special events, etc.) are constrained to ensure that only those required to achieve the planning objectives are implemented.

Monitoring

The indicators and standards are set by the SRMA objectives and prescriptions in this Plan. The RAMP will outline procedural frameworks, methods and schedules for monitoring: 1) the attainment of targeted outcomes, 2) maintenance of prescribed setting character conditions and 3) implementation of planned actions.

Administration

BLM will engage key local government, recreation-tourism industry, and other interested parties as community partners. The partners may include, but are not limited to:

Montezuma County	City of Cortez
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	Local ATV dealers
Local OHV users	Colorado Department of Transportation
Owners of mineral rights	

A new RAMP will be developed in collaboration with local community partners to identify specific management actions for the area.

Special recreation permits (SRPs) may be issued as per the Colorado Special Recreation Permit Handbook.

DOLORES RIVER STRUCTURED RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA

The Dolores River SRMA is part of the greater Dolores River Management Area 2—Unique Management Area. Dolores River SRMA is managed for a destination recreation-tourism market strategy targeting the southwestern United States area visitors (Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and California) and local residents who participate in rafting along the Dolores River, fishing, and challenging mountain-biking and Jeeping. Other recreation activities are allowed when compatible with the primary targeted activities. The area has designated routes for recreational motorized use. Motorized watercraft are prohibited from Bradfield Bridge to Bedrock. The Dolores River Corridor Management Plan (1990) and off-road vehicle designation (CO-030-8601) (1986) guides management of recreation in the area. An updated RAMP

will be prepared as needed, in cooperation with local community partners to identify specific management actions, consistent with this Plan.

Recreation Management Zone 1 – McPhee Dam to Bradfield Ranch

Management objective

Provide opportunities primarily for area visitors to engage in boating, camping picnicking, driving for pleasure in a front country (roaded natural ROS) setting.

Quality standard

By the year 2010 the mean (average) response is at least a “moderate” (i.e., 3.0 on a probability scale where 1=not at all, 2=somewhat, 3=moderate, 4=complete/total) attainment of the following experiences and benefits.

Targeted recreational opportunities and outcomes

Table E.5 - Targeted recreational opportunities and outcomes for RMZ 1 – McPhee to Bradfield Ranch

Activities and Experience	
Activity Opportunities	Boating, camping, picnicking, driving for pleasure
Experience Opportunities and Outcomes	Develop skills and abilities Being able to tell others about the trip Enjoy access close to town for outdoor activities.
Benefit Opportunities and Outcomes	
Personal	Stronger ties with family and friends Increase understanding and tolerance of others Improve understanding of our community’s dependence and impact on public lands and adjoining private lands
Household/Community	Enhance outdoor-oriented lifestyle Greater family bonding Opportunity to contribute to stewardship efforts that benefit society.
Economic	Improve local economic stability Increase desirability of Southwest Colorado as a place to visit, live, or retire
Environmental	Maintenance of distinctive recreation setting character Enhance public land stewardship

These are not exclusive of other activities, experiences and benefits that are compatible with the management objectives of the RMZ.

Recreation setting prescriptions

The following are recreation settings prescribed to produce activity, experience and benefit opportunities and facilitate the attainment of the targeted outcomes. Sustaining some existing recreation setting characteristics and carrying out actions to change some characteristics of the recreation setting accomplish the prescriptions.

Table E.6 - Recreation setting prescriptions for RMZ 1 – McPhee Dam to Bradfield Ranch

Prescribed Physical Setting Summary	The area retains its remoteness and natural-appearing landscape. Trails are marked and maintained.
Prescribed Social Setting Summary	Visitors experience a moderate number of contacts with others and group sizes up to 13-25 people per group. Users here routinely expect, welcome and accommodate other visitors. Evidence of visitor use, litter, worn vegetation and soils is common.
Prescribed Administrative Setting Summary	Mechanized and motorized use acceptable. All boaters register at key river launches. Brochures, guidebooks, maps and some BLM staff/volunteers available to assist visitors. Periodic enforcement presence especially during the whitewater season (April 1- June 18). Commercial river-rafting is managed under an allocation system established in the Dolores River Corridor Management Plan. Visitor information signs clearly posted at key river access. Individual user fees are expected at campgrounds but fees for dispersed recreation not likely.

Recreation Management Zone 2 – Bradfield Ranch to Dove Creek Pump Station

Management objective

Provide opportunities for visitors and residents to engage in non-motorized river boating in a semi-primitive (ROS) non-motorized area.

Quality standard

By the year 2010 the mean (average) response is at least a “moderate” (i.e., 3.0 on a probability scale where 1=not at all, 2=somewhat, 3=moderate, 4=complete/total) attainment of the following experiences and benefits.

Table E.7 - Targeted recreation opportunities and outcomes for RMZ 2 – Bradfield Ranch to Dove Creek Pump Station

Activities and Experience	
Activity Opportunities	Rafting
Experience Opportunities and Outcomes	Develop skills and abilities Enjoy strenuous outdoor physical exercise Enjoy scenery and nature
Benefit Opportunities and Outcomes	
Personal	Improved skills and abilities Greater competence Greater confidence Improved cardio and muscle strength Improved capacity for outdoor physical activity Improved understanding of our community's dependence and impact on public lands and adjoining private lands
Household/Community	Enhanced outdoor-oriented lifestyle Bonding with friends and family
Economic	Reduced health maintenance costs Increased desirability of Southwest Colorado as a place to visit, live, or retire Economic benefits to Southwest Colorado from visitor expenditures
Environmental	Improved respect for public and privately-owned lands Greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features

These are not exclusive of other activities, experiences and benefits that are compatible with the management objectives of the RMZ.

