

## Study Group Theme Comments for Williams: Pagosa Meeting 2/24/'05

### Theme Area #: 215

Landscape	Comment
Williams	Expand it to more road less because of lack of roads now right beneath it...would hurt to extend that line down or put in a buffer of a 3 or 4 -- another comment: lots of rec. happens there
Williams	1 and 5 are side by side -- don't put 5's by 1's -- use buffer concept
Williams	Change this area to Theme 1 because it is a steep area adjacent to the Wilderness.
Williams	Support the change to Theme 1.
Williams	Ideal Theme 1 Area

### Theme Area #: 230

Landscape	Comment
Williams	But this area has a lot of 5 type use already -- there is stuff happening up there now
Williams	Support Theme 2 White Fir RNA Area. Concerned about the challenge of keeping cattle out...recommend fencing the west side. The cattle are trampling native and endangered plants. Discussed the different impacts of wildlife and cattle in the area. Preference
Williams	Set aside for pure white fire research. Theme 2 makes sense

**Theme Area #: 233**

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Williams	Theme 5 is a good fit because the area is used for grazing.

**Theme Area #: 466**

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Williams	This area has old growth...protect it.
Williams	This Black Mountain road area is considered to be very special making it's classification as Theme 3 very appropriate.

**Theme Area #: 467**

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Williams	Create Theme 2 area for the Frosty Bladder Pod, only found in Archuleta Co. The Nature Conservancy helped purchase this area...it's special. (There may also be another area to the north of mapped area.)
Williams	Go to a 3 or 4 -- goes w/flow of 4 corridor and recreation
Williams	West end of this Theme 5 polygon between McMannis and Piedra should be made part of adjacent Theme #4 Piedra Road to Williams Lake corridor. It is not forested and functions primarily as a crossway for elk and a hunting area for big game.
Williams	Theme okay as is. Loop formed by the Plumtaw Rd. and Piedra Rd. is a high use Recreation loop and visual corridor. (the Chamber identifies and promotes this "visual drive".) There is also snowmobiling in the winter. Maintain the scenic values

**Theme Area #: 468**

**Landscape**

**Comment**

Williams Theme 5 Plumtaw Road area is appropriate theme. Good snowmobiling on road only. Otherwise, too steep.

**Theme Area #: 471**

**Landscape**

**Comment**

Williams change the boundary move the 1 more to the north

Williams needs protection from damage from higher use

Williams Great designation

Williams good deal to make it a one because there is no roads here

Williams For this wild stretch of the Piedra, Theme 1 is correct. Some are concerned that private water rights not be infringed upon, others say protect it at all costs. All agree that it should remain a natural.

**Theme Area #: 473**

**Landscape**

**Comment**

Williams May need to be a 5 to protect active grazing allotments.

Williams should be a 1 – ont lots of use – needs wildfire management – the terrain is very rough

Williams Consider the area north of Williams Lake , and adjacent to Poison Park as a 1 instead of a 3.

Williams should be wild – wildflife is important and it borders the wilderness.

Williams Appropriate move since it adjoins the wilderness

**Theme Area #: 477**

**Landscape**

**Comment**

Williams no more roads but make it a 3

**Theme Area #: 486**

**Landscape**

**Comment**

Williams Consider combining the narrow 3 into one of the adjacent themes 4 or 5 to make management more efficient. Probably make it a 5 due to grazing, but may need to consider a 4 due to steepness and lack of access.

Williams no new roads here

Williams Forest health is not very good on east side of Williams Res. In some large areas. Make sure the theme applied will allow timber sales or whatever it takes to get the forest healthy again.

Williams currently there are not many roads in this area

Williams Support the change to Theme 3 because of the limited access, lake and is the backdrop/view shed from the lake.

Williams Narrow band of 3 makes sense to some degree because of the steepness, may be hard to manage because it is so narrow.

**Theme Area #: 488**

**Landscape**

**Comment**

Williams Its best to limit this area to a theme 1

Williams Why isn't this a 1 like the lower section? Why not keep it wild and a scenic designation like the other section? A 3 is appropriate as long as the wild and scenic designation, and all that comes with that, can still apply in a 3

Williams In favor of 3 theme for East and Middle Fork of Piedra along river corridors.

**Theme Area #: 489**

**Landscape**

**Comment**

Williams North end of Trail Ridge Stock Driveway trail (as it drops down to the north to the notch) needs some fences if it is open up as a trail.

Williams Adjust lower boundary of Theme 4 Rec area closer to the road, thereby extending the Theme 1 boundary north along the Piedra river. Primarily hiking recreation in that area, which also fits with Theme 1. There was support for Theme 4 Rec. corridor.

Williams Might be better as a 3 due to need to look into the future. We aren't just mapping current uses but trying to think 5, 10, 20 years out -- I think this has a restoration theme to it, not extraction

Williams concentrate the impacts make this a 4 it is a good place for people and families

**Theme Area #:** 496

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Williams	It's adjacent to a recreation area, Trail Ridge 3-4
Williams	If it has roads already, good place to timber
Williams	Support Theme 5 designation in this area.

**Theme Area #:** 499

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Williams	make this a 1
Williams	Trail Ridge, Sally overlook area, agree that the 5 should be extended into the 3 area along roaded benches.

**Theme Area #:** General

<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Williams	Recreation has as much of an impact as traditional uses (timber/ grazing etc.) Both 4s and 5s have a lot of impact it is just different type.
Williams	For all themes within the Williams Landscape, management actions need to consider and sustain the water storage (snow pack) landscape feature that is critical for municipal and agricultural uses of the area.

Williams            How might the designation of the Piedra as a wild and scenic river impact or be impacted by upstream water rights?

Williams            Want to recognize that Poison Park has unique poisonous plants. Group discussed Theme 4 and decided it would not impact this feature because it is a wet meadow avoided by users.