

# RED HILL SPECIAL RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



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*Attachment; Draft Monitoring Plan*

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND INTRODUCTION

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BLM public lands in the Red Hill area provide an important "close to town" recreation area for local residents of the Roaring Fork valley. Demand to preserve Red Hill's unique recreational and aesthetic values, as well as address the associated impacts of the recreational use, have accelerated as the region prospers and grows.

With this in mind, a group of concerned users and neighbors formed the Red Hill Council. The Red Hill Council then engaged the Town of Carbondale, the Colorado Division of Wildlife, Garfield County, the Colorado Department of Transportation, Aspen Glen development, the BLM and others. The partnership set out to develop a strategy that would protect public lands managed by the BLM and minimize conflicts while continuing to provide for recreational use. The intent of the Committee is best described in the mission statement.

*"The mission of the Red Hill Project is to develop a plan that provides for protection of the natural resource through long-term management and careful analysis. Planning should recognize increasing public demands on the resource and consider the need to minimize human impacts on the natural environment. The mission is also to support education of the public about the resource, its biological and geographical features and suitable methods of use."*

The benefits of implementing the proposed strategy or continuing the current management direction was then evaluated in an environmental assessment (EA). The EA involved public lands bounded on the west by Highway 82, on the north by the Cattle Creek Road (CR 113), on the east by County Road 112 and 105, and on the south by State Highway 82.

The environmental analysis determined that the current custodial management direction did not adequately address the identified issues, public concerns, or the anticipated future growth in recreational use. In addition, the current management doesn't help maintain or achieve healthy public lands. It was concluded that directing recreational use will help solve many of the identified problems while enhancing recreational opportunities for the community and visitors.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) considered the overall management strategy which defined how BLM/partners will manage resources in the Red Hill area and the routes to be designated for mountain bike travel. The specific management of recreation use, recreation resources and other resources is accomplished by completing and implementing this Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) implementation plan.

The Red Hill area provides a diversity of benefits to users and local residents. It also benefits wildlife and plant species. To understand the approach taken in the planning process and the implementation plan, one needs to understand the concept of "benefits" and how it is being used in this plan. This benefits-based approach goes beyond the traditional approach of managing for each component of the area separately. It recognizes that the elements of the BLM area are linked and that each one contributes benefits to humans, wildlife and the environment alike. Benefits as viewed in this plan are ...*changes viewed to be advantageous or prevention of a worse condition to individuals, society or the environment.*"

### EXAMPLE:

*Because people desire different experiences they choose to participate in their preferred activities in places that have different setting characteristics. For example, camping in a backcountry valley by a remote lake offers a different experience than camping in a developed campground setting by a crowded lake.*

*With this in mind, managers/partners can offer various desired experience opportunities (→ benefit opportunities) by:*

- a. *changing specific **setting attributes** including; the character of the landscape, the trails and facilities, evidence of and contacts with other people, the level of visitor services, the amount of regulations, the level of use by mechanized/motorized vehicles, and by*
- b. ***managing for particular activities.***

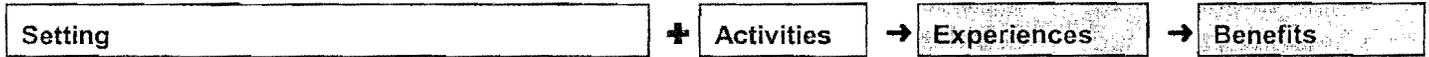
*Having a good desired experience can add value to your life; it can "benefit" your family, your community (socially and economically); and can even lead to positive outcomes for the environment.*

# PROFILE OF THE RED HILL PLANNING STRATEGY

How & What we do.  
(mgmt. actions)

+ What visitors do

→ The desired outcomes.  
(objectives).



On Red Hill we said.....

**PHYSICAL SETTING:** Retain (allow few modifications) the existing characteristic naturally appearing landscape.

**↗ Mgmt Actions ↖**

1. Maintain a few primitive trails with directional signs & erosion controls.
2. Install interp. signage at/near trailheads.
3. Designate, construct & maintain Rim, Fairy, New Bandit Trail.
4. Rehab old Bandit Trail.
5. Wildlife improvements to mitigate rec. impacts

**SOCIAL SETTING:** Visitors can expect to see, on an avg. day, a max. of 10-15 groups on travel routes around Mushroom Rock & <10 on the northside, slight vegetation trampling along travel routes & infrequent evidence of other users once away from trailheads

**↗ Mgmt Actions ↖**

1. Indirect methods to maintain social setting.
2. Rehab areas to limit evidence of others.

**ADMIN. SETTING:** Brochures-maps give directions & help protect resources. Basic visitor controls posted w/ some seasonal use limitations. No fees. Mountain bike use on trails & no motorized use.

