

## Appendix S

# Recreation Sites and Management Areas

The BLM released Handbook H-8320-1, Planning for Recreation and Visitor Services, on August 22, 2014. The handbook assists BLM staff in the planning and management of recreation and visitor services on public land. The release of the handbook coincided with the final development of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS. Accordingly, not all recreation and visitor services decisions in this Proposed RMP/Final EIS follow the recommended format provided in the handbook. As a result of following guidance in the earlier handbook, the alternatives contain both land use planning-level and implementation-level decisions for recreation and visitor services. Implementation-level decisions for recreation management areas and recreation sites (Map 2.10) are presented below.

### Recreation Sites

#### Decisions Common to All Alternatives

Any existing recreational facilities, such as picnic tables or fire rings, would be removed from areas that would not be managed as recreation sites. Whether or not to remove or maintain livestock enclosure fences would be analyzed on a case-by-case basis.

#### Alternative A (Current Management)

The BLM would continue to manage the existing recreation sites and facilities (72 sites) that are shown in Table S.1 and displayed on Map 2.10, which is located at the end of Chapter 2.

#### Alternatives B and C

The BLM would manage 48 recreation sites and facilities (Table S.1 and Map 2.10). Some of the existing fishing reservoir recreation sites (24 sites) would not be managed due to poor habitat and/or insufficient water capacity. Those reservoirs that lack water during dry periods would be considered for fish stocking in good water years.

Recreation sites and facilities would be maintained and managed to promote resource value protection, public safety and health, quality facilities, visitor experiences, management efficiency, and value-based returns. New sites could be developed commensurate with public demand, resource constraints, and management capabilities. Priority would be given to new sites that have partnership funding strategies and are consistent with established management guidelines.

#### Alternative D

The BLM would manage 50 recreation sites and facilities (Table S.1 and Map 2.10). Some of the existing fishing reservoir recreation sites (24 sites) would not be managed due to poor habitat and/or insufficient water capacity. Those reservoirs that lack water during dry periods would be considered for fish stocking in good water years. In addition to the 48 sites under Alternatives B and C, Timber Creek Ridge and Thirty Mile OHV would also be managed as recreation sites.

Recreation sites and facilities would be maintained and managed to promote resource value protection, public safety and health, quality facilities, visitor experiences, management efficiency, and value-based returns. New sites could be developed commensurate with public demand, resource constraints, and management capabilities. Priority would be given to new sites that have partnership funding strategies and are consistent with established management guidelines.

#### Alternative E

The BLM would manage 49 recreation sites and facilities (Table S.1 and Map 2.10). Some of the existing fishing reservoir recreation sites (24 sites) would not be managed due to poor habitat and/or insufficient water capacity. Those

reservoirs that lack water during dry periods would be considered for fish stocking in good water years. In addition to the 48 sites under Alternatives B and C, Timber Creek Ridge would also be managed as a recreation site.

Recreation sites and facilities would be maintained and managed to promote resource value protection, public safety and health, quality facilities, visitor experiences, management efficiency, and value-based returns. New sites could be developed commensurate with public demand, resource constraints, and management capabilities. Priority would be given to new sites that have partnership funding strategies and are consistent with established management guidelines.

In PHMAs, the BLM would not construct new recreation facilities (e.g., campgrounds, trails, trailheads, staging areas) unless the development would have a net conservation gain to Greater Sage-Grouse habitat (such as concentrating recreation, diverting use away from critical areas, etc.), or unless the development is required for visitor health and safety or resource protection.

<b>Table S.1 BLM-Managed Recreation Sites and Facilities</b>		
<i>Recreation Site Name</i>	<i>Alternative A (Current Management)</i>	<i>Alternatives B, C, D and E (Preferred Alternative)</i>
<b>Blaine County</b>		
Anita Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
BR-12 Watchable Wildlife Reservoir	✓	✓
Bus Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Don Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Floyd Flynn Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
FR Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
North Faber Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Reser Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Ridge Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Salmo Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
South Cassidy Fishing Reservoir (BR-19)	✓	✓
Thirty Mile OHV		✓
		(Alternative D only)
<b>Glacier County</b>		
Sullivan Bridge Boat Take Out Area	✓	✓
<b>Hill County</b>		
Fresno OHV	✓	✓
Gauging Station Boat Take Out Area	✓	✓
<b>Liberty County</b>		
Moffat Bridge Boat Take Out Area	✓	✓
Pugsley Bridge Recreation Area	✓	✓
<b>Phillips County</b>		
Batosh Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Bell Ridge Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Bison Bone Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Bresaylor Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Buddy Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Buffington Day Use Picnic Area	✓	✓
Camp Creek Campground/Watchable Wildlife Area	✓	✓
Compton Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Cottonwood Riparian Protection Area	✓	✓
Current Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Dogtown Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Douchette Fishing Reservoir (PR-132)	✓	
Flake Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Karsten Coulee Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
King Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓

<b>Table S.1 BLM-Managed Recreation Sites and Facilities</b>		
<b>Recreation Site Name</b>	<b>Alternative A (Current Management)</b>	<b>Alternatives B, C, D and E (Preferred Alternative)</b>
Lark Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Loader Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Montana Gulch Campground	✓	✓
Paleface Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Plutz Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
PR-109A Fishing Reservoir	✓	
PR-16 Fishing Reservoir	✓	
PR-18 Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
PR-20 Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
PR-22 Fishing Reservoir	✓	
PR-54 Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Rebate Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Rotator Cup Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Sagebrush Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Sentinel Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Shallow Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Shoulder Blade Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Spanky Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Taint Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Thunder Cloud Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Wapiti Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Wedding Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Whiteface Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Wrangler Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
<b>Valley County</b>		
Atlas Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Big Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Bitter Creek WSA/Watchable Wildlife Area	✓	✓
Faraasen Park Recreation Area	✓	✓
Gay Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Glasgow OHV	✓	✓
Helen Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Hose Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Langen Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Lunch Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Paulo Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Shoot Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Snow Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Timber Creek Ridge		✓ (Alternatives D and E only)
Triple Crossing Fishing Reservoir	✓	
Troika Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Valley Fishing Reservoir	✓	✓
Wards Dam Watchable Wildlife Area	✓	✓

The BLM has established a three-tier system of lands managed for recreation where Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) will be given management priority to provide quality recreation opportunities and visitor experiences. Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMAs) will also require specific management consideration, but commensurate with the management of other resources and resource uses. All remaining lands will be managed as public lands not designated as recreation management areas (LND), and would generally be managed only to address basic recreation and visitor services and resource stewardship needs such as visitor safety and use, and user conflicts. The three Recreation Management Area categories are described as follows:

- **Special Recreation Management Areas**

Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) are administrative units where the existing or proposed recreation opportunities and recreation setting characteristics are recognized for their unique value, importance and/or distinctiveness, especially as compared to other areas used for recreation.

SRMAs have recreational values with development potential and need more intensive recreation management because outdoor recreation is a high priority, thus requiring a greater recreation investment. Major investments in facilities within Special Recreation Management Areas can be excluded where the BLM's strategy is to target demonstrated, undeveloped, recreation-tourism market demand. Here, recreation management actions are geared toward meeting primary recreation-tourism market demands to sustain distinctive recreation setting characteristics. However, major investments in visitor services can be authorized both to sustain those distinctive setting characteristics and to maintain visitor freedom to choose where to go and what to do; all in response to demonstrated demand for undeveloped recreation.

- **Extensive Recreation Management Areas**

Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMAs) are administrative units that require specific management consideration in order to address recreation use, demand or recreation and visitor services program investments.

ERMAs also have recreational values with development potential but require less intensive recreation management than Special Recreation Management Areas. Management of these areas focuses on supporting and sustaining the principal recreation activities and the associated qualities and conditions of the area, but these activities are commensurate with management of other resources and resource uses. Recreational uses that are not compatible with other resources may be restricted or constrained to achieve the interdisciplinary objectives of the area.

