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RECREATION — TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT					
Up to 400 miles of hiking, horseback riding, and mechanized (non-motorized) trails would be signed, improved, and/or developed in the following areas: Bitter Creek, Boulevard Ridge, Burnt Timber Canyon, Centennial Book Cliffs Trail, Chipeta Canyon, Daniels Canyon, Devils Hole, Green River, Dry Fork, Ely/Rainbow Park, Home Mountain, Little Mountain, Nine Mile, Rat Hole Canyon, Spitzenberg/Warren Ridge, Taylor Canyon, Westwater Point, Willow Creek, Yellow Pine, other additional trails.	Same as the Proposed RMP.	Hiking, horseback riding, and mechanized (non-motorized) trails would not be developed.	Same as the Proposed RMP.	About 55 miles of hiking and/or horseback trails would be developed in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashley Creek, Beaver, Green River, Nine Mile, Willow, other places in the resource area. Approximately 2 miles of mountain bicycle trails would be established using existing rural road and trails. A non-motorized trail along Sears Canyon would be established. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 400 miles of hiking, horseback riding, and mechanized (non-motorized) trails would be signed, improved, and/or developed in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bitter Creek, Boulevard Ridge, Burnt Timber Canyon, Centennial Book Cliffs Trail, Chipeta Canyon Daniels Canyon, Devils Hole Green River, Dry Fork, Ely/Rainbow Park, Home Mountain, Little Mountain, Nine Mile, Rat Hole Canyon, Spitzenberg/Warren Ridge, Taylor Canyon, Westwater Point, Willow Creek, Yellow Pine, other additional trails Where these trail projects cross non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics, uses would be limited to primitive and non-mechanized form of recreation, and the settings required to supports those activities and experiences.
Up to 800 miles of motorized routes would be signed, improved, and/or developed.	Same as the Proposed RMP.	Same as the Proposed RMP.	Up to 800 miles of motorized routes would not be improved and/or developed.	The Red Mountain trail would be managed and maintained as a motorized trail.	Same as Alternative C.
OHV use for big game retrieval off designated routes would not be allowed.	Same as the Proposed RMP.	Big game retrieval off designated routes would be allowed within 24 hours after a tag has been punched. (Limited to one vehicle).	Same as the Proposed RMP.	Unspecified in the current management plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OHV use for big game retrieval off designated routes would not be allowed. In WSAs and non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics, there would be no off-road motorized access to dispersed campsites.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BLM would work in conjunction with the National Park Service to minimize noise and light pollution adjacent to Dinosaur National Monument using best available technology. Movement of operations to mitigate sound and light impacts would be required to be at least 200 meters from the Monument boundary unless otherwise designated by oil and gas leasing constraint or a determination is made that natural barriers or view sheds would meet these mitigation objectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BLM would work in conjunction with the National Park Service to minimize noise and light pollution adjacent to Dinosaur National Monument using best available technology, such as installation of multi-cylinder pumps, hospital sound-reducing mufflers, and placement of exhaust systems to direct noise away from the monument. There would be a requirement to reduce light pollution by using methods such as limiting height of light poles, timing of lighting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alternative A. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BLM would work in conjunction with the National Park Service to minimize noise and light pollution adjacent to Dinosaur National Monument using best available technology, such as installation of multi-cylinder pumps, hospital sound-reducing mufflers, and placement of exhaust systems to direct noise away from the monument. There would be a requirement to reduce light pollution by using methods such as limiting height of light poles, timing of lighting 	Unspecified in the current management plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BLM would work in conjunction with the National Park Service and energy companies to minimize noise and light pollution adjacent to Dinosaur National Monument using best available technology, such as installation of multi-cylinder pumps, hospital sound-reducing mufflers, and placement of exhaust systems to direct noise away from the monument. There would be a requirement to reduce light pollution by using methods such as limiting height of light poles, timing of lighting

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	<p>operations (meaning limiting lighting to times of darkness associated with drilling and work over or maintenance operations), limiting wattage intensity, and constructing light shields.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement of operations to mitigate sound and light impacts would be required to be at least 200 meters from the Monument boundary for VRM Classes II, III, and IV, unless otherwise designated by oil and gas leasing constraint or a determination is made that natural barriers for view sheds would meet these mitigation objectives. 		<p>operations (meaning limiting lighting to times of darkness associated with drilling and work over or maintenance operations), limiting wattage intensity, and constructing light shields.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands would be open to oil and gas leasing, subject to major constraints such as No Surface Occupancy (NSO) for one-half mile from the monument boundary. • VRM Class designations would be I, II, and III. 		<p>operations (meaning limiting lighting to times of darkness associated with drilling and work over or maintenance operations), limiting wattage intensity, and constructing light shields.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands would be open to oil and gas leasing, subject to major constraints such as No Surface Occupancy (NSO) for one-half mile from the monument boundary. • VRM Class designations would be I, II, and III. • Non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics contiguous to Dinosaur National Monument and the Moonshine Draw WSA would be managed as VRM I, and closed to mineral leasing, OHV use and biking.