**↗ Mgmt Actions ↖**

1. Develop simple regulatory & info. signs, maps and/or brochures.
2. Restrict mtn bikes to trails .
3. Limit authorized motorized travel.
4. Initiate educational efforts to keep visitors on designated routes & away from private property.
5. Utilize regular law enforcement patrols at access points, patrol infrequently to interior areas.
6. Visitor contacts by field personnel/ volunteers will be the preferred to gain visitor compliance.

+ Manage for visitors to have the opportunity to engage in day-use walking, hiking, running, horseback riding and mountain biking..

→ Escaping everyday responsibilities and other people for awhile.

Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity

Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics

→ Better mental and physical health through reduced tension/anxiety

Higher satisfaction with life

Improved physical fitness/ better health

Greater cultivation of an outdoor-oriented lifestyle

Heightened sense of community pride & satisfaction

Greater environmental awareness and stewardship

Greater aesthetic appreciation

Preservation of this special place

Greater understanding and respect for private property

The management objectives or desired outcomes of this SRMA are as follows:

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## RED HILL SRMA MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

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By the year 2005, manage this area so that 85% of visitors and community residents responding to a visitor/community survey, report at least a "moderate" realization of the targeted experiences/benefits (i.e. 3.0 on a probably scale where 1 = not at all, 2 = somewhat, 3 = moderate, 4 = complete/total realization).

### I. Targeted Experiences/Benefits

<i>Targeted Experiences</i>		<i>Targeted Benefits</i>
<i>Escaping everyday responsibilities and other people for awhile.</i>	→	<i>◆ Better mental and physical health through reduced tension/anxiety ◆ Higher satisfaction with life</i>
<i>Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</i>	→	<i>◆ Improved physical fitness/ better health ◆ Greater cultivation of an outdoor-oriented lifestyle. ◆ Heightened sense of community pride &amp; satisfaction</i>
<i>Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</i>	→	<i>◆ Greater environmental awareness and stewardship ◆ Greater aesthetic appreciation ◆ Preservation of this special place ◆ Greater understanding and respect for private property</i>

BLM will provide the targeted experiences and benefit opportunities by managing the Red Hill area under the following management prescriptions:

### II. Targeted Setting prescriptions

#### 1. Physical Attributes;

Allow a few modifications in an otherwise naturally appearing landscape. Maintain a few primitive trails with directional signs and erosion controls. Install interpretive signage at/near trailheads.

Retain the existing characteristic landscape. The level of change in any of the basic landscape elements (form, line, color, texture) due to management activities will remain low and not evident (VRM Class II). Apply no surface occupancy (NSO) stipulations to the area.

#### 2. Social Attributes;

Visitors can expect to see, on an average day, a maximum of 10-15 groups on travel routes around Mushroom Rock and <10 on the northside, slight vegetation trampling along travel routes and infrequent evidence of other users once away from trailheads.

The management of the area will be focused on meeting this social target, even though increasing use of the area could make this target difficult to maintain. If monitoring indicates that an increase in people or encounters is negatively affecting the achievement of benefits/management objectives, then management actions could be taken to reduce the number of encounters. Indirect methods will be utilized in conjunction with recommendations from the Red Hill Committee.

### 3. *Administrative Attributes;*

Guide visitors with simple regulatory and informational signs, maps and/or brochures. Funding through user fees not preferred. Restrict mountain bikes and other non-motorized/mechanized use to trails. Limit motorized travel to authorized users on a temporary basis. Initiate educational efforts to keep visitors on designated routes and away from private property. Regular law enforcement patrols to access points, infrequent to interior areas. Visitor contact by field personnel/seasonals/volunteer patrols will be the preferred method to gain visitor compliance.