- **Public Lands Not Designated as Recreation Management Areas**

Public Lands Not Designated as Recreation Management Areas (LND) are all lands not designated as a SRMA or ERMA. These lands are managed to meet basic recreation and visitor services and resource stewardship needs. Recreation is not emphasized; however, recreation activities may occur as long as they are not in conflict with the primary uses of these lands. This category applies to most of the BLM lands that are managed for traditional dispersed recreational use with little or no facility development.

This report presents the completed evaluation forms for all existing and proposed SRMAs and ERMAs in the HiLine planning area (Forms S.1 through S.14). A summary listing is shown below. Maps S.1 through S.14 showing the locations of the SRMAs and ERMAs are found following the individual evaluations.

The HiLine Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) includes existing and proposed SRMAs and ERMAs which vary by alternative. All of the SRMAs and ERMAs listed in the Proposed RMP are described in the following pages.

<b>Table S.2 Existing and Proposed SRMAs and ERMAs HiLine Planning Area</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>SRMA</b>	<b>ERMA</b>	<b>Page No.</b>
S.1	BR-12 Watchable Wildlife Area	Alt. D		1724
			Alt. C, E	1728
S.2	Cottonwood Riparian Area	Alt. D		1731
			Alt. C, E	1735
S.3	Faraasen Park	Alt. D		1738
			Alt. C, E	1742
S.4	Fresno OHV	Alt. D		1745
			Alt. C, E	1748
S.5	Glasgow OHV	Alt. D, E		1751
			Alt. C	1754
S.6	Little Rocky Mountains SRMA	Alt. A, C, D, E		1757
			N/A	
S.7	Marias River	Alt. D		1769
			Alt. C, E	1778
S.8	Paulo Reservoir	Alt. D		1781
			Alt. C, E	1785
S.9	South Phillips Recreation Complex	Alt. D		1788
			Alt. C, E	1792
S.10	Sweet Grass Hills	Alt. D		1795
			Alt. E	1799
S.11	Thirty Mile OHV	Alt. D		1802
			N/A	
S.12	Timber Creek Ridge	N/A		
			Alt. D, E	1806
S.13	Troika Reservoir	Alt. D		1809
			Alt. C, E	1813
S.14	Wards Dam	N/A		
			Alt. D	1816

## S.1 BR-12 Watchable Wildlife Area SRMA Alternative D

### Supporting Information

#### Important Values of the SRMA

- Compared to other public wetlands in the area, Wards Dam offers a more diverse wetland ecology providing a variety of aquatic wildlife and plant viewing opportunities that are easily accessed via maintained public roads.
- The SRMA is a Watchable Wildlife site featured in the “Montana Wildlife Viewing Guide” which features the best wildlife viewing sites across Montana.

#### Recreation Demand

- The primary customers are bird watchers traveling the Montana HiLine and local school groups.

#### General Types of Visitors to be Targeted

- The visitor segment is identified as school groups on day field trips, birdwatchers and other organized groups such as Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts.

#### Ability to Manage Recreation Resources

- The SRMA is currently fenced off from the surrounding rangeland to exclude cattle except during prescribed grazing treatments. BR-12 is a Watchable Wildlife site featured in the “Montana Wildlife Viewing Guide” which features the best wildlife viewing sites across Montana. The area also has a history of use by the Chinook Schools for day field trips, Montana Audubon Society for bird watching, and Boy Scouts for badge projects. This area has support and potential partnership opportunities with these groups and others, such as Montana Ducks Unlimited and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to maintain and further develop the wildlife habitat and visitor opportunities at the site.

### SRMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities at BR-12 Watchable Wildlife Area as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements. Establish the site as an annual outdoor classroom destination for the Chinook Schools and other area schools.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Classroom/School Field Trips</li> <li>• Bird Watching/Wildlife Viewing</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Outdoor classroom setting</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Easily accessible outdoor classroom setting for local schools and youth groups</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>
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**Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)**

**Proposed Physical RSCs:**

Naturalness:

- The site provides a variety of native upland and wetland plant and animal species.

Visitor Facilities:

- The site is accessible from the County Road by an approach and cattle guard. Parking is provided at the entrance to the site. Future facilities proposed include an interpretive panel describing the unique wildlife and plant features of the area at the parking area, as well as a walking trail to the northwest end of the wetland where a wildlife photography/observation blind will be made available to minimize impacts to the plant, soil and wildlife resources.

**Proposed Social RSCs:**

Contacts (avg.):

- Participants would encounter a season average of up to 2 encounters per day.

Group Size (avg.):

- The average size of the casual or bird watching group size would be 2-4 whereas the average outdoor classroom group size would be around 20.

Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people occasionally heard. A few small localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are acceptable. Inappropriate recreation use is rehabilitated

**Proposed Operational RSCs:**

Access (types of travel):

- Motorized travel is limited to existing trails. The rest of the area would be accessible by foot. The predominant uses at this site are non-motorized.

Visitor Services/Info:

- An interpretive panel and site map at the parking area will assist visitors with area rules, regulations and ethics as well as viewing opportunities. A walking trail leading to a wildlife photography/observation blind will provide visitors with enhanced wildlife viewing opportunities while minimizing disturbance to the vegetation and wildlife resources.
- Picnic tables will be provided near the parking area to enhance visitor use and outdoor classroom activities.

Management Controls:

- A moderate degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM on-site presence is low and infrequent except during outdoor classroom group visits.

## Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

### Camping:

- The SRMA is open to camping and overnight use.

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Hand-held, wheeled carts are allowed for the direct retrieval of big game.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

### Firearm Use Restriction:

- The discharge of firearms for recreational target shooting is prohibited in developed recreation sites.

### Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the SRMA.
- ROW avoidance areas are applied to developed recreation sites.
- The SRMA is retained for long-term management.
- Developed recreation sites are retained for long-term management.

### Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the SRMA for the protection of the recreation activities, recreation outcomes and the RSCs.

### Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class IV and managed under VRM Class IV objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

## Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be low priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.
- In Alternative D, motorized off-road travel will be allowed for retrieval of a big game animal that is in possession, in a minimum timeframe utilizing the most direct route while minimizing resource damage, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

### Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

## Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management

### Management:

- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Develop a wildlife and habitat monitoring-management plan to maintain the diversity of native wildlife and plant species on which the area recreation is dependent.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

- Pursue partnerships with local schools and other user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic SRMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the SRMA objectives and RMA opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.

## S.1 BR-12 Watchable Wildlife Area ERMA Alternatives C and E (Preferred Alternative)

### ERMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities at BR-12 Watchable Wildlife Area as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements. Establish the site as an annual outdoor classroom destination for the Chinook Schools and other area schools.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Classroom/School Field Trips</li> <li>• Bird Watching/Wildlife Viewing</li> <li>• Waterfowl Hunting</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Outdoor classroom setting</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Easily accessible outdoor classroom setting for local schools and youth groups</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

### Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

#### Camping:

- The ERMA is open to camping and overnight use.

#### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Hand-held, wheeled carts are allowed for the direct retrieval of big game.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

#### Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the ERMA.
- The SRMA is retained for long-term management.

#### Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the ERMA for the protection of the recreation activities and objectives.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class III and managed under VRM Class III objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be low priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.