Recreation setting prescriptions

The following are the recreation settings prescribed to produce activity, experience and benefit opportunities and facilitate the attainment of the targeted outcomes. Sustaining some existing recreation setting characteristics and carrying out actions to change some characteristics of the recreation setting accomplish the prescriptions.

Table E.8 - Recreation setting prescriptions for RMZ 2 - Bradfield Ranch to Dove Creek Pump Station

Prescribed Physical Setting Summary	The area retains its remoteness and natural-appearing landscape. No visitor facilities occur in this segment
Prescribed Social Setting Summary	Visitors experience few encounters with others: groups average 4-6 people per group with 3-6 encounters/day. Evidence of campsites, occasional litter and worn vegetation uncommon.
Prescribed Administrative Setting Summary	All boaters register at river launch points. Brochures, guidebooks, maps and some BLM staff/volunteers available to assist visitors. Periodic enforcement presence especially during the whitewater season (April 1- June 18). Commercial river-rafting is managed under an allocation system established in the Dolores River Corridor Management Plan. Visitor information signs located at main river access points. Individual user fees not likely.

Recreation Management RMZ 3 – Dove Creek Pump Station to Disappointment

Management objective

Provide opportunities for a moderate number of visitors to experience spectacular natural scenery, non-motorized river boating, OHV touring, mountain-biking and other quiet use activities in a backcountry (semi-primitive motorized) setting.

Quality standard: By the year 2010 the mean (average) response is at least a “moderate” (i.e., 3.0 on a probability scale where 1=not at all, 2=somewhat, 3=moderate, 4=complete/total) attainment of the following experiences and benefits.

Table E.9 - Targeted recreational opportunities and outcomes for RMZ 3 – Dove Creek Pump Station to Disappointment

Activities and Experience	
Activity Opportunities	Rafting, OHV, mountain-biking
Experience	Enjoy high-quality canyon landscapes Enjoy escape from the crowds Enjoy tranquility and peacefulness
Benefit Opportunities and Outcomes	
Benefit Opportunities and Outcomes	Deeper sense of personal humility Greater sensitivity to and awareness of natural beauty Reduced stress More holistic sense of well-being
Personal	Greater sense of community dependency on public lands Greater family bonding Opportunity to contribute to stewardship efforts that benefit society.
Household/Community	Enhanced ability for visitors to find areas providing wanted recreation experiences and benefits. Increased desirability as a place to live or retire
Economic	Greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features Sustainability of natural and cultural heritage
Environmental	Enjoy high-quality canyon landscapes Enjoy escape from the crowds Enjoy tranquility and peacefulness

These are not exclusive of other activities, experiences, and benefits that are compatible with the management objectives of the RMZ.

Recreation setting prescriptions

The following are the recreation settings prescribed to produce activity, experience and benefit opportunities and facilitate the attainment of the targeted outcomes. Sustaining some existing recreation setting characteristics and carrying out actions to change some characteristics of the recreation setting accomplish the prescriptions.

Table E.10 - Recreation setting prescriptions for RMZ 3 – Dove Creek Pump Station to Disappointment

Prescribed Physical Setting Summary	The area retains a natural-appearing landscape with evidence of human management subordinate to the natural scene.
Prescribed Social Setting Summary	Visitors experience a moderate amount of contacts with others and group sizes of up to 12 people per group at key river access points. Some evidence of litter, soil erosion, vehicle tracks and worn vegetation likely.
Prescribed Administrative Setting Summary	Mechanized and motorized use (2X4s & 4x4s) allowed on designated routes. All boaters register at initial put-ins. Brochures, guidebooks, maps and some BLM staff/volunteers available to assist visitors. Periodic enforcement presence especially during the whitewater season (April 1- June 18). Commercial river-rafting is managed under an allocation system established in the Dolores River Corridor Management Plan. Visitor information signs posted at river access. Individual user fees not likely.

Recreation Management Zone 4 – Disappointment Creek to Gypsum Valley Bridge

Management objective

Provide opportunities primarily for Southwest Colorado and southwestern U.S. visitors to engage in recreational rafting, and similar activities on the Dolores River.

Quality standard

By the year 2015 their mean (average) response is at least a “moderate” (i.e., 3.0 on a probability scale where 1=not at all, 2=somewhat, 3=moderate, 4=complete/total) attainment of the following experiences and benefits.

Table E.11 - Targeted recreational opportunities and outcomes for RMZ 4 – Disappointment Creek to Gypsum Valley Bridge.

Activities and Experience	
Activity Opportunities	Rafting
Experience Opportunities and Outcomes	Develop skills and abilities Enjoy strenuous outdoor physical exercise Enjoy scenery and nature
Benefit Opportunities and Outcomes	
Personal	Improved skills and abilities Greater competence Greater confidence Improved cardio and muscle strength Improved capacity for outdoor physical activity Improved understanding of our community's dependence and impact on public lands and adjoining private lands
Household/Community	Enhanced outdoor-oriented lifestyle Bonding with friends and family

Economic	Reduced health maintenance costs Increased desirability of Southwest Colorado as a place to visit, live, or retire Economic benefits to Southwest Colorado from visitor expenditures.
Environmental	Improved respect for public and privately-owned lands Greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features

These are not exclusive of other activities, experiences and benefits that are compatible with the management objectives of the RMZ.

