

<u>Value Statement</u>	<u>Issues</u>	<u>Potential Tools</u>	<u>Criteria for Evaluating Potential Tools</u>
<p><b>The Hermosa Creek Area is exceptional because it is a large intact (unfragmented) natural watershed containing diverse ecosystems, including fish, plants and wildlife, over a broad elevation range, and supports a variety of multiple uses, including recreation and grazing, in the vicinity of a large town.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conflicts among user groups as they pertain to carrying capacity of the land and watershed.</li> <li>2. Sedimentation</li> <li>3. Possible development (roads, water, mining, private land, expansion of Durango Mountain Resort)</li> </ol> <p><u><i>These issues may have impacts on:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Water quantity/volume and flows for cutthroat trout</li> <li>. Water quality</li> <li>. Wildlife</li> <li>. Solitude and quiet</li> <li>. Safety</li> <li>. Agricultural uses and sustainability</li> </ul>	<p><u><i>Land Management</i></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) San Juan National Forest -- Land Management Plan and other Agency rules, standards, plans, guidelines, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Greater dispersing/ment of users</li> <li>- Designation of a Research Natural Area</li> <li>- Limiting the number of users without eliminating uses</li> <li>- Road and trail standards and rehabilitation</li> <li>- Gather information about and monitoring of user numbers (use of clubs and interest groups)</li> <li>- weed control (mgmt. practices)</li> <li>- other rules, standards, policies and guidelines</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Wilderness Area designation</li> <li>3) Other designations such as National Conservation Area or National Recreation Area</li> <li>4) Roadless Area Rules/policies</li> <li>5) <u><i>Water</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Instream flow rights to protect water</li> <li>- Wild and Scenic River designation</li> <li>- DOW regulations regarding fishing</li> <li>- Inventory of sediment sources</li> <li>- New potential tool: "negative water right"</li> </ul> </li> <li>6) <u><i>Other - Water</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A new tool/standard for sediment, to be developed by the group</li> </ul> </li> <li>7) <b>Private land acquisition</b></li> <li>8) <b>Special Legislation</b></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reliability</li> <li>2. Permanency</li> <li>3. Degree and Extent of Protection</li> <li>4. Local versus Federal Control</li> <li>5. Other</li> <li>6. Other</li> </ol>