Facilities:

- Under Alternative E (preferred), the ERMA boundary will be expanded to the County road to the west to provide a graveled public parking area and interpretive sign to enhance visitor experience.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Develop a wildlife and habitat monitoring-management plan to maintain the diversity of native wildlife and plant species on which the area recreation is dependent.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

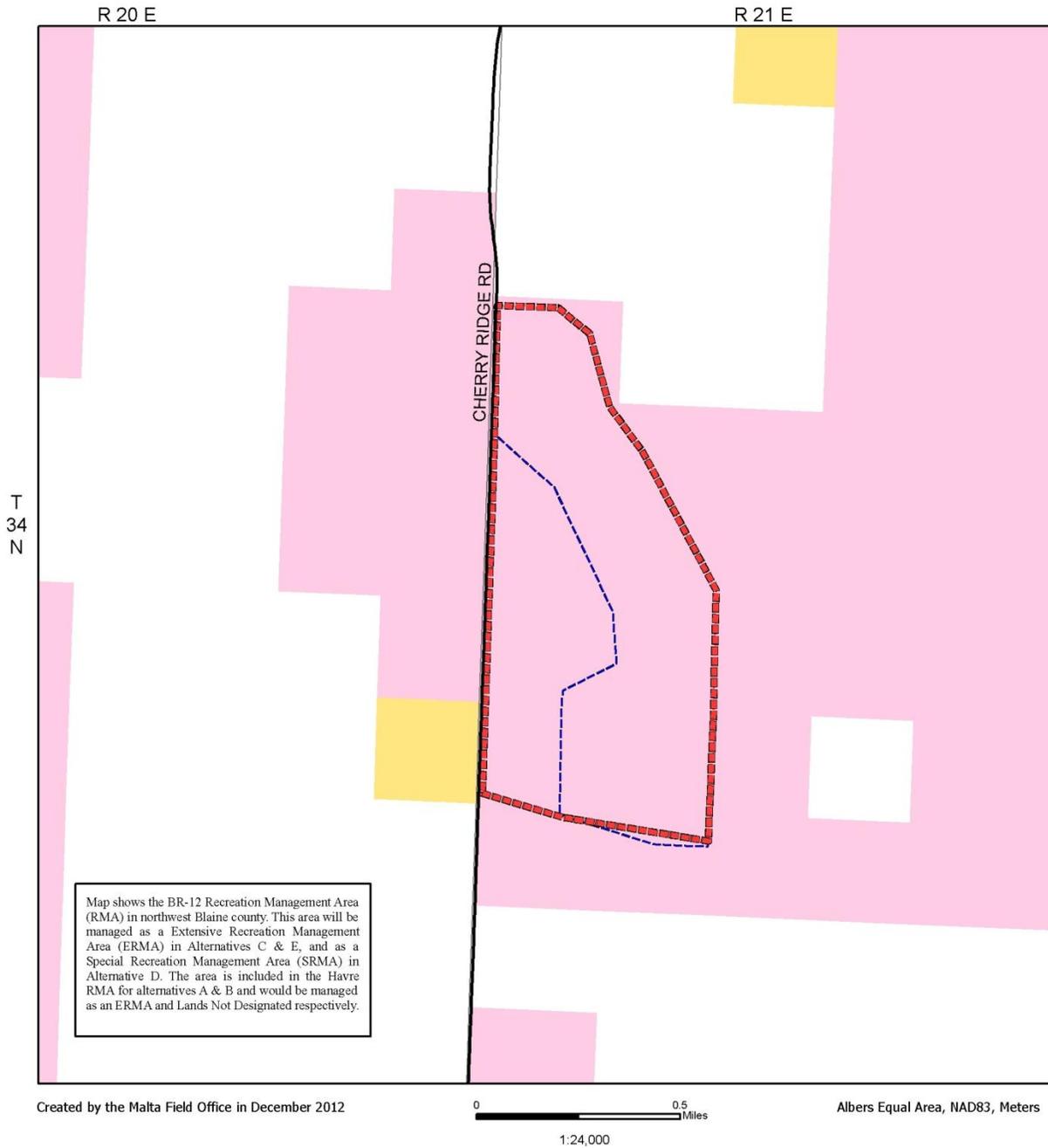
- Pursue partnerships with local schools and other user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic ERMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the ERMA objectives and opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation annually during the primary use season of mid-April through November.
- If future monitoring indicates that resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.



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**Map S.1**  
**BR-12**  
**Recreation Management Area**

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- Indian Reservation
- State
- Private
- Water
- RMA Boundary (C & D)
- RMA Boundary (E)
- County Route
- U.S. Route

Approximate location within the planning area

## S.2 Cottonwood Riparian Area SRMA Alternative D

### Supporting Information

Important Values of the SRMA

- The area offers diverse wildlife and riparian area ecology viewing opportunities that are easily accessed via maintained public roads.

Recreation Demand

- The primary customers are bird watchers, anglers, campers and local school groups.

General Types of Visitors to be Targeted

- The visitor segment is identified as school groups on day field trips, birdwatchers and Milk River anglers.

Ability to Manage Recreation Resources

- The SRMA is currently fenced off from the surrounding rangeland to exclude cattle except during prescribed grazing treatments. The area is occasionally used by the Malta Schools for day field trips, outdoor classroom and science fair projects. This area has support and potential partnership opportunities with the local schools and other groups and agencies to maintain and further develop the wildlife habitat and visitor opportunities at the site.

### SRMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities at Cottonwood Riparian Area as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements. Establish the site as an annual outdoor classroom destination for the Malta Schools and other area schools.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Classroom/School Field Trips</li> <li>• Bird Watching/Wildlife Viewing</li> <li>• Fishing</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Outdoor classroom setting</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> <li>• River fishing</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> <li>• Catch fish for a healthy food source</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Easily accessible outdoor classroom setting for local schools and youth groups</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>
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## Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)

### Proposed Physical RSCs:

#### Naturalness:

- The site provides a variety of native riparian plant and animal species.

#### Visitor Facilities:

- The site is accessible from the County Road by a maintained BLM road with approaches and cattle guards. Parking, restroom and camping/picnic facilities are provided as well as access to the Milk River. Future facilities proposed include additional camp sites and interpretive panels describing the unique wildlife and plant features of the area.

### Proposed Social RSCs:

#### Contacts (avg.):

- Participants would encounter a season average of up to 2 encounters per day.

#### Group Size (avg.):

- The average size of the casual or bird watching or fishing group size would be 2-4 whereas the average outdoor classroom group size would be around 20.

#### Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people occasionally heard. A few small localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are acceptable. Inappropriate recreation use is rehabilitated

### Proposed Operational RSCs:

#### Access (types of travel):

- Motorized travel is limited to existing roads. The rest of the area would be accessible by foot. The predominant uses at this site are non-motorized.

#### Visitor Services/Info:

- A sign and brochure box at the parking/restroom area will inform visitors of area rules, regulations and ethics as well as recreational opportunities. A walk-through gate on the south boundary provides access to the Milk River.
- A picnic table and fire ring are provided at each camp site to enhance visitor use and outdoor classroom activities.

#### Management Controls:

- A moderate degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM cleans and maintains the bathroom and campsite facilities on a weekly basis during the spring-fall season and monthly during the winter season. BLM staff accompanies outdoor classroom groups.

## Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

#### Camping:

- The SRMA is open to camping and overnight use.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.

Firearm Use Restriction:

- The discharge of firearms for recreational target shooting is prohibited in developed recreation sites.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the SRMA.
- ROW avoidance areas are applied to developed recreation sites.
- The SRMA is retained for long-term management.
- Developed recreation sites are retained for long-term management.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the SRMA for the protection of the recreation activities, recreation outcomes and the RSCs.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class IV and managed under VRM Class IV objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be low priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.
- In Alternative D, motorized off-road travel will be allowed for retrieval of a big game animal that is in possession, in a minimum timeframe utilizing the most direct route while minimizing resource damage, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Develop a wildlife and habitat monitoring-management plan to maintain the diversity of native wildlife and plant species on which the area recreation is dependent.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

- Pursue partnerships with local schools and other user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic SRMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the SRMA objectives and RMA opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.

## S.2 Cottonwood Riparian Area ERMA Alternatives C and E (Preferred Alternative)

### ERMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities at Cottonwood Riparian Area as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bird Watching/Wildlife Viewing</li> <li>• Camping</li> <li>• Picnicking</li> <li>• Fishing</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

### Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

Camping:

- The ERMA is open to camping and overnight use.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

Lands and Realty:

- Under Alternative E (preferred) ROW avoidance areas are applied to the ERMA.
- The ERMA is retained for long-term management.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the ERMA for the protection of the recreation activities and objectives.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class III and managed under VRM Class III objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

## Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be low priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.

### Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

## Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management

### Management:

- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Develop a wildlife and habitat monitoring-management plan to maintain the diversity of native wildlife and plant species on which the area recreation is dependent.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

### Administration:

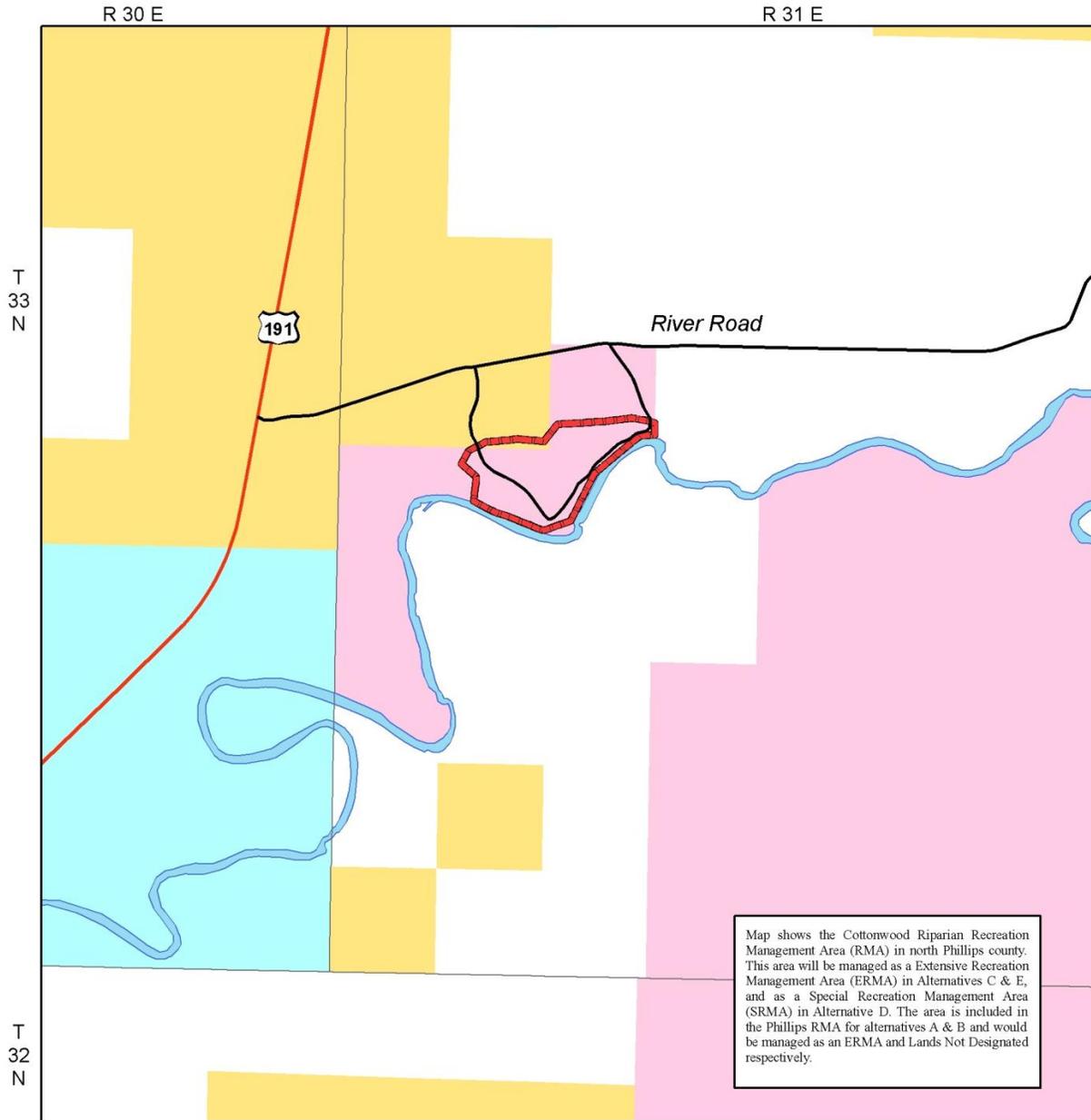
- Pursue partnerships with local schools and other user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

### Information and Education:

- Provide a basic ERMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the ERMA objectives and opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

### Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation annually during the primary use season of mid-April through November.
- If future monitoring indicates that resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.



Map shows the Cottonwood Riparian Recreation Management Area (RMA) in north Phillips county. This area will be managed as an Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA) in Alternatives C & E, and as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) in Alternative D. The area is included in the Phillips RMA for alternatives A & B and would be managed as an ERMA and Lands Not Designated respectively.

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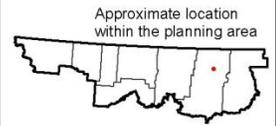



**Map S.2**  
**Cottonwood Riparian**  
**Recreation Management Area**

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 Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	 RMA Boundary
 Bankhead-Jones Land Use Lands	 County Route
 US Fish and Wildlife National Wildlife Refuge	 U.S. Route
 Bureau of Reclamation	
 Indian Reservation	
 State	
 Private	
 Water	





Approximate location within the planning area

### S.3 Faraasen Park SRMA Alternative D

#### Supporting Information

Important Values of the SRMA

- The area offers diverse wildlife and riparian area ecology viewing opportunities that are easily accessed via maintained public roads.

Recreation Demand

- The primary customers are local families (picnics), anglers, and overnight campers.

General Types of Visitors to be Targeted

- The visitor segment is identified as Milk River anglers and local families.

Ability to Manage Recreation Resources

- The SRMA is currently fenced off from the surrounding lands to exclude cattle except during prescribed grazing treatments. This area has support and potential partnership opportunities with the local schools and other groups and agencies to maintain and further develop the wildlife habitat and visitor opportunities at the site.

#### SRMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities at Faraasen Park as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements. Promote the site as an annual outdoor classroom destination for the Glasgow schools and other area schools.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family/Group Picnics</li> <li>• Bird Watching/Wildlife Viewing</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Outdoor Classroom</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Outdoor classroom setting</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> <li>• River fishing</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> <li>• Catch fish for a healthy food source</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Easily accessible outdoor classroom setting for local schools and youth groups</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>
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**Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)**

**Proposed Physical RSCs:**

Naturalness:

- The site provides a variety of native riparian plant and animal species.

Visitor Facilities:

- The site is accessible from the County Road by a maintained BLM road with an approach and cattle guard. Parking and picnic facilities are provided as well as access to the Milk River. Future facilities proposed include additional camp sites, restroom and signage describing the rules, regulations and recreation opportunities at the site.

**Proposed Social RSCs:**

Contacts (avg.):

- Participants would encounter a season average of up to 2 encounters per day.

Group Size (avg.):

- The average size of the casual or picnic or fishing group size would be 2-4 whereas the average outdoor classroom group size would be around 20.

Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people occasionally heard. A few small localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are acceptable. Inappropriate recreation use is rehabilitated

**Proposed Operational RSCs:**

Access (types of travel):

- Motorized travel is limited to existing roads. The rest of the area would be accessible by foot. The predominant uses at this site are non-motorized.

Visitor Services/Info:

- A sign and brochure box at the parking/restroom area will inform visitors of area rules, regulations and ethics as well as recreational opportunities. A walk-through gate on the south boundary provides access to the Milk River.
- A picnic table and fire ring are provided at each camp site to enhance visitor use and outdoor classroom activities.

Management Controls:

- A moderate degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM mows the parking and picnic areas and fishing access trail on a monthly basis during the spring-fall seasons, maintains the fence and other visitor use facilities as needed. BLM staff accompanies outdoor classroom groups.

## Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

### Camping:

- The SRMA is open to camping and overnight use.

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.

### Firearm Use Restriction:

- The discharge of firearms for recreational target shooting is prohibited in developed recreation sites.

### Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the SRMA.
- ROW avoidance areas are applied to developed recreation sites.
- The SRMA is retained for long-term management.
- Developed recreation sites are retained for long-term management.

### Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the SRMA for the protection of the recreation activities, recreation outcomes and the RSCs.

### Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class IV and managed under VRM Class IV objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

## Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be moderate priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.
- In Alternative D, motorized off-road travel will be allowed for retrieval of a big game animal that is in possession, in a minimum timeframe utilizing the most direct route while minimizing resource damage, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

### Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

## Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management

### Management:

- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Develop a wildlife and habitat monitoring-management plan to maintain the diversity of native wildlife and plant species on which the area recreation is dependent.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

- Pursue partnerships with local schools and other user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic SRMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the SRMA objectives and RMA opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.

### S.3 Faraasen Park ERMA Alternatives C and E (Preferred Alternative)

#### ERMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities at Faraasen Park as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camping</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Picnicking</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

#### Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

##### Camping:

- The ERMA is open to camping and overnight use.

##### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Hand-held, wheeled carts are allowed for the direct retrieval of big game.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

##### Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the ERMA.
- The ERMA is retained for long-term management.

##### Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the ERMA for the protection of the recreation activities and objectives.

##### Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The ERMA would be classified as VRM Class IV and managed under VRM Class IV objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

## Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be low priority under Alternative E and moderate priority under Alternative C. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.

### Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

## Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management

### Management:

- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

### Administration:

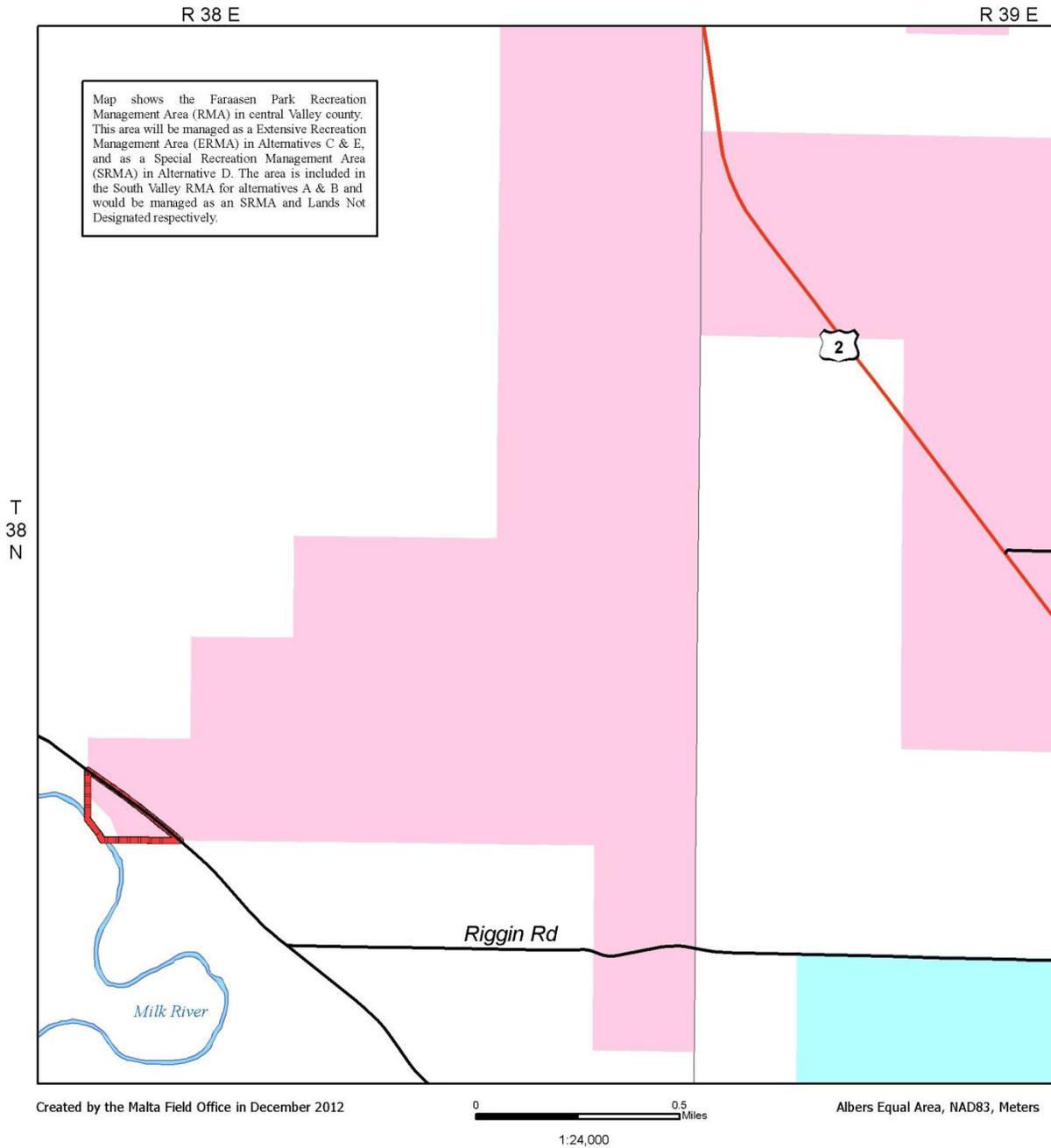
- Pursue partnerships with other agencies and user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

### Information and Education:

- Provide a basic ERMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

### Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October.
- If future monitoring indicates that resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.



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**Map S.3**  
**Faraasen Park**  
**Recreation Management Area**

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- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Bankhead-Jones Land Use Lands
- US Fish and Wildlife National Wildlife Refuge
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Indian Reservation
- State
- Private
- Water
- RMA Boundary
- County Route
- U.S. Route

Approximate location within the planning area

## S.4 Fresno OHV SRMA Alternative D

### Supporting Information

Important Values of the SRMA

- The area offers challenging, close-to-town, easy to access recreational opportunities.
- The RMA offers a variety of off-road riding opportunities for OHV recreationists of all skill levels.

Recreation Demand

- The primary customers are local OHV enthusiasts.

General Types of Visitors to be Targeted

- The visitor segment is identified as close-to-home, day-use OHV riders.

Ability to Manage Recreation Resources

- The SRMA is currently accessible via public routes that cross private and State lands. Some issues arise during wet conditions when SRMA users drive through the landowner’s fields to get around low, wet spots in the road. The private landowner and State are willing to work with BLM to improve access to the site. Local and State OHV groups are possible partners who can help address these issues as well as develop other improvements and public educational programs for the SRMA.

### SRMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities and signage at Fresno OHV area as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements. Avoid damage to surrounding resources by enhancing and/or replacing boundary fences and markers.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHV Riding</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing your skills and abilities</li> <li>• For the challenge or sport</li> <li>• Enjoying the area’s scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve natural resources of surrounding area by providing quality motorized recreational opportunities at a designated site</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

## Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)

### Proposed Physical RSCs:

#### Remoteness:

- The site provides an unstructured, open, OHV experience in a rugged, natural setting.

#### Visitor Facilities:

- The site has public access. Improved parking and signage will be developed to enhance the visitor experience and protect surrounding public and private lands.

### Proposed Social RSCs:

#### Contacts (avg.):

- Participants would encounter a season average of up to 8 encounters per day.

#### Group Size (avg.):

- Participants would encounter a season average of up to 6 people per group.

#### Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people occasionally heard. Localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are acceptable. Inappropriate recreation use is rehabilitated

### Proposed Operational RSCs:

#### Access (types of travel):

- The area is open to all types of vehicle use at all times anywhere in the area subject to the operating regulations and vehicle standards set for the in 43 CFR 8341 and 8342.