### **III. Targeted Activity prescriptions**

*Manage for the activities of day-use walking, hiking, running, horseback riding and mountain biking, on designated routes. Manage for longer duration of targeted activities on the northside. Other activities such as hunting, will still take place but BLM and/or partners will not focus funding or implementing actions for enhancement of those activities.*

# Red Hill Designations

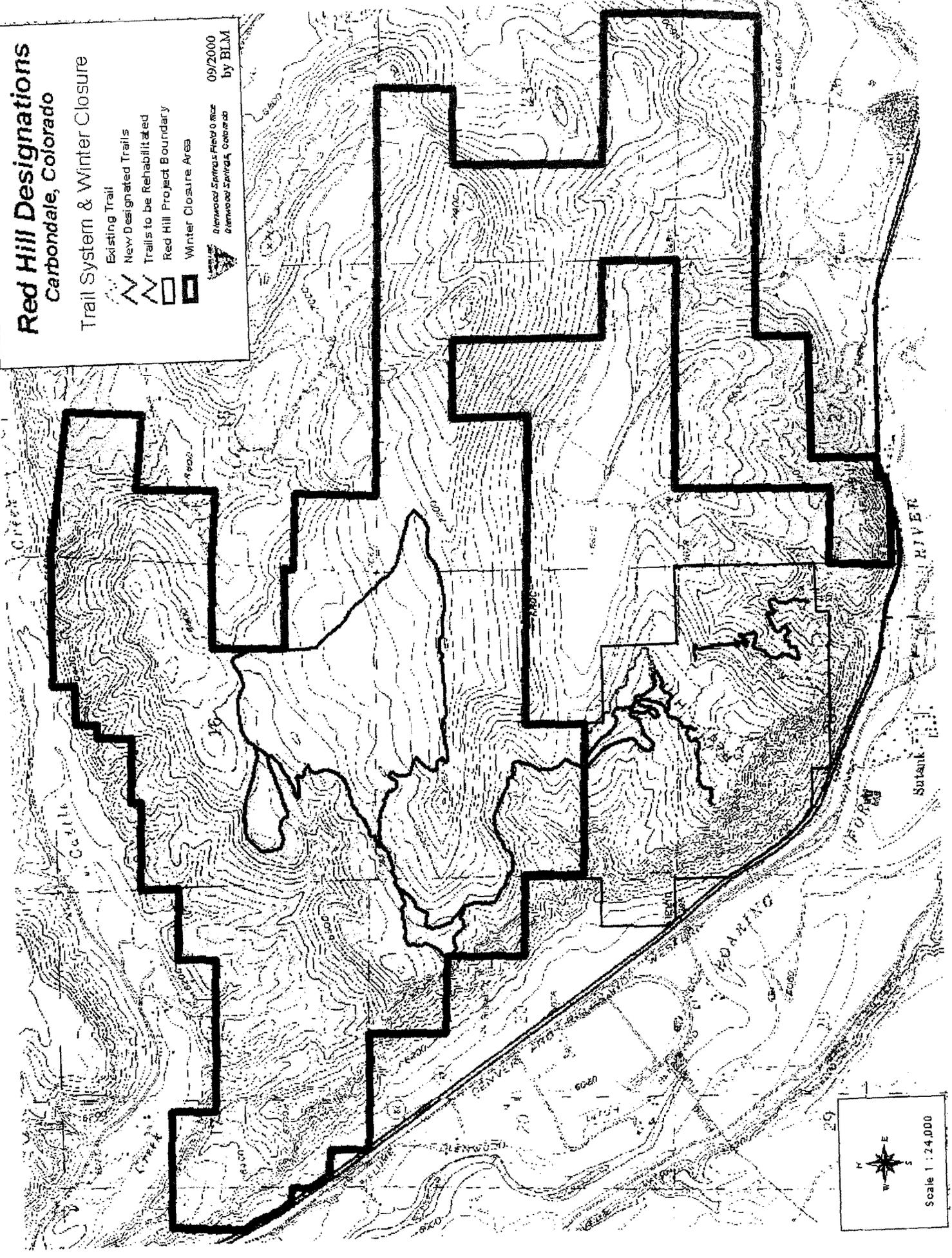
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## Trail System & Winter Closure

- Existing Trail
- New Designated Trails
- Trails to be Rehabilitated
- Red Hill Project Boundary
- Winter Closure Area



09/2000  
Bureau of Land Management  
Carbondale, Colorado  
by BLM



North Arrow  
Scale 1 : 24,000

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**PHYSICAL SETTING** = Prescribes the character of the LAND and FACILITIES including remoteness, degree of naturalness, and the type and amount of facilities present.