Recreation setting prescriptions

The following are the recreation settings prescribed to produce activity, experience and benefit opportunities and facilitate the attainment of the targeted outcomes. Sustaining some existing recreation setting characteristics and carrying out actions to change some characteristics of the recreation setting accomplish the prescriptions.

Table E.12 - Recreation setting prescriptions for RMZ 4- Disappointment Creek to Gypsum Valley Bridge

Prescribed Physical Setting Summary	The area retains a natural-appearing landscape with evidence of humans subordinate to the natural scene. Location of rights-of way, utilities and management facilities may occur in this RMZ.
Prescribed Social Setting Summary	Visitors experience a moderate amount of contacts with others and group sizes of up to 12 people per group at primary river access points. Some evidence of litter, soil erosion, vehicle tracks and worn vegetation likely.
Prescribed Administrative Setting Summary	All boaters register at initial river put-ins. Brochures, guidebooks, maps and some BLM staff/volunteers available to assist visitors. Periodic enforcement presence especially during the whitewater season (April 1- June 18). Commercial river-rafting is managed under an allocation system established in the Dolores River Corridor Management Plan. Visitor information signs are effectively located at river put-in points. Individual user fees not likely.

Recreation Management Zone 5 – Gypsum Valley Bridge to Bedrock

Management objective

Provide opportunities primarily for visitors to engage in non-motorized water-based activity, challenging whitewater boating, similar activities on designated trails in a wilderness setting.

Quality Standard: By the year 2010 the mean (average) response is at least a “moderate” (i.e., 3.0 on a probability scale where 1=not at all, 2=somewhat, 3=moderate, 4=complete/total) attainment of the following experiences and benefit.

Table E.13 - Targeted recreational opportunities and outcomes for RMZ 5 – Gypsum Valley to Bedrock

Activities and Experience	
Activity Opportunities	Whitewater rafting, boating
Experience Opportunities and Outcomes	Develop skills and abilities Enjoy strenuous outdoor physical exercise Gain a greater sense of self-confidence

Benefit Opportunities and Outcomes	
Personal	Improve skills and abilities Greater competence Greater confidence Improve cardio and muscle strength Improve capacity for outdoor physical activity Improve understanding of our community's dependence and impact on public lands and adjoining private lands
Household/Community	Enhance outdoor-oriented lifestyle Greater family bonding Opportunity to contribute to stewardship efforts that benefit society.
Economic	Reduced health maintenance costs Economic benefits from visitor purchases.
Environmental	Improved stewardship of public and privately-owned lands

These are not exclusive of other activities, experiences and benefits that are compatible with the management objectives of the RMZ.

Recreation setting prescriptions

The following are recreation settings prescribed to produce activity, experience and benefit opportunities and facilitate the attainment of the targeted outcomes. Sustaining some existing recreation setting characteristics and carrying out actions to change some characteristics of the recreation setting accomplish the prescriptions.

Table E.14 - Recreation setting prescriptions for RMZ 5 – Gypsum Valley Bridge to Bedrock

Prescribed Physical Setting Summary	The area retains its natural-appearing landscape. No facilities exist.
Prescribed Social Setting Summary	Visitors can expect a low number of contacts with others: group size fewer than 3 people per group. Only evidence of humans is at campsites where worn vegetation may be evident.
Prescribed Administrative Setting Summary	All boaters register at initial river launch points. Brochures, guidebooks, maps and some BLM staff/volunteers available to assist visitors. Periodic enforcement presence especially during the whitewater season (April 1- June 18). Commercial river-rafting is managed under an allocation system established in the Dolores River Corridor Management Plan. Visitor information signs at key river access points. Individual user fees not likely.

Management

The environmental setting prescriptions are established and maintained as a result of implementation of specific actions identified in the Dolores River Corridor Management Plan, travel management plans and future recreation management plans.

Management is focused on enhancing recreation access, visitor safety and sanitation and protection of associated cultural and natural resources. This generally takes the form of established river access and launch facilities and parking areas, travel management, basic sanitation and effective visitor information. Higher levels of facility development are provided for in locations closer to McPhee Reservoir.

Marketing

Basic visitor/marketing information describes what experience and benefit opportunities are targeted, the character of recreation settings, and the facilities that exist or not for each RMZ. The BLM and Forest Service collaborate with community partners to develop one set of RMZ-specific information materials that simultaneously facilitate appropriate management and promotion. The RAMP identifies principal marketing materials and

venues to reach recreation-tourism markets targeted in this Plan. The collaborative management partnership reviews marketing materials for consistency with management goals and to ensure that what is being marketed is in fact what is being provided. All agency-specific visitor services initiatives (e.g., interpretation, promotion, special events, etc.) are constrained to ensure that only those required to achieve the planning objectives are implemented.

Monitoring

The indicators and standards are set by the SRMA objectives and prescriptions in the Plan and the river corridor plan. The RAMP would outline procedural frameworks, methods and schedules for monitoring: 1) the attainment of targeted outcomes, 2) maintenance of prescribed setting character conditions and 3) implementation of planned actions.