#### Visitor Services/Info:

- A simple brochure/map assists visitors. SRMA Boundaries are clearly marked. Rules, regulations and ethics clearly posted at SRMA parking area.

#### Management Controls:

- A moderate degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM on-site presence is low. Parking, boundary and signage will be maintained. A traffic counter will be used to monitor the level of visitor use.

## Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as open to all types of vehicle use at all times anywhere in the area subject to the operating regulations and vehicle standards set for the in 43 CFR 8341 and 8342.

### Lands and Realty:

- The SRMA is retained for long-term management.

### Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class IV and managed under VRM Class IV objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

## Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be low priority. In the interim, motorized travel is open to all types of vehicle use at all times anywhere in the area subject to the operating regulations and vehicle standards set for the in 43 CFR 8341 and 8342.

### Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial, organized event or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

## Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management

### Management:

- Reroute access trails that that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Develop additional access and/or improve current public access to the site to prevent impacts to private and public lands surrounding the SRMA.
- Improve and maintain boundary markings to avoid user conflicts and damage to surrounding resources.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

### Information and Education:

- Continue to provide a basic, simple SRMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.
- Pursue partnerships with State and local OHV groups to provide safety and Leave No Trace training for OHV recreationists using public lands.

### Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October using traffic counters.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.

## S.4 Fresno OHV ERMA Alternatives C and E (Preferred Alternative)

### ERMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities and signage at Fresno OHV area as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements. Avoid damage to surrounding resources by enhancing and/or replacing boundary fences and markers.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHV Riding</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing your skills and abilities</li> <li>• For the challenge or sport</li> <li>• Enjoying the area’s scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve natural resources of surrounding area by providing quality motorized recreational opportunities at a designated site</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

### Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

Camping:

- The ERMA is open to camping and overnight use.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as closed to OHV use under Alternative C and open to OHV use under Alternative E until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Hand-held, wheeled carts are allowed for the direct retrieval of big game.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

Lands and Realty:

- The SRMA is retained for long-term management.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities within the ERMA for the protection of the recreation activities and objectives.
- The ERMA would be an exclusion area for wind energy development.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class IV and managed under VRM Class IV objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be low priority under Alternative C and moderate priority under Alternative E. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Mark or fence the ERMA boundary to minimize resource damage and trespass on surrounding State and private property.
- Improve signage and public access to the site to avoid impacts to private lands.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

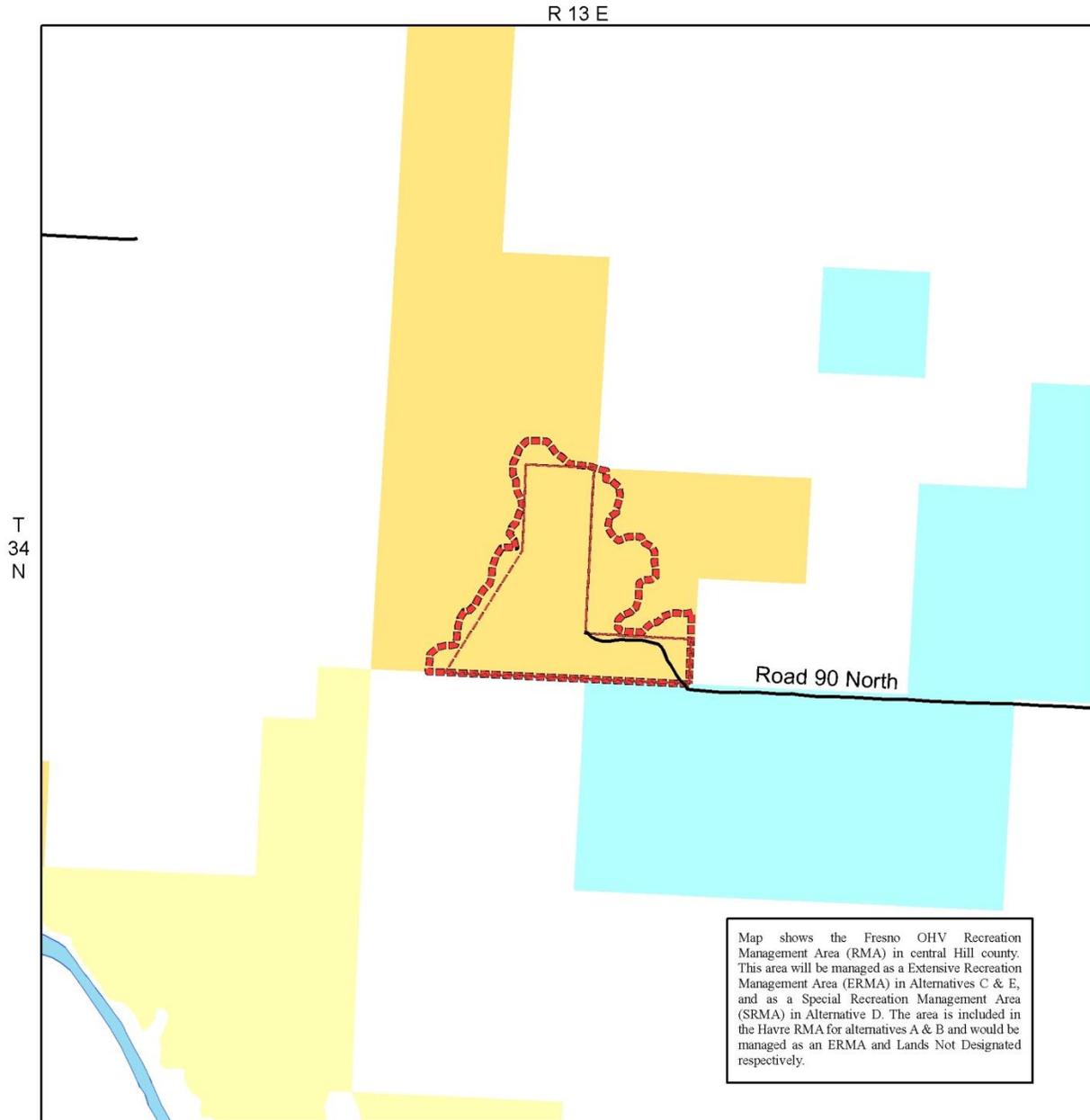
- Pursue partnerships with local user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic ERMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the ERMA objectives and opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October.
- If future monitoring indicates that resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.



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**Map S.4**  
**Fresno OHV**  
**Recreation Management Area**

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	Indian Reservation		
	State		
	Private		
	Water		

Approximate location within the planning area

## S.5 Glasgow OHV SRMA Alternatives D and E (Preferred Alternative)

### Supporting Information

Important Values of the SRMA

- The area offers challenging, close-to-town, easy to access recreational opportunities.
- The RMA offers a variety of off-road riding opportunities for OHV recreationists of all skill levels.

Recreation Demand

- The primary customers are local OHV enthusiasts.

General Types of Visitors to be Targeted

- The visitor segment is identified as close-to-home, day-use OHV riders.

Ability to Manage Recreation Resources

- The SRMA is currently accessible via public routes that cross City of Glasgow property. BLM works closely with city and county law enforcement to monitor use in and around the SRMA. The boundary of the site is marked by a fence and “Entering Public Lands” signs are installed at each access point. Local and State OHV groups are possible partners who can help address these issues as well as develop other improvements and public educational programs for the SRMA.

### SRMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities and signage at Glasgow OHV area as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHV Riding</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing your skills and abilities</li> <li>• For the challenge or sport</li> <li>• Enjoying the area’s scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve natural resources of surrounding area by providing quality motorized recreational opportunities at a designated site</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

## Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)

### Proposed Physical RSCs:

#### Visitor Facilities:

- The site has public access, boundary fence and signs, restroom, parking and picnic area.