**RED HILL** = Allow a few modifications in an otherwise naturally appearing landscape. Retain the existing characteristic landscape.  
 Maintain a few primitive trails with directional signs and erosion controls. Install interpretive sign at/near trailheads.

Management Actions:	Priority	Where	How (Critical Steps)	When	Who	Other	Costs
Designate, construct and maintain routes open for recreational use.							
➤ Construct alternative trailhead route (3 Gulch) to sage meadow.	A	SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 28	Approved in Environmental Assessment	Summer 2000	Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers, Volunteers, Red Hill Council, BLM	Analyzed in plan amendment (EA #-CO-07 8-99-030).	\$4,000
➤ Refine new Rim Trail.	B	NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 28	Cultural Analysis. Botanical Analysis. BLM authorized officer OK required before construction. Environmental Assessment by BLM.	Spring 2001	Red Hill Council, BLM, volunteers.	Analyzed in plan amendment (EA #-CO-07 8-99-030).	\$200
➤ Refine Fairy Trail	B	SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 21	BLM authorized officer OK required before construction. Environmental Assessment needed if route changes.	Spring 2000	Red Hill Council, BLM, volunteers.	Analyzed in plan amendment (EA #-CO-07 8-99-030).	\$300
➤ Construct new Bandit Trail	A	SE 1/4 of Section 21	Environmental Assessment needed if route changes. BLM recreation planner OK required before construction.	Fall 2000	Red Hill Council, BLM, volunteers.	Analyzed in plan amendment (EA #-CO-07 8-99-030).	\$200
➤ Refine Elk Traverse and Northside loop trails	A	N 1/2 of Section 21, NE 1/4 of Section 20, SE 1/4 of Section 17, Section 16, NW 1/4 of Section 22	BLM authorized officer OK required before construction. Environmental Assessment needed if route changes.	Summer 2001	Red Hill Council, BLM, volunteers.	Analyzed in plan amendment (EA #-CO-07 8-99-030).	\$500

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<p>Abandon portions of the Bandit Trail in the south 1/2 of section 21 will be rehabilitated following construction of the New Bandit Trail. Rehabilitation will involve signing, seeding, camouflage of the existing trail with native materials and raking.</p>	<p>A</p>	<p>South 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of section 21</p>	<p>Coordinate with BLM recreation planner before rehabilitation.</p>	<p>Fall 2000</p>	<p>Red Hill Council, BLM, volunteers.</p>	<p>Analyzed in plan amendment (EA #-CO-07 8-99-030).</p>	<p>\$100</p>
<p>Existing 3 Pole route will be rehabilitated following construction of alternative 3 Pole single-track route. Rehabilitation will involve signing, seeding, camouflage of the existing trail with native materials, revegetation, mechanical hauling of topsoil, irrigation, use of mechanical equipment and construction of waterbars.</p>	<p>A</p>	<p>SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of section 28.</p>	<p>Cultural Analysis. Botanical Analysis. Environmental Assessment may be required depending on the scale of the project. If not, BLM authorized officer OK required before rehab can proceed..</p>	<p>Summer/fall 2001</p>	<p>Donated contractor time, Red Hill Council, BLM, volunteers.</p>	<p>Analyzed in plan amendment (EA #-CO-07 8-99-030). Will require substantial labor force to complete task.</p>	<p>\$15,000</p>
<p>Final on the ground layout/alignment of designated "new" trails (such as the alternate route to "Three Poles") will be approved by BLM's authorized officer.</p>	<p>A</p>	<p>Area -wide</p>	<p>BLM manager initially OKs partners to proceed with project. Cultural Analysis. Botanical Analysis. Approval of the Environmental Assessment by BLM.</p>	<p>As necessary.</p>	<p>Red Hill Council, BLM, volunteers.</p>		<p>\$500</p>
<p>Routes/realignments outside of the surveyed corridors will require an environmental assessment plus cultural &amp; biological clearances, as necessary.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Area-wide</p>	<p>Contact BLM representative ASAP to decide on a plan of action and critical steps.</p>	<p>As necessary</p>	<p>Red Hill Council, BLM, volunteers.</p>		<p>Depends upon the extent of the work.</p>