Administration

BLM and Forest Service will engage key local government, recreation-tourism industry, and other interested parties as community partners. The partners may include, but are not limited to:

San Miguel County
Colorado Division of Wildlife
Boating community

Dolores County
Colorado Tourism Office
Bureau of Reclamation

Special recreation permits would be issued as per the Colorado Special Recreation Permit Handbook and allocations in the Dolores River Corridor Management Plan.

DURANGO STRUCTURED RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA

Durango Structured Recreation Management Area is managed for a community recreation-tourism market strategy targeting the town of Durango, and tourists from the southwestern U.S. (Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and California) wanting to participate in non-motorized recreation activities within a short travel distance from Durango. Other recreation activities are allowable if compatible with the primary targeted activities. The area has designated routes for recreational motorized use. A recreation activity management plan (RAMP) and travel management plan that identifies specific management actions will be prepared within five years of the completion of the Plan. The RAMP is developed and implemented in collaboration with local community partners.

Recreation Management Zone (RMZ) 1 – Animas City Mountain, Perins Peak, Skyline, Grand View, and Dry Fork/Log chutes

Management objective

Provide opportunities primarily for Durango area residents to engage in strenuous, hiking, intermediate - advanced mountain-biking, dog-walking and similar activities on trails that are close to Durango.

Quality standard

By the year 2015 their mean (average) response is at least a “moderate” (i.e., 3.0 on a probability scale where 1=not at all, 2=somewhat, 3=moderate, 4=complete/total realization) attainment of the following experiences and benefits.

Table E.15 - Targeted recreational opportunities and outcomes for RMZ 1

Activities and Experience	
Activity Opportunities	Trail-running, dog-walking, hiking and mountain-biking; also winter non-motorized recreation including cross country skiing
Experience Opportunities and Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing skills and abilities Getting some needed physical exercise Enjoying having access to close-to-home outdoor amenities Relishing closeness with pets Relishing group affiliation and togetherness Enjoying easy access to natural landscape
Benefit Opportunities and Outcomes	
Personal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved mental and physical health Greater sense of well-being Stronger ties with family and friends Improved relationship with nature
Household/Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce exposure to at-risk youth Greater community involvement in land-use decisions
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased property value Increased desirability of Durango as a place to visit, live, or retire
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce negative human impacts to environment Increase appreciation for natural environment Reduce wildlife disturbance between domestic animals and people

These are not exclusive of other activities, experiences and benefits that are compatible with the management objectives of the RMZ.

Recreation setting prescriptions

The following are the recreation setting prescriptions to produce activity, experience and benefit opportunities and facilitate the attainment of the targeted outcomes. The prescriptions would be accomplished by sustaining some existing recreation setting characteristics and carrying out actions designed to change some characteristics of the recreation setting .

Table E.16 - Recreation setting prescriptions (RMZ) 1 – Animas City Mountain, Perins Peak, Skyline, Grand View, and Dry Fork/Log chutes

Prescribed Physical Setting Summary	The area retains its predominantly natural-appearing landscape. Trails are marked and maintained. Limited trailheads and parking are provided. Areas support day-use dispersed activities in a road natural and rural setting. Motorized use and overnight camping is prohibited.
Prescribed Social Setting Summary	Visitors experience a high number of contacts with others and group sizes over 50 people per group at trailheads. Evidence of visitor use, occasional litter, dog waste and worn vegetation likely.
Prescribed Administrative Setting Summary	Mechanized use is acceptable. Brochures and maps are available to assist visitors. Periodic monitoring especially during the summer. Visitor information signs clearly posted at access points. Access road directional signing is not provided. Domestic animals present. Individual user fees not likely.

Recreation Management Zone 2 – East Animas/Turtle Lake climbing areas

Management objective

Provide opportunities primarily for area residents (and others) to engage in non-motorized activity, rock climbing, bouldering and similar activities close to Durango.

Quality standard

By the year 2010 their mean (average) response is at least a “moderate” (i.e., 3.0 on a probability scale where 1=not at all, 2=somewhat, 3=moderate, 4=complete/total realization) attainment of the following experiences and benefits.

Table E.17 - Targeted recreational opportunities and outcomes for RMZ 2 – East Animas/Turtle Lake climbing areas

Activities and Experience	
Activity Opportunities	Rock-climbing, bouldering
Experience Opportunities and Outcomes	Developing skills and abilities Enjoying strenuous outdoor physical exercise Enjoying having access close to town for outdoor activities.
Benefit Opportunities and Outcomes	
Personal	Improved skills and abilities Greater competence Greater confidence Improved cardio and muscle strength Improved capacity for outdoor physical activity Improved understanding of our community's dependence and impact on public lands and adjoining private lands
Household/Community	Enhanced outdoor-oriented lifestyle Increased pride in the community
Economic	Reduced health maintenance costs Increased desirability of Durango as a place to visit, live, or retire
Environmental	Improved respect for public and privately-owned lands

These are not exclusive of other activities, experiences and benefits that are compatible with the management objectives of the RMZ.

Recreation Setting Prescriptions for RMZ 2 - East Animas/Turtle Lake Climbing Areas

The following are the recreation setting prescriptions to produce activity, experience and benefit opportunities: and facilitate the attainment of the targeted outcomes. The prescriptions would be accomplished by sustaining some existing recreation setting characteristics and carrying out implementation actions designed to change some characteristics of the recreation setting.

