

# Travel Management Signs for Public Lands in Colorado

## Background

Four travel management signs were developed at the Colorado Natural Resource Group sponsored 1998 travel management conference held in Denver on Sept 11-12, 1998. Those signs include a Trail sign, an Area **Open** sign, a Travel Restricted sign and a Road Use sign. The following descriptions provides direction on the installation and use of those signs.

## Standards For All Signs

These signs are intended to inform the traveler on what the travel management direction is for an area, road or trail.

### Color:

Color on the signs will be white on brown.

### *Symbols:*



Eight federal recreation symbols would be used on this sign. The symbols are as follows: hiker; horseback rider; bicycle; ATV; motorcycle; jeep; cross-country skier; and snowmobile. There will be no additions or substitutions. Always use international symbols, and ensure that they are the current symbols.

Symbols will be reflectorized.

A red slash across a symbol will be used to display closures. No other color than red should be used for the slash.

Consistency is the key to the success of these signs. When ever symbols are used the order of placement will be hiker, cross-country skier, horse, mountain bike, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile and 4-wheel-drive. Any of the symbols may be eliminated when appropriate, but the remaining order will be maintained.

### **Material:**

Travel management signs will not be constructed on paper or poster type materials.

### *Fonts*

The fonts will be Gothic C, standard highway fonts. The lettering size will not be smaller than one half inch.

## TRAIL SIGN

RAINBOW TRAIL  
273



### *Standard Format*

Travel Management signage for trails is critical in today's world. The trail users want to know what modes of travel are allowed on the trail they are ready to use, as well as what modes of travel are prohibited on that trail.

### **Trailhead Signage**

All trailheads should have travel management signing regardless of the level of development at the trailhead. At a minimum, the user should see the name and number of the trail, with travel management information clearly displayed as a sign assembly. See diagram at right.

The trail name and trail number should read horizontal. The travel management should be displayed vertically. A destination is optional for the trail sign. Follow responsible agency's manual direction on proper wording, abbreviations, and placement of text for direction signs.

### **Placement of International Symbols**

To show the travel modes allowed, use the words "Open To" and show the international symbols below. Display the modes of travel that are prohibited using the words "Closed to" with a red slash across the international symbol below.

### **Symbol Size**

The size of symbols for trail usage is 3x3 inches for each symbol.

### **Agency Logos**

The agency logo(s) may be placed at the bottom of the vertical travel management sign. It can be smaller than the 3x3 international symbol. Consider keeping it white on brown.

### **Placement of Travel Management Signs**

Travel management signing should not be on every trail sign along the trail corridor. Travel management signs should be placed at the trailhead, and at trail junctions where travel management is changing, or needs reinforced.

# Travel Restricted Area Sign



U12LAU UFL/AAU M,N ULF1UN 1

## Standard Format

The Travel Restricted Area sign is intended to be used where a traveler crossed into a travel restricted area from an open area. This does not include wilderness areas. This sign is intended to alert the traveler that off road travel is prohibited and there may be some additional restrictions on certain routes.

Install this sign where it is safe for traffic to stop to view the message.

The Trail sign and Road Use sign will be used to designate routes. All other signing alternatives will no longer be used.

## Symbols

Only the modes of travel that are restricted should be shown on this sign.

## Allowable Alterations

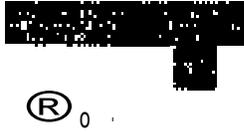
The word "Designated" may be changed to "Established" while area management prescriptions are being changed from open to off-road travel to restricted to roads and trails. When the roads and trails that will be retained as the managed transportation system have been identified the word "Established" should be changed back to "Designated." This is intended to be an interim policy to allow for the orderly transition between open to off road to restricted to routes policy.

## Lettering

Minimum size of lettering will be one inch.

Minimum lettering size for "TRAVEL RESTRICTED AREA" WORDING will be one half inch larger than all other lettering.

## Area Open Sign



### *Standard Format*

The "OPEN AREA" sign is used for specific areas with identifiable boundaries in which travel is allowed both on and off roads.. An area identification is not optional. If the area name is desired, it is to be placed at the top of the sign. The message "THIS AREA OPEN TO ALL TRAVEL ON AND OFF ROADS AND TRAILS USING" is to be placed **below** the name of the area and **above** the recreation **symbols**. Agency logos and/or names are to be placed below the recreation symbols. Every sign should include at least one agency identification of some sort so the public knows where questions and comments can be directed. Areas managed by multiple agencies may show only agency logos across the bottom of the sign.

In most cases this sign would be installed at all access points into a specified open area.

## Road Use Sign *Standard Format*

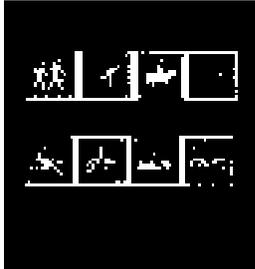


These signs are travel management signs and are not intended to replace road name or road number signs. Where there are travel restrictions the road name and number may be included on these signs.

Road Use signs are used to inform the traveler of the modes of travel allowed on the route. The sign may contain several messages.

### *Options*

There are 3 options for this sign. They are:



**OPEN TO:** is intended to show, using symbols, the modes of travel allowed on the road. Display all the symbols under the words "Open To."

**CLOSED TO:** is intended to show, using symbols the modes of travel that are not allowed on the road. This sign will show the modes of travel that are allowed on the road under the words "Open To" and the modes of travel that are prohibited with a symbol that has a red slash across it under the words "Closed To." The reason for the closure is optional.



**SEASONAL CLOSURE with dates,:** This sign will show the modes of travel that are allowed on the road under the words "Open To" and the modes of travel that are restricted with a symbol that has a red slash across it under the words "Seasonal Closure" and the dates of the restricted travel shown below the symbols.

### *Road Identification*

The road name is not required. If the road name is desired, it will be placed at the top of the sign along with the number.

### *Symbols*

The minimum symbol size will be 3" x 3".

### *ATV Usage*

If the only change of use on the road is allowing ATV's the open OHV sign can be used in place of the Road Use sign.



FR 17-1  
18"X 18"  
(w/green circle)

### *OHV sign*