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Recreational trails will be located and use directed to avoid conflicts with the existing commercial horseback riding operation (Funland).	N/A	South 1/2 of section 17	Trail proposals in the NW part of the area will require consultation between Funland/Red Hill Council/BLM/proponent.	Unknown	Red Hill Council, BLM, volunteers, commercial operator, proponent.		\$200
Review proposals for compliance with Visual Resource Management (VRM.) CLASS II.	N/A	Area -wide	Actions will not affect the existing characteristic landscape. The level of change in any of the basic landscape elements due to management activities will be low and not evident.	As necessary	BLM	RMP revision accomplished in plan amendment (EA #-CO-07 8-99-030).	\$0
Review proposals for compliance with no surface occupancy (NSO) stipulations.	N/A	Area -wide	Ensure NSO stipulation is considered in fluid mineral leasing management.	As necessary	BLM	RMP revision accomplished in plan amendment (EA #-CO-07 8-99-030).	\$0
Wildlife and habitat improvements (i.e. guzzlers, plantings) will be utilized to mitigate impacts to displaced wildlife (specifically, mule deer) from (increased) recreational use, as needed.	N/A	Northside	Work with the CDOW to identify a monitoring system that can specifically identify recreation-wildlife conflicts. If necessary, identify projects to help mitigate conflicts. Procure funding to implement mitigation projects.	Unknown	DOW., BLM, Red Hill Council, Volunteers	Analyzed in plan amendment (EA #-CO-07 8-99-030). Project itself will require EA.	\$1000
Landscape the parking area at the base of Red Hill with emphasis on screening the parking lot from view on HW 82.	C	Parking area and base of Red Hill adjacent to County Road 107 and Highway 82.	CDOT approvals, Town of Carbondale input, Garfield County Road and Bridge communications.	2001 or 2002	Town of Carbondale, CDOT, Red Hill Council, Volunteers.	Carbondale, as a beneficiary, should participate.	\$4000
Investigate & develop non-motorized connection to Highway 133 trail system & Carbondale using the tunnel under HW 82, bridge across the Roaring Fork River & future HW133 trail.	C	Intersection of state Highway 82 and state Highway 133 at the base of Red Hill and across the Roaring Fork River.	CDOT, private landowner approval/easement, Town of Carbondale, engineering, procurement of funding.	2001 or 2002	Town of Carbondale, Red Hill Council, volunteers, Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers	Town of Carbondale participation and funding procurement are critical elements.	\$10,000 to \$100,000

**SOCIAL SETTING =** Prescribes the character of HUMAN USE & OCCUPANCY inc. the amount of contact with other people and evidence of their having been present.

**RED HILL =** Visitors can expect to see, on an average day, a maximum of 10-15 groups on travel routes around Mushroom Rock and <10 on the Northside, slight vegetation trampling along travel routes and infrequent evidence of other users once away from trailheads.

Management Actions:	Priority	Where	How (Critical Steps)	When	Who	Other	Costs
The management of the area will focus on meeting the above social target, even though increasing use of the area could make this target difficult to maintain. Manage for longer duration of targeted activities on the Northside and few encounters with other groups (< 10 per day)	N/A	Area -wide	If monitoring, via user survey & patrols indicates that an increase in people is negatively affecting the achievement of benefits or management objectives, then indirect management actions could be taken to reduce the number of encounters.	User Survey 2005 & on-going feedback from visitors and patrols	BLM, Red Hill Council	Indirect methods to maintain social setting will be utilized in conjunction with recommendations from the Red Hill Council before direct visitor limitations would be considered.	\$2000
Conduct periodic visitor survey's and maintain a public input process to achieve regular feedback on the "desire for" and "achievement of" the identified Red Hill management objectives. (see attachment)	B	Area-wide	BLM & Red Hill Council to begin planning in 2004 to get funding & researcher to perform a survey in 2005.	2004 planning, 2005 implementation	BLM, Red Hill Council, volunteers	BLM will provide survey instrument and analysis software or previous survey instrument to be utilized "as it is" or modified. Red Hill Council funding.	\$10,000

**ADMINISTRATIVE SETTING =** Prescribes the character of the MANAGEMENT SYSTEM including the degree of management control, regulation, and visitor services provided by collaborating partners..

**Red Hill =** Guide visitors with simple regulatory and informational signs, maps and/or brochures. Funding through user fees not preferred. Restrict mountain bikes to trails and encourage other non-motorized/mechanized visitation to use trails. Limit motorized travel to authorized users on a temporary basis. Initiate educational efforts to keep visitors on designated routes and away from private property. Utilize periodic law-enforcement patrols and access points, patrol infrequently to interior areas. This or contacts by field personnel/seasonal/volunteers will be the preferred method to gain visitor compliance.