Table E.18- Recreation setting prescriptions for RMZ 2 - East Animas/Turtle Lake climbing areas

Prescribed Physical Setting Summary	The area retains its predominantly natural-appearing landscape. Trails are marked and maintained. Limited trailheads and parking areas are provided.
Prescribed Social Setting Summary	Visitors can expect a moderate amount of contacts with others and group sizes averaging up to 12 people per group. Some evidence of visitor use, occasional litter and worn vegetation likely.
Prescribed Administrative Setting Summary	Mechanized and motorized use prohibited. Guide books, maps and some BLM, employees/volunteers occasionally available to assist visitors. Periodic enforcement presence. Visitor information signs clearly posted at access points, directional signing not provided. User fees not likely charged for dispersed recreation use.

Management

The recreation setting prescriptions are created by sustaining beneficial setting characteristics and carrying out management actions designed to change incompatible characteristics of the recreation setting. Updating the Durango city trail system to include the Skyline Ridge RMZ is desirable, in cooperation with the city of Durango.

Management would be geared towards facilitation of access to recreation activity opportunities for local residents in Durango (not exclusive of area residents). For example, trailheads could be developed on state, city, CDOT, and private land for access to public trails for dog-walking, trail-running, hiking, and similar activities.

Marketing

Basic visitor/marketing information (local guidebooks and trailhead signs, for example) will describe what experience and benefit opportunities are targeted, the character of recreation settings, and the service environment that exists for each RMZ. The BLM and Forest Service collaborate with community partners to develop one set of RMZ-specific information materials that would simultaneously facilitate effective management and visitor information. The RAMP identifies principal marketing materials and venues to reach targeted community markets. The collaborative management partners review marketing materials to ensure consistency with the above and to ensure that what is being marketed is in fact what is being provided. All agency-specific visitor services initiatives (e.g., interpretation, promotion, special events) are limited to only those required to achieve the planning objectives are implemented.

Monitoring

The indicators and standards are set by the SRMA objectives and prescriptions in the Plan. The RAMP outlines procedural frameworks, methods and schedules for monitoring: 1) the attainment of targeted outcomes, 2) maintenance of prescribed setting character conditions and 3) implementation of planned actions.

Administration

BLM will engage key local governments, the recreation-tourism industry, trails advocates, and others as community partners. The partners may include, but are not limited to:

La Plata County	City of Durango
Colorado Division of Wildlife	San Juan Mountain Association
Trails 2000	Colorado Department of Transportation
Access fund	Local climbers

A new RAMP will be developed in collaboration with community partners to identify specific management actions for the area.

Special recreation permits may be issued as per the Colorado Special Recreation Permit Handbook.

SILVERTON STRUCTURED RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA

The Silverton SRMA is part of the greater Silverton Management Area 2 - Unique Management Areas. Silverton SRMA would be managed under a destination recreation-tourism market strategy targeting southwestern U.S. visitors (Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and California) and local residents wanting to participate in heritage tourism along an All American Road (the San Juan Skyway), the Alpine Loop National Backcountry Byway, challenging ATV and jeep routes. Silverton SRMA provides access to the Weminuche Wilderness, mountain-biking and whitewater rafting on the Animas River. During the winter months, the Silverton Ski Area provides opportunities for extreme skiing while the rest of the SRMA provides both motorized over-snow experiences and non-motorized winter recreation experiences. Other recreation activities are allowed to the extent they are compatible with the primary targeted activities. Designated motorized recreation travel routes have been designated in this SRMA since the 1980's. A recreation activity management plan (RAMP) and travel management plan were approved in 1986 with an update started in 2006. The RAMP is been developed in cooperation with local community partners to identify specific management actions.

Recreation Management Zone 1 – Silverton summer

Management objective

Provide opportunities primarily for Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado local residents/second-home owners and families with OHVs, OHV clubs, young people, and retirees to engage in driving, 4x4 vehicle touring, mountain-biking, visiting historic sites and similar activities on paved and primitive routes, some of which are close to the Weminuche Wilderness.

Quality standard

By the year 2015 their mean (average) response is at least a “moderate” (i.e., 3.0 on a probability scale where 1=not at all, 2=somewhat, 3=moderate, 4=complete/total) attainment of the following experiences and benefits.

Table E.19 - Targeted recreational opportunities and outcomes for RMZ 1 – Silverton summer

Activities and Experience	
Activity Opportunities	Varied
Experience Opportunities and Outcomes	Enjoying high alpine scenery Being close to nature Being with family and friends Getting away from crowds Learning about area history
Benefit Opportunities and Outcomes	
Personal	Improved skills and ability. Greater connection with nature Reduced stress Greater respect for cultural heritage Stronger ties with friends and family.
Household/Community	Improved family bonding Greater community involvement in land use decisions Enhanced lifestyle
Economic	Improved local economic stability Increased local job opportunities Increased property values
Environmental	Improved respect for public/private lands Improved protection of heritage/cultural/natural resources. Increased ecologically friendly tourism operations

These are not exclusive of other activities, experiences and benefits that are compatible with the management objectives of the RMZ.