### Proposed Social RSCs:

#### Contacts (avg.):

- Participants would encounter a season average of up to 8 encounters per day.

#### Group Size (avg.):

- Participants would encounter a season average of up to 6 people per group.

#### Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people occasionally heard. Localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are acceptable. Inappropriate recreation use is rehabilitated

### Proposed Operational RSCs:

#### Access (types of travel):

- The area is open to all types of vehicle use at all times anywhere in the area subject to the operating regulations and vehicle standards set for the in 43 CFR 8341 and 8342.

#### Visitor Services/Info:

- A simple brochure/map assists visitors. SRMA Boundaries are clearly marked. Rules, regulations and ethics clearly posted at SRMA parking area.

#### Management Controls:

- A moderate degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM staff will visit the site on a weekly basis through the spring-fall season and monthly during the winter season for restroom and parking area maintenance and cleaning and to monitor for unauthorized uses. Parking, boundary and signage will be maintained. A traffic counter will be used to monitor the level of visitor use.

## Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as open to all types of vehicle use at all times anywhere in the area subject to the operating regulations and vehicle standards set for the in 43 CFR 8341 and 8342.

### Lands and Realty:

- The SRMA is retained for long-term management.

### Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class IV and managed under VRM Class IV objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

## Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be low priority. In the interim, motorized travel is open to all types of vehicle use at all times anywhere in the area subject to the operating regulations and vehicle standards set for the in 43 CFR 8341 and 8342.

### Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial, organized event or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

## Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management

### Management:

- Continue to coordinate with city and county law enforcement to ensure public safety and adherence to rules and regulations that pertain to the SRMA and surrounding lands.
- Improve and maintain boundary markings to avoid user conflicts and damage to surrounding resources.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

### Information and Education:

- Continue to provide a basic, simple SRMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.
- Pursue partnerships with State and local OHV groups to provide safety and Leave No Trace training for OHV recreationists using public lands.

### Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October using traffic counters.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.

## S.5 Glasgow OHV ERMA Alternative C

### ERMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities at Glasgow OHV Area as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picnicking</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Enjoying the area's scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

### Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

#### Camping:

- The public (City of Glasgow) access road to the site is posted as Day Use Only.

#### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Under Alternative C, the area is classified as closed to OHV use until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

#### Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class IV and managed under VRM Class IV objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

### Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision

#### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be low priority. In the interim, under Alternative C, motorized travel is closed. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.

#### Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

## **Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**

### Management:

- Reroute trails that that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Continue to work with other local law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety and conformance with the rules and regulations of the ERMA and surrounding areas.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

### Administration:

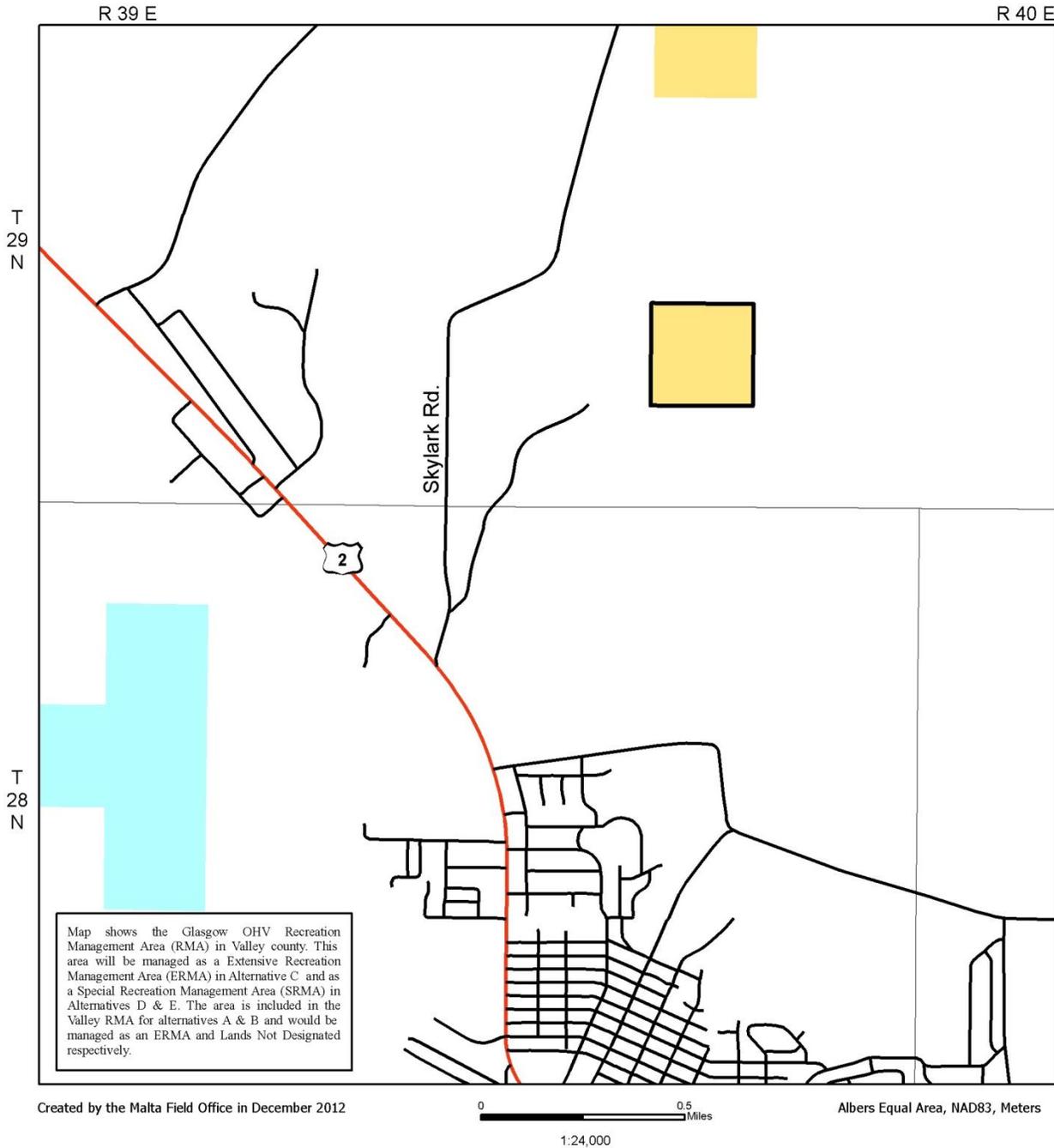
- Pursue partnerships with local user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

### Information and Education:

- Provide a basic ERMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the ERMA objectives and opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

### Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October.
- If future monitoring indicates that resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.



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Approximate location within the planning area

## **S.6 Little Rocky Mountains SRMA Alternatives A, C, D and E (Preferred Alternative)**

### **Supporting Information**

#### Important Values of the SRMA

- Includes the Zortman, Landusky and Little Rockies Recreation Management Zones (RMZs)
- Includes the only two developed BLM fee campgrounds within the HiLine District.
- SRMA surrounds two small communities (Zortman and Landusky) and other private lands
- SRMA is surrounded on three sides by Fort Belknap Indian Reservation
- The Little Rocky Mountains area is also designated as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP)
- Azure Cave ACEC and the former Pegasus Gold Mine are located within the SRMA
- Destination for OHV riders, horseback riders, birders, hunters, anglers, gold panners, hikers, etc.
- Camp Creek is part of Montana's Northeastern Plains Birding Trail

#### Recreation Demand

- Camping, hunting, birdwatching/wildlife viewing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing
- OHV and horseback riding
- Access to nearby fishing and hunting opportunities
- Gold panning
- Motorized and nonmotorized trail use
- Most concentrated recreation use within the HiLine District

#### General Types of Visitors to be Targeted

- HiLine residents, OHV riders, horseback riders, birders, hunters and anglers, gold panners, travelers passing through the area on Highways 191 and 66.