Management Actions:	Priority	Where	How (Critical Steps)	When	Who	Other	Costs
Ensure that Red Hill is managed in accordance with BLM Special Recreation Management area (SRMA) policy where recreation is the principal management focus	A	Entire Planning Area	BLM will coordinate with partners on management issues within the Red Hill planning area.	Completed December 31, 1999	BLM	RMP revised by plan amendment (EA #-CO-07 8-99-030).	None
Develop monitoring strategy for objectives (see attachment)	Ongoing	Entire Planning Area	Work with BLM & DOW or wildlife consultant.	2001	BLM, Red Hill Council, Volunteers		None
Develop Annual Budget	Ongoing	N/A	Utilize implementation plan and other information	Annually	Red Hill Council		None
Secure Funding for Projects and Operations	Ongoing	N/A	Determine grant application deadlines and budget deadlines.	Ongoing	Red Hill Council, BLM		\$500
Maintain relationship with Town of Carbondale, Garfield County, BLM, DOW, CDOT, community members and other parties	Ongoing	N/A	Written and Verbal Communications, Site Visits, Maintain Ownership by Organizations	Ongoing	Red Hill Council		\$500
Maintain Public Information Function for the Red Hill Council and Project	Ongoing	N/A	Keep the Public Involved on a Regular Basis, Quality Press Releases, Relationship with the Media	Ongoing	Red Hill Council, BLM		\$500

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Establish a work plan on an annual basis.	Ongoing.	N/A.	Maintain updated implementation plan, determine priorities from board input and community comments/input.	Annually.	Red Hill Council, BLM.		None
501 C-3 - Budget & Nonprofit Status.	A	N/A	Attorney Preparation, compliance with federal regulations.	Immediately.	Red Hill Council & attorney		\$1000
Install trail markers signs & information signs (non-motorized designation, trail route, other).	A	Critical trailhead and other locations.	Red Hill Council to coordinate overall signing. Identify important locations & coordinate installation. Identify need annually.	Fall 2000 for initial installation. On-going maintenance & replacement	BLM, Red Hill Council, volunteers.		\$4000
Install/maintain traffic control and parking lot regulatory signs.	A	Parking Lot & County Road 106.	Coordinate with CDOT and Garfield County Road and Bridge department on installation & maintenance.	Spring 2000.	Red Hill Council, volunteers, BLM.		\$300
Develop & design an informational layout for interpretive signs (initially a temporary mockup and eventually a permanent sign).	A	Parking Lot and Trailhead	Design & get bids on interpretive displays. Install displays.	Design Fall 2000, Install Spring 2001	Red Hill Council, BLM, volunteers.		See signs above.
Identify BLM boundaries in critical locations (Lowe boundary, Suty boundary or where private property is easily accessed).	A	Various Locations.	Red Hill Council to determine critical locations. Red Hill Council to work with BLM to install signs.	Spring 2001	BLM, Red Hill Council, volunteers.		None.
Establish "loan a leash" program for dogs.	B	Main trailhead access.	Red Hill Council to identify who will construct, maintain on-the-ground facilities.	Fall 2000	Red Hill Council, BLM		\$75

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Investigate and attempt to secure "off-county road" access from the parking lot to the trailhead.	B	Parking Lot to Trailhead.	Determine existing property boundaries. Red Hill Council will open early communication with property owners. BLM realty specialist will work with Council to process Access Agreement.	Summer 2001	Red Hill Council, BLM, Town of Carbondale.	Free - \$20,000
Establish a formal trail maintenance/area cleanup process with volunteers.	B	.Area wide with an emphasis on Mushroom Rock area, parking lot, County Road 107, trailhead areas.	Red Hill Council & BLM volunteer coordinator will identify annual needs and organize groups to do the work.	Annually.	Red Hill Council, Volunteers, Trail Users, Private Landowners, CDOT, BLM	\$200
Develop a Red Hill membership base.	B	N/A	Council subcommittee will take lead.	Ongoing	Red Hill Council.	\$500
Plan for and implement fund-raising efforts.	B	N/A	Council subcommittee will take lead. Timing Is Critical.	2001	Red Hill Council, volunteers.	\$500
Develop maps and brochure for Red Hill Area.	B	N/A	Council subcommittee & BLM will develop brochure. Red Hill Council will print brochure.	Fall 2000.	Red Hill Council, BLM.	\$2000
Investigate and attempt to secure alternative access points to the Red Hill area.	C	Identified Locations.	Partners will work together as opportunities arise. Communications with landowners critical, grant funding and matching funds critical. Partners will coordinate on negotiations to acquire access..	Ongoing	Red Hill Council, BLM, Volunteers.	Free - \$30,000