Recreation setting prescriptions

The following are the recreation settings prescribed to produce activity, experience and benefit opportunities and to facilitate the attainment of the targeted outcomes. The prescriptions are accomplished by sustaining some existing recreation setting characteristics and carrying out actions to change some characteristics of the recreation setting

Table E.20 - Recreation setting prescriptions for RMZ 1 - Silverton summer

Prescribed Physical Setting Summary	The area retains its remoteness and natural-appearing landscape. Trails are marked and maintained. Facilities are appropriate to the setting prescription.
Prescribed Social Setting Summary	Visitors experience a moderate amount of contacts with others and group sizes of up to 12 people per group at trail heads. Some evidence of visitor use, soil erosion, vehicle tracks and worn vegetation is evident.
Prescribed Administrative Setting Summary	Mechanized and motorized use (2X4s & 4x4s) acceptable on designated routes. Brochures, maps and some BLM staff/volunteers available to assist visitors. Periodic enforcement presence especially during the summer. Portal signage with rules clearly posted at access points. Domestic animals present, Individual user fees not likely.

Recreation Management RMZ 2 – Silverton winter

Management objective

Provide opportunities for local residents, second-home owners and visitors from Southwest Colorado, New York, Santa Fe/Albuquerque experience spectacular natural scenery, cultural landscapes, heritage tourism with interpretive opportunities and winter

recreation for motorized and non-motorized quiet activities in a front country (roaded natural ROS) setting.

Quality standard

By the year 2010 their mean (average) response is at least a “moderate” (i.e., 3.0 on a probability scale where 1=not at all, 2=somewhat, 3=moderate, 4=complete/total) attainment of the following experiences and benefits.

Table E.21- Targeted recreational opportunities and outcomes for RMZ 2 - Silverton winter

Activities and Experience	
Activity Opportunities	Varied
Experience Opportunities and Outcomes	Developing skills/abilities Relishing group affiliations and togetherness Enjoying strenuous physical exercise Being closer to nature Enjoying high alpine scenery
Benefit Opportunities and Outcomes	
Personal	Restore mind from unwanted stress Greater communication with nature Improved mental well-being Greater sense of adventure Heightened awareness of the natural world
Household/Community	Greater community involvement in land-use decisions and stewardship More informed citizen about where to go for differing kinds of experiences Heightened sense of place and community identity
Economic	Increased local job opportunities Greater value-added local industry services
Environmental	Maintenance of distinctive recreation setting character

These are not exclusive of other activities, experiences and benefits that are compatible with the management objectives of the RMZ.

Recreation setting prescriptions

The following are recreation settings prescribed to produce activity, experience and benefit opportunities and facilitate the attainment of the targeted outcomes. The prescriptions are accomplished by sustaining some existing recreation setting characteristics and carrying out actions to change some characteristics of the recreation setting .

Table E.22 - Recreation setting prescriptions for RMZ 2 – Silverton winter

Prescribed Physical Setting Summary	The area retains a predominantly natural-appearing landscape. Access to winter activities and trailheads is marked and maintained. Winter trailheads are available for non-motorized opportunities.
Prescribed Social Setting Summary	Visitors experience a high number of contacts with others and group sizes up to 26-50 people per group at parking areas and trailheads. Evidence of visitor use, trash, and vehicle tracks likely. Hardened turnouts and visitor services exist to protect soil and vegetation and reduce social conflicts. Noise, litter and other impacts are generally limited to staging areas.
Prescribed Administrative Setting Summary	Motorized use (snowmobiles) is acceptable only in suitable areas and on suitable routes and designated parking for motorized use may be established to ensure quality recreation experiences. Non-motorized use is acceptable. Brochures, maps and FS/BLM/volunteers available to assist visitors. Enforcement presence is common on weekends and holidays. Signage with rules clearly posted at key access points. Domestic animals present.

Management

Management is focused on enhancing recreation activity opportunities for visitors to the Silverton area and local residents. This generally takes the form of route designation, parking area improvements, and basic sanitation and visitor information. For example, trails and access points with visitor information would be developed for snowmobiles, mountain bikes, OHV riders, hikers, Nordic skiers and similar activities.

Marketing

Effective visitor/marketing venues (brochures, web information, etc) describe what experience and benefit opportunities are targeted, the character of recreation settings, and the facilities that exist for each RMZ. The BLM and FS collaborate with community partners to develop one set of RMZ-specific information materials to simultaneously facilitate appropriate management and promotion. The RAMP identifies principal marketing materials and venues to reach recreation-tourism markets targeted in this Plan. The collaborative management partnership ensures that marketing materials are consistent with the area goals and that what is being marketed is in fact what is being provided. All agency-specific visitor services initiatives (e.g., interpretation, promotion, special events, etc.) are constrained to ensure that only those required to achieve the planning objectives are implemented.

Monitoring

The indicators and standards are set by the SRMA objectives and prescriptions in the Plan. The RAMP would outline procedural frameworks, methods and schedules for monitoring: 1) the attainment of targeted outcomes, 2) maintenance of prescribed setting character conditions and 3) implementation of planned actions.

Administration

BLM will engage key local government, recreation-tourism industry, and other interested parties as community partners. The partners may include, but are not limited to:

San Juan County

Division of Wildlife

Silverton Mountain School

Silverton Chamber

Colorado Tourism Office

Silverton Snowmobile Club

An updated RAMP and travel management plan is developed in collaboration with local community partners to identify specific management actions for the area.

Special recreation permits would be issued as per the Colorado Special Recreation Permit Handbook.

Application of SRMA Concept to National Forest System (NFS) Lands

SMRAs were not identified and described for NFS lands in the same detail as BLM. Desired recreation markets, settings, and activities were identified for some NFS lands described below.

