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HiLine Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP)

FACT SHEET: Travel and Transportation Management

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The HiLine Draft RMP designates all lands managed by the BLM within the District as “open” or “limited to existing roads, primitive roads, and trails” or “closed” to OHV use, and identifies Travel Management Areas (TMAs) to frame transportation issues and help delineate travel networks that address specific uses and resource concerns. Travel management planning will be completed for these TMAs subsequent to the Record of Decision (ROD) for this RMP.

Goals of Travel and Transportation Management

- In coordination with other federal agencies, state, and local governments, and private landowners, to plan and manage motorized and nonmotorized travel to provide recreational experiences while maintaining or protecting resource values.
- To create travel networks that are logical and sustainable, as well as meet the increasingly diverse transportation, access and recreational needs of the public, while maintaining or protecting resource values in coordination with other federal agencies, state and local governments, and private landowners and using an interdisciplinary approach.

Elements of a Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan

- Identify existing roads, primitive roads, trails, and related structures.
- Indicate changes in the status of existing routes and areas.
- Address needed improvements, signing, trailheads, and staging areas.
- Identify maintenance intensities and legal access needs.
- Address all modes of transportation and primary use.
- Identify desired future conditions.
- Use an interdisciplinary approach to identify the resource effects.
- Seek active public involvement throughout the planning process.
- Produce a map depicting the final decisions.
- Address the strategy informing/educating the public.
- Develop a sign plan.
- Develop a monitoring plan.

Schedule for Travel and Transportation Management Planning

Prioritization of travel management areas will be an ongoing process and priorities for travel planning can change through implementation and monitoring based on resource needs, special status species including greater sage-grouse, funding, and staffing. Completion of individual plans will also be contingent on the availability of funding and staffing.

Under the Preferred Alternative of the HiLine Draft RMP/EIS, nine travel management areas have been prioritized into the following categories for travel management planning:

High (travel management planning to be completed within five years of the ROD):

- Grassland Bird/Greater Sage Grouse Priority Areas and Frenchman (415,875 acres)
- Greater Sage-Grouse Protection Priority Area and Eastern Breaks and Badlands (997,338 acres)
- Little Rocky Mountains (27,688 acres)

Moderate (travel management planning to be completed within the life of the RMP):

- Fresno area (885 acres; includes the 84 acre OHV area plus additional BLM lands in the vicinity)
- Marias River area (19,032 acres)
- North Missouri Breaks (101,523 acres)

Low (travel management planning to be completed within the life of the RMP):

- Remaining BLM lands (875,059 acres)

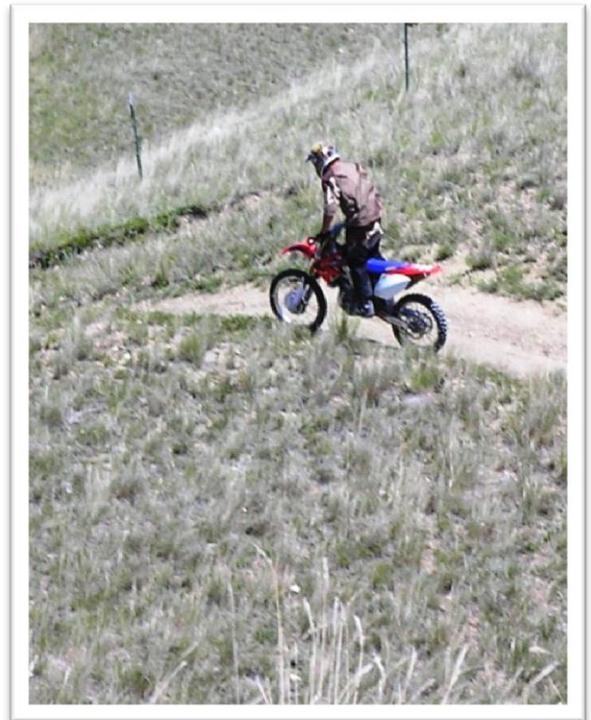
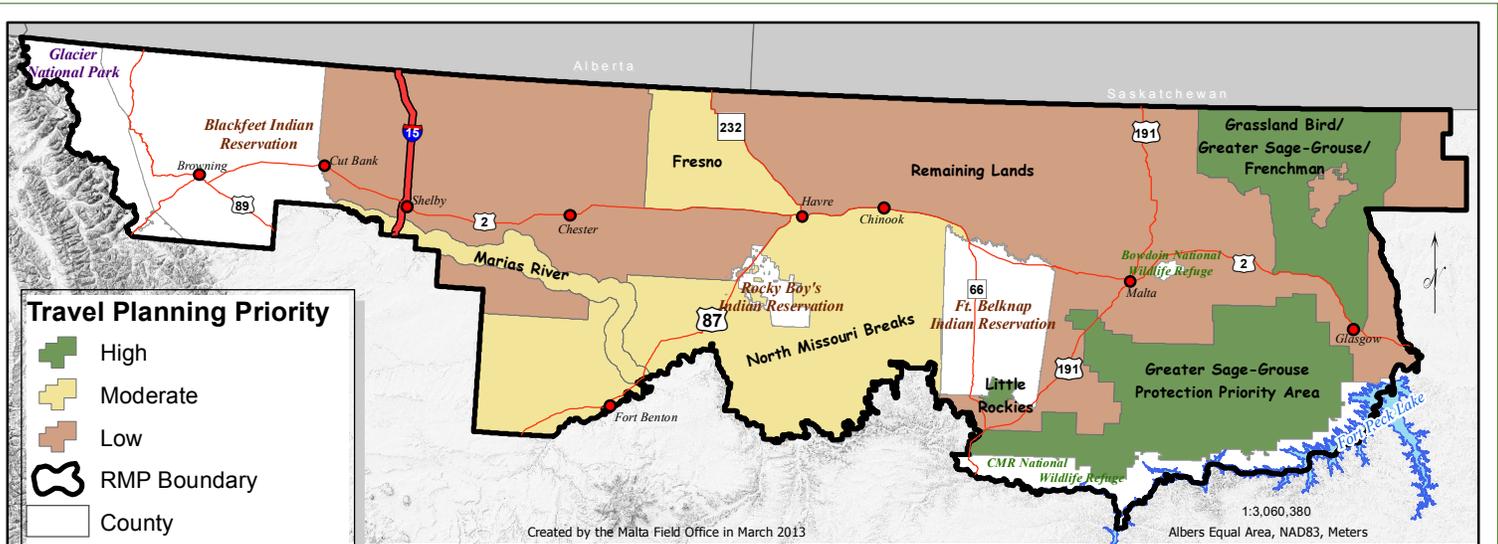


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Travel Planning Priority

- High
- Moderate
- Low
- RMP Boundary
- County
- Interstate
- Highway or State Route
- Towns

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Travel and Transportation Management Alternative E (Preferred)



Travel and Transportation Management decisions apply only to public lands administered by the BLM. In order to have a comprehensive plan, all roads/trails within an area are looked at to address access, needs, improvements and uses.

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