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Develop and implement a plan for utilization of the tunnel under Highway 82 and/or bridge across the Roaring Fork River & future Highway 133 trail.	C	Highway 133, bright Fork River, Highway 82.	Coordinate with Town of Carbondale, CDOT, Garfield County Road & Bridge, Private Landowner.	Fall 2002	Red Hill Council, Town of Carbondale, CDOT		\$10,000
Utilize periodic law-enforcement patrols and access points, patrol infrequently to interior areas - minimize BLM enforcement presence.	C	Access points and interior areas.	Pay attention to survey input regarding minimal enforcement presence. Review as necessary.	Ongoing.	BLM, County Sheriff.		None
Discourage overnight use and use of fire.	A	Entire Area.	Do not approve management actions that enhances overnight use or the use of fire. Immediate posting of fire prohibition during high fire periods.	Ongoing.	BLM, Red Hill Council.	Fire restrictions according to BLM Fire Prevention Orders.	\$100
Visitor contacts by field personnel/seasonal/volunteers will be preferred method to gain visitor compliance.	C	Selected Locations in Planning Area.	Coordination with Red Hill Council by BLM. <i>Public Land Watch</i> type of volunteer program will be developed to gain visitor compliance with rules.	Identified times.	BLM/ volunteers.		None
Maintain closure of Red Hill area to unauthorized motorized vehicles.	Ongoing	Entire planning area.	Notification via signing at entrance points & at problem areas. Visitors will also be notified through publications. (*see below).	Ongoing.	BLM, Red Hill Council	RMP revised by plan amendment (EA #-CO-07 8-99-030).	None
Limit motorized travel to authorized users on a temporary basis.		Approved locations.	BLM will permit/ authorized individuals according to Field Office policy (**see below).	Ongoing	BLM/ coordination with Red Hill Council.	RMP revised by plan amendment (EA #-CO-07 8-99-030).	None

Glenwood Springs Field Office Motorized Use and Access Policy

\*As per the Glenwood Springs ROD & RMP, "closures and limitations will not apply to federal, state and local law-enforcement officers; members of organized rescue or firefighting forces in the performance of official duties; or persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited use."

\*\*To provide necessary or mandated motorized access on public lands the following policy addressing administrative access will be implemented. Administrative access is defined as "motorized travel for purposes specifically related to completing bureau work or specific work completed by a permit he related to a pre-existing right or valid BLM permit or right-of-way. Examples of projects warranting administrative access could include, but not limited to; maintenance of fences, ditches, spring developments, communication sites and reservoirs."

The following conditions are specific to holders of valid permits, rights-of-way, leases or other use authorizations: A. in areas closed to motorized travel, or during seasonal closures to motorized travel, normal grazing administration, facilities maintenance, or facilities operations will be addressed by nonmotorized methods only; B. in areas closed to motorized travel, or during seasonal closures to motorized travel, the permit he will be required to get preapproval from a BLM authorizing officer for reconstruction of existing permitted facilities or other operations requiring motorized equipment; C. in case of an emergency, the permit he will be allowed to accessed by motorized vehicle but must notify a BLM authorizing officer within 72 hours of the emergency. An example of an emergency which could require immediate attention would be a leaking irrigation ditch which is causing resource damage; D. An authorized user will not be allowed to use motorized vehicles in an area closed to motorized travel for activities other than those authorized by the BLM.