Table E.23 - SRMA Desired Recreation Market, Settings and Activities

Structured Recreation Management Areas	Desired Recreation Market, Settings and Activities
Boggy Draw	<p>The desired condition for this area is to maintain a predominantly semi-primitive (ROS) day use recreation setting with both motorized and non-motorized recreation for mainly a community market. Hiking, mountain biking, and OHV recreation takes place on a trail and road network designed to minimize conflicts and keep user encounters at a low level. Some trails and trailheads may be designed and designated for different types of uses. Access to the area is on main road corridors which provide a gateway to a semi-primitive recreation setting beyond. Winter recreation is similar to summer in offering a mix of motorized and non-motorized recreation from developed trailheads. The physical setting appears natural, but active management related primarily to grazing, vegetation management, is prevalent everywhere. Administration actions in this area will emphasize the extensive active management while providing for cultural interpretation and conservation education messages. travel management, and essential visitor information and services, are visible.</p>
Sage Hen	<p>The desired condition of this community and destination area is to allow day use visitors an "informal" ambiance within a setting that is sufficiently developed to protect cultural resources and provide public services. Visitor services and development are designed to facilitate a high level of use and easy access to picnicking, short loop hikes, and water access. Administration of this area will provide emphasis cultural interpretation and conservation education messages. Motorized access is provided in a way that minimizes effects to the overall pedestrian theme of the area. The setting is predominantly Front Country ROS.</p>
Haycamp Mesa	<p>The desired condition for this area is to maintain a semi-primitive (ROS) recreation setting that offers both motorized and non-motorized recreation for a predominantly community market. Hiking, mountain biking, picnicking, dispersed and developed camping, and OHV recreation are primary activities. A trail and road network exists to support this recreation and to minimize conflicts and keep user encounters at a low level. Access to the area is on main road corridors which provide a developed gateway to semi-primitive recreation settings beyond. Winter recreation is similar to summer in offering a mix of motorized and non-motorized recreation from developed trailheads. Management actions are visible within this "working forest landscape" and primarily the result of forest restoration activities, grazing, travel management actions, and essential visitor information and services.</p>
Engineer Mountain	<p>This area offers quick access to a Remote Market close to the San Juan Skyway with a Primitive setting and a scenic high alpine environment. Access to Engineer Mountain includes links to the Colorado Trail, Cascade Creek and from Coal Bank and Molas Pass areas. Developed trailheads connect this remote roadless area where one can experience solitude and a natural environment. Hiking, mountain biking and equestrian uses are popular activities for recreationists who appreciate the rugged narrow trails winding through the high open country. Day use predominates although some backpacking occurs and guided hunting parties, supported by packhorses, camp during hunting season. Essential services are provided at entry points on the San Juan Skyway including sanitation, parking, and visitor information.</p>

<p>East Missionary Ridge</p>	<p>Desired recreation settings within this area supports semi-primitive (ROS) day use primarily for nearby community residents who enjoy easy access to non-motorized recreation including hiking, scenic viewing, horse back riding, wildlife watching and a quick escape from the urban environment for exercise and fresh air. Facility development is limited to essential sanitary and information services and parking and travel management. The environment is natural appearing except for developed communication sites.</p>
<p>Turkey Springs, Mill Creek, Jackson Mountain, Buckles Lake</p>	<p>These areas serve as part of Pagosa Spring's "backyard". Desired recreation settings within these areas support day use primarily for nearby community residents who enjoy easy access to hiking, mountain biking, cross country skiing, and wildlife watching in a predominantly natural environment. The setting has aspects of both semi-primitive and roaded natural ROS, depending primarily on proximity to developed roads. Management actions are visible within this "working forest landscape" and primarily the result of forest restoration activities, grazing, travel management actions, and essential visitor information and services. Motorized and non-motorized recreation occurs on designated routes.</p>
<p>Saul's Creek</p>	<p>This area serves as part of Bayfield's "backyard". Desired recreation settings within these areas support day use primarily for nearby community residents who enjoy easily accessed motorized and non-motorized semi-primitive (ROS) recreation on designated routes including car camping, fire wood gathering, hunting, hiking, mountain biking, cross country skiing, and wildlife watching. Facility development is limited to essential sanitary and information services and parking and travel management. Numerous old roads serve as access and travelways for recreationists. While the sites and sounds of nature predominate, visitors experience a "working forest" and evidence of vegetation management, oil and gas development, grazing, and fuel wood gathering.</p>
<p>La Plata Canyon</p>	<p>The desired condition for this area is a roaded natural (ROS) recreation setting that supports day use and overnight use. Developed campgrounds and designated dispersed campsites are rustic and low key within a dramatic canyon environment, with frequent visible evidence of the old mining district. The demand for this area comes mostly from repeat visitors from the Durango, Mancos, Hesperus, Cortez and Farmington areas who seek a destination to enjoy friends and family in a predominantly natural environment. Evidence of management including signs and structures is frequent to address private property, sanitation, and resource protection concerns. Motorized use is primarily for scenic viewing, to access pedestrian activities, such as fishing, hiking or biking, or as a "pass through" to get to high country. Road design and maintenance is at a level that keeps speeds low and safe for pedestrians.</p>
<p>Beaver Meadows</p>	<p>Desired recreation settings within these areas support semi-primitive (ROS) recreation for community and destination visitors who enjoy easily accessed motorized and non-motorized recreation on designated routes. Activities include car camping, ATV and OHV riding, fire wood gathering, hunting, mountain biking, and wildlife watching. Facility development is limited to essential sanitary and information services and parking and travel management. Numerous old roads serve as access and travelways for recreationists. Designated trails provide miles of motorized opportunities. Winter recreation includes snow mobiling, snow shoeing and skiing on club groomed trails. While the sites and sounds of nature predominate, visitors also experience a "working forest" and evidence of vegetation management, grazing, and wood gathering.</p>

