

**Landscape Profile: Mesas**  
**129, 000 Acres**

**District: Mancos-Dolores**  
**January 20, 2005**

Outstanding Features	Active Uses	Landscape Concerns	Landscape Opportunities	Oil and Gas Leasing (Acres)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality Scenery – mesas, deep canyons, sandstone cliffs, West Dolores and Upper Dolores Rivers</li> <li>Fen wetlands</li> <li>Unroaded &amp; unharvested aspen mesa top</li> <li>CO Cutthroat Trout habitat</li> <li>San Juan Skyway Scenic Byway</li> <li>Fall Color Viewing Area</li> <li>Several long and diverse system of trails</li> <li>Natural setting w/active multiple use activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grazing</li> <li>Timber management – firewood, aspen and spruce fir with extensive history of past harvest</li> <li>Firewood collection</li> <li>Multiple recreation uses</li> <li>Municipal watershed</li> </ul> <p><b>Land Ownership (Acres)</b></p> <p>National Forest 122,000            BLM 50            Private 6,975            Private surface federal subsurface (not ready for 1/20/2005)            State 75</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damage to fens wetlands by OHVs and grazing</li> <li>Weed proliferation</li> <li>Motorized/non-motorized rec conflicts (e.g., Bear Cr., Calico, Taylor Measa, Tenderfoot, Priest Gulch and Wildcat area)</li> <li>Resource impacts from motorize. use (Taylor Mesa)</li> <li>ATVs changing motorized and Mtn. bike single-track experience and impacting resources</li> <li>Mesa sides landslide prone – due to geology</li> <li>Private land grazing affecting streambank stability on public lands.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspen and Spruce/Fir Management</li> <li>Forest restoration/reveg of former logged areas-Taylor mesa &amp; Stoner Mesa</li> <li>Develop loop trails off of Calico to connect w/Rico &amp; River</li> <li>Proposed oil &amp; gas leasing</li> <li>Improve riparian condition of the Westfork of the Dolores River</li> <li>Prescribed natural fire</li> </ul>	<p>Current leases 1,047</p> <p>Available 81,600            W/restrictions 40,300 (No Surface Occupancy)</p> <p><b>Roads and Trails</b></p> <p>Roads (miles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved 87</li> <li>Unimproved 103</li> <li>Closed 107</li> <li>Inventoried non-system 259</li> <li>Other 20</li> </ul> <p>Trails (miles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motorized UNK</li> <li>Non-motorized UNK</li> </ul> <p>Total Miles</p>
<p><b>Vegetation Data</b></p> <p>Vegetation Types: % of area by Vegetation Types:</p> <p>Trees 43%            Shrubs 13%            Grass 7%            Forbes 8%            Barren 3%            Water 1%            Unclassified 25%</p> <p>Currently Suitable Timberlands: 48,000 acres</p>	<p><b>Dominant Recreation Uses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hiking</li> <li>Mtn. biking</li> <li>Hunting-big game</li> <li>Backpacking</li> <li>ATVing</li> <li>High elevation motorized single-tracks</li> <li>Dispersed Camping</li> <li>Developed camping and picnic sites</li> <li>Back country skiing</li> <li>Snowmobiling</li> </ul>			