## ATTACHMENT

### Draft RED HILL MONITORING - Indicators, Standards and Actions

Value to be maintained or enhanced	Key Indicator	Management Standard	Potential management actions if standards are not met	Methods/ Frequency/ Participants
Activity Opportunities Preferred	Degree of preference for day-use; walking, hiking, running, horseback riding and mountain biking	85% of respondents reporting that they still desire to participate in the targeted activities	To be determined and prescribed after survey results.	Resurvey visitors/ community every 5 years beginning by 2005
Experience/Benefit Opportunities Preferred	Degree of preference for targeted experiences & benefits	85% of respondents reporting that they still desire to realize the targeted benefits	To be determined and prescribed after survey results.	Resurvey visitors/ community every 5 years beginning by 2005
Activity Opportunity Participation	Ability to participate in the targeted activities	<u>High degree</u> of opportunity to engage in targeted activity opportunities	To be determined and prescribed after survey results.	Resurvey visitors/ community every 5 years beginning by 2005
Achievement of Experience Opportunities	Ability to realize the following experiences... ✓Escape everyday responsibilities and other people for awhile. ✓Enjoy frequent access to outdoor physical activity. ✓Savor the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics. ✓Enjoy the closeness of friends and family.	85% of day-use visitors and community residents responding to a visitor/community survey, report at least a "moderate" realization of the targeted experiences (i.e. 3.0 on a probably scale where 1 = not at all, 2 = somewhat, 3 = moderate, 4 = complete/total realization)	To be determined and prescribed after survey results.	Resurvey visitors/ community every 5 years beginning by 2005
Achievement of Benefit Opportunities	Ability to realize the following benefits... ✓Better mental and physical health. ✓Greater cultivation of an outdoor-oriented lifestyle. ✓Greater environmental awareness and stewardship. ✓Greater aesthetic appreciation. ✓Preservation of this special place. ✓Greater understanding and respect for private property. ✓Improved relationship between friends, within family and community. ✓Higher satisfaction with life. ✓Heightened sense of community pride & satisfaction.	85% of day-use visitors and community residents responding to a visitor/community survey, report at least a "moderate" realization of the targeted benefits (i.e. 3.0 on a probably scale where 1 = not at all, 2 = somewhat, 3 = moderate, 4 = complete/total realization)	To be determined and prescribed after survey results.	Resurvey visitors/ community every 5 years beginning by 2005

Value to be maintained or enhanced	Key Indicator	Management Standard	Potential management actions if standards are not met	Methods/ Frequency/ Participants
<u>Physical Setting:</u>	Maintain a few primitive trails with directional signs & erosion controls. Install interp. signage at/near trailheads.  Allow few modifications in an otherwise naturally appearing landscape. Retain the existing characteristic landscape.			
<u>Social Setting:</u>	Number of encounters with other groups	Visitors can expect to see, on an avg. day, a max. of 10-15 groups on travel routes around Mushroom Rock & <10 on the northside.	<u>Indirect methods will be utilized in conjunction with recommendations from the Red Hill Committee.</u>	Patrols where groups are counter  Register box data
	Vegetation trampling along travel routes & evidence of other users once away from trail/trailheads		Visitor contacts by field personnel/ volunteers to gain visitor compliance  Close areas for rehabilitation	Patrols where groups are counter  Register box data
<u>Admin. Setting:</u>	Amount of off-trail use  Limit motorized travel to authorized users on a temporary basis.		Guide visitors with simple regulatory & info. signs, maps and/or brochures.  Initiate educational efforts to keep visitors on designated routes	Patrol infrequently to interior areas. to observe off-trail use
Wildlife/ Wildlife Habitat	<u>#'s of wintering big game (specifically mule deer)?</u>	<u>Deer/ elk taken?</u>  <u>#'s of deer/ elk seen (seasonal counts)?</u>  <u>Fawning/ calving success rates?</u>	Analyze cause/affect with CDOW then determine necessary actions  Develop and design an informational layout for interpretative signs  Wildlife and habitat improvements (i.e. guzzlers, plantings) utilized to mitigate impacts to displaced wildlife (specifically mule deer).  Restrictions on dogs put in place	

Value to be maintained or enhanced	Key Indicator	Management Standard	Potential management actions if standards are not met	Methods/ Frequency/ Participants
Archeology/ Cultural Resources	Amount of vandalism/ damage/ degradation to sites, features & isolated finds.	No unexpected, unnatural occurring change from current condition. Sites remain free from erosion, vandalism, theft and other forms of destruction caused by human use.	Reroute recreational use away from area  Increase interpretative signage  Initiate educational efforts to reduce vandalism	Photo-monitoring every 3 years?  Patrol to see if damage is occurring
Private Property	Amount of negative impacts to private property .	<u>Number? of documented trespass/ impacts?</u>	Initiate educational efforts to keep visitors on designated routes and away from private property.	Patrol to see if impacts are occurring  Invite adjacent landowners to come to meetings