<p>Williams Creek Reservoir Developed Corridor</p>	<p>This area is designated a Management Area 4, Recreation Emphasis. The desired condition for this recreation corridor is a roaded natural (ROS) setting that supports day and overnight recreation use for community visitors who are seeking a natural environment and enjoy getting together with friends and family. During hunting season, this area serves a wider destination market including visitors from many western states. Developed campgrounds and designated dispersed campsites are rustic and low key and complement the spectacular backdrop of the mountains of the Weminuche Wilderness. During hunting season this corridor reaches capacity and experiences a high use and mix of recreation including hunting, hiking, fishing, picnicking, and camping. This area also serves as a primary access point into the Weminuche Wilderness. Visitor information, parking and other essential services support access to day and overnight wilderness recreation. Road design and low level of maintenance keeps speeds low and safely accommodates pedestrians. During winter this corridor offers motorized and non-motorized winter recreation from a plowed road-head, including snow mobiling, skiing and snow-shoeing.</p>
<p>First Fork of the Piedra River</p>	<p>The desired condition for this semi-primitive (ROS) recreation area is a setting that supports day and overnight recreation use for community visitors who are seeking a natural environment and enjoy getting together with friends and family. During hunting season, this area serves a wider destination market including visitors from many western states. Camping is dispersed, rustic and low key. During hunting season this corridor experiences higher use and a mix of recreation including hunting, hiking, fishing, picnicking, and camping. This recreation area has two developed trailheads which offer access into the primitive Piedra Area. Road design and low level of maintenance keeps speeds low and safely accommodates pedestrians. During winter this corridor offers a low level of motorized and non-motorized winter recreation from the road-head, including snow mobiling, skiing and snow-shoeing.</p>
<p>Molas Pass, Lizard Head Pass, Wolf Creek Pass, Red Mountain Pass.</p>	<p>These four areas offer spectacular scenic vistas, interpretation and rest stops year round for travelers on the San Juan Skyway and east to the San Luis Valley. During winter months these high passes support a huge recreation demand including backcountry skiers and boarders and snowmobiles. This is a strong community and destination market as people come from local communities and as far away as Montrose and Cortez. Winter parking and access along these roaded natural (ROS) recreation corridors are in high demand and facilitated by developed trailheads and CDOT snow plowing. Essential visitor information and sanitation are provided. Segregation between motorized and non-motorized uses in some locations ensures opportunities for backcountry quiet. In summer these passes serve as scenic corridors and as trailheads to the much more remote high alpine backcountry. Because these passes are scenic viewpoints where people stop to appreciate spectacular views, SJPL takes advantage of the opportunity for public interpretation and conservation education.</p>
<p>Hermosa</p>	<p>The desired condition for this large and primarily road less semi-primitive (ROS) area is to maintain a recreation setting that offers ample non-motorized recreation and limited motorized recreation for a community and destination market, within a natural appearing environment. Hiking, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, and OHV recreation takes place on a trail network designed to minimize conflicts and keep user encounters at a low level. Some trails and trailheads may be segregated for different types of uses. Access to the area is on developed road corridors which provide a gateway to more primitive recreation settings beyond. Natural quiet, solitude and feeling of remoteness are still found within the Hermosa backcountry. Management actions are visible but subtle and primarily the result of forest restoration, travel management, and essential visitor information and services. Winter recreation is limited due to restricted access.</p>
<p>Aspen Loop</p>	<p>The desired condition for this area is to maintain a semi-primitive (ROS) recreation setting that offers both motorized and non-motorized recreation for a predominantly community market. Hiking, mountain biking, picnicking, scenic viewing (especially fall color), camping, and OHV recreation are primary uses. A trail and road network exists to support this recreation and to minimize conflicts and keep user encounters at a low level. Access to the area is on main road corridors which provide a developed gateway to semi-primitive recreation settings in the aspen covered mesas and the La Plata Mountains beyond. In addition, the Aspen Loop Trail continues to provide a high quality motorized recreation travel corridor. Winter recreation is similar to summer in offering a mix of motorized and non-motorized recreation from developed trailheads. Management actions in the dispersed areas are visible but subtle within this "working forest landscape" and primarily the result of forest restoration activities, grazing, travel management actions, and essential visitor information and services. The more developed settings</p>

	of Jersey Jim Lookout and Transfer Campground have additional amenities and resource protection as appropriate.
Chicken Creek	Non-motorized winter recreation close to town and is part of the Aspen Loop/Hay Camp Mesa SRMAs with a separate winter component. See the Aspen Loop/Hay Camp Mesa write-ups for additional information

Monitoring of structured recreation management areas will occur, at a minimum, through unstructured interviews and focus group surveys to determine visitor satisfaction.

Marketing of structured recreation management areas will be done through local directional and site signs, and agency visitor information for all community market areas. In addition, for destination markets, marketing may include wider venues such as local chambers of commerce and State-wide tourism marketing venues.