



Billings and Pompeys Pillar National Monument Resource Management Plan Revision

FACT SHEET: Recreation Management Areas

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The 434,154 acres of BLM public lands within the Billings Field Office provide a variety of outstanding outdoor recreational opportunities for many different user groups and interests. Recreational opportunities are offered to the public on all BLM administered lands in the planning area where legal access exists. About 300,000 visitors use public lands in the planning area each year and this number continues to grow.

Recreation Management Areas

The Billings and Pompeys Pillar National Monument Draft RMP/EIS considers a range of alternatives to address different experiences, uses and opportunities on BLM public lands, and within those public lands, identifies recreation management area designations that are based on recreation demand and issues, recreation setting characteristics, and compatibility with other resource uses and resource protection

The RMP identifies the following types of recreation management areas within the range of alternatives:

- **Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs)** – These areas would be given management priority to provide quality recreation opportunities and visitor experiences.
- **Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMAs)** – These areas would require specific management consideration to address recreation use, demand or Recreation and Visitor Service program investments.
- **Non-designated areas** – All remaining lands would be managed to meet basic recreation and visitor services and resource stewardship needs.

The table below summarizes the number and acreages of SRMAs and ERMs by alternative.

| Recreation Management Areas | | | | |
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| | Alt A (No Action) | Alt B | Alt C | Alt D (Preferred) |
| Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) | 2 SRMAs 1,171 acres | 6 SRMAs 90,783 acres | 11 SRMAs 147,181 acres | 9 SRMAs 110,862 acres |
| Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMAs) | 7 ERMs 105,460 acres | 5 ERMs 7,668 acres | 0 ERMs | 3 ERMs 36,391 acres |
| Non-designated lands | All lands not designated as SRMAs are managed as ERMs (327,518 acres) | Manage the following areas as non-designated areas: the remaining public lands not identified above as SRMAs or ERMs (327,421 acres) | Manage the following areas as non-designated areas: the remaining public lands not identified above as SRMAs or ERMs (288,495 acres) | Manage the following areas as non-designated areas: the remaining public lands not identified above as SRMAs or ERMs (322,418 acres) |

The table below identifies the recreation areas by alternative for SRMA or ERMA management.

| Recreation Management Areas | | | |
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| Alternative A (No Action) | Alternative B | Alternative C | Alternative D (Preferred) |
| <p>Manage the following areas as SRMAs (2 SRMAs – 1,171 acres) (Maps 80, 84, 85):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sundance Lodge Recreation Area (387 acres) • Four Dances Natural Area/ ACEC (784 acres) | <p>The following areas would be managed as SRMAs (6 SRMAs – 90,783 acres) (Maps 81, 84, 85, 86a, 90, 92,101) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sundance Lodge Recreation Area (387 acres) • Four Dances Natural Area/ ACEC (784 acres) • Shepherd Ah -Nei Recreation Area (4,680 acres) • Acton Recreation Area (3,697 acres) • Bundy Island (98 acres) • Pryor Mountain TMA (81,227 acres) | <p>The following areas would be managed as SRMAs (11 SRMAs – 147,181 acres) (Maps 82, 84, 85, 86a, 88, 90, 92, 94, 98, 99, 100):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sundance Lodge Recreation Area (387 acres) • Four Dances Natural Area ACEC (784 acres) • Shepherd Ah-Nei Recreation Area (4,680 acres) • Acton Recreation Area (3,697 acres) • Yellowstone River Corridor (½ mile corridor from centerline) (6,311 acres) • South Hills TMA (1,357 acres) • Mill Creek/Bundy TMA(34,239 acres) • Pryor Mountain TMA (81,227 acres) • Horsethief TMA (12,261 acres) • 17 Mile (2,080 acres) • Asparagus Point (158 acres) | <p>The following areas would be managed as SRMAs (9 SRMAs – 110,862 acres) (Maps 83, 84, 85, 86a, 88, 90, 92, 94, 98, 99):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sundance Lodge Recreation Area (387 acres) • Four Dances Natural Area ACEC (784 acres) • Shepherd Ah-Nei Recreation Area (4,680 acres) • Acton Recreation Area (3,697 acres) • Yellowstone River Corridor (½ mile corridor from centerline) (6,311 acres) • Asparagus Point (158 acres) • South Hills TMA (1,357 acres) • Pryor Mountain TMA (81,227 acres) • Horsethief TMA (12,261 acres) |
| <p>Manage the following 7 areas as ERMAs (105,460 acres) (Maps 86, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shepherd Ah-Nei Recreation Area (4,680 acres) • Acton Recreation Area (3,697 acres) • South Hills TMA (1,357 acres) • Pryor Mountain TMA (81,227 acres) • Horsethief TMA (12,261 acres) • 17 Mile (2,080 acres) • Asparagus Point Area (158 acres) | <p>Manage the following 5 areas as ERMAs (7,668 acres) (Maps 87, 93, 95, 97, 99a) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horsethief TMA (12,261 acres) • 17 Mile (2,080 acres) • Asparagus Point (158 acres) • Yellowstone River Corridor (½ mile corridor from centerline) (6,213 acres) • South Hills TMA (1,357 acres) | <p>Manage the following areas as ERMAs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | <p>Manage the following 2 areas as ERMAs (36,319 acres) (Maps 95, 100a):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 Mile (2,080 acres) • Mill Creek/Bundy TMA (34,239 acres) |