#### Ability to Manage Recreation Resources

- The community of Zortman depends on the recreational opportunities to support their local store, gas station, restaurant and hotel. Other amenities are more than 50 miles away in Malta or Harlem. The community would like to increase promotion of ecotourism in the area and, since it is surrounded by BLM lands with area restrictions and/or sensitive resources, it's vital that BLM work with the community to assure that these promotions are done in a responsible manner to protect these resources and ensure visitor safety.
- BLM coordinates with Fort Belknap Agency on law enforcement, travel management, and other recreational uses/issues within the SRMA.
- Under Alternatives C, D and E, the SRMA is divided into three Recreation Management Zones (RMZ) (Zortman, Landusky, and Little Rockies) to better manage for the diverse facilities and outcomes based recreation in the area.

### **Zortman Recreation Management Zone (RMZ)**

#### **RMZ Outcome Objective**

Maintain and enhance the facilities at the Camp Creek Campground, Horse Corral Campground, and Buffington Day Use Picnic Area as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements. Specific areas within this zone could be set aside for recreational gold panning through coordination and/or partnership with the local community.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Off-Highway Vehicle Riding and Driving</li> <li>• Overnight Developed Camping</li> <li>• Picnicking</li> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Horseback Riding</li> <li>• Bird watching/Wildlife Viewing</li> <li>• Recreational Gold Panning</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Enjoying closeness of family/friends</li> <li>• To test my equipment</li> <li>• Developing your skills and abilities</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Improved outdoor knowledge and self – confidence</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor- oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Developing stronger ties with my family or friends</li> <li>• Heightened sense of satisfaction with our community</li> <li>• Restore mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Strengthening relationships with family and friends</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater community ownership &amp; stewardship of recreation &amp; natural resources</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> <li>• Promote tourism and increase commerce to local businesses</li> </ul>

## Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)

### Proposed Physical RSCs:

#### Remoteness:

- Motorized and nonmotorized trails provide access throughout the RMZ.

#### Naturalness:

- More man-made landscape alterations in the form of trails and facilities are seen. New, non-recreational modifications (e.g. ROWs, fences, ponds) are not visually obvious near recreation facilities and trails.

#### Visitor Facilities:

- Improved recreation facilities in the form of a diverse range of motorized and nonmotorized trail suited to different fitness and skill levels, restrooms, developed campsites with tables, fire rings and trash cans, information kiosks and signage providing rules, regulations and fee instructions. Drinking fountains and faucets with potable water, horseshoe pits and a volleyball pit are also provided.
- Camp Creek contains 15 designated campsites, Horse Corral has 5 designated sites, and all have access to city drinking water, trash collection and bathroom facilities. A system of motorized and nonmotorized trails is accessible from the campgrounds. Buff's has picnic and outdoor sports facilities as well as city water and a bathroom. The proposal is to maintain these facilities and add campsites and interpretive features as public demand and resources allow.

**Proposed Social RSCs:**Contacts (avg.):

- Participants encounter a season average of up to 20 encounters per day.

Group Size (avg.):

- Participants encounter a season average of up to 4 people per group.

Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people and OHVs frequently heard. A few small localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are acceptable. Inappropriate recreation use impacts are being rehabilitated.

**Proposed Operational RSCs:**Access (types of travel):

- Upon completion of travel management planning, motorized and nonmotorized access will be maintained throughout the RMZ on designated routes.

Visitor Services/Info:

- Upon completion of travel management planning, a brochure/map will be developed to assist visitors with trail information. A moderate level of directional signage will be installed on routes with names/numbers of trails identified. Rules, regulations and ethics are clearly posted at information kiosks.
- A maintenance contract provides regular trash removal, restroom cleaning and campground maintenance during the high-use season.

Management Controls:

- A moderate degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM on-site presence, including law enforcement is moderate during the high-use season. County and State law enforcement officers also assist with patrolling and dealing with law enforcement issues in the campgrounds. Fee envelopes track visitor use and provide an opportunity for campers to provide information and feedback to BLM.

**Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions**Camping Restrictions:

- Camping and overnight use is prohibited on BLM lands outside of designated campsites and developed campgrounds within the Camp Creek Recreation Area.
- Visitors are limited 14-day camping stays within the developed campground.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails.
- Over-snow snowmobile travel is allowed.
- Cross-country motorized/mechanized travel for big game retrieval is allowed under Alternative D between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Firearm Use Restriction:

- The discharge of firearms is prohibited in developed recreation sites.

Forestry:

- The campground area is closed to timber harvest, firewood cutting and special forest product harvest.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the RMZ.
- ROW avoidance areas are applied to developed recreation sites.
- The RMZ is retained for long-term management.
- Developed recreation sites are retained for long-term management.

Mineral Withdrawal:

- The campground is withdrawn from exploration or development of locatable and salable minerals.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the RMZ for the protection of the recreation activities, recreation outcomes and the RSCs.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- Under Alternatives A, the RMZ would be classified as VRM Class II and managed under VRM Class II objectives.
- Under Alternatives C, D, and E, the RMZ would be classified as VRM Class III and managed under VRM Class III objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be high priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails.
- Off road big game retrieval is allowed under Alternative D.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial, organized event or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Through travel management planning, designate trails for motorized and/or nonmotorized travel and provide information on skill level required and other safety and recreational opportunity concerns.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.
- Develop an agreement with the Phillips County Sheriff's Office to increase law enforcement patrols for the RMZ.
- Survey the campground boundary and post with boundary markers for law enforcement purposes and to aid in the maintenance and development of campground facilities.

Administration:

- Continue to charge overnight camping fees to help fund campground maintenance and improvements.
- Assess use fees every 5 years by utilizing the recreation area Business Plan assessment.

Information and Education:

- Create a basic, simple SRMA/RMZ brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

- Partner with local communities and OHV groups to educate visitors on Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly and other safety and ethical recreational issues.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through November using traffic counters and overnight camping permits.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.

**Landusky Recreation Management Zone (RMZ)**

**RMZ Outcome Objective**

Maintain and enhance the facilities at the Montana Gulch Campground as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overnight Developed Camping</li> <li>• Picnicking</li> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Horseback Riding</li> <li>• Bird watching/Wildlife Viewing</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Enjoying closeness of family/friends</li> <li>• To test my equipment</li> <li>• Developing your skills and abilities</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Improved outdoor knowledge and self – confidence</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor- oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Developing stronger ties with my family or friends</li> <li>• Heightened sense of satisfaction with our community</li> <li>• Restore mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Strengthening relationships with family and friends</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater community ownership &amp; stewardship of recreation &amp; natural resources</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> <li>• Promote tourism and increase commerce to local businesses</li> </ul>

**Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)**

**Proposed Physical RSCs:**

Remoteness:

- Ponderosa pine rural setting near the very small community of Landusky.

Naturalness:

- Some man-made landscape alterations in the form of trails and facilities are seen. New, non-recreational modifications (e.g. ROWs, fences, ponds) are not visually obvious near recreation facilities and trails.
- Upstream water treatment plant at the Zortman Mine, at times, produces a discoloration and unpleasant smell in the creek that runs through the campground.

Visitor Facilities:

- Montana Gulch contains 10 designated campsites and a family picnic area and provides trash collection and bathroom facilities. There is no potable water provided. The proposal is to maintain these facilities and add campsites and interpretive features as public demand and resources allow.

**Proposed Social RSCs:**Contacts (avg.):

- Participants encounter a season average of up to 10 encounters per day.

Group Size (avg.):

- Participants encounter a season average of up to 4 people per group.

Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people frequently heard. A few small localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are acceptable. Inappropriate recreation use impacts are being rehabilitated.

**Proposed Operational RSCs:**Access (types of travel):

- Upon completion of travel management planning, motorized and nonmotorized access will be maintained throughout the RMZ on designated routes.

Visitor Services/Info:

- Upon completion of travel management planning, a brochure/map will be developed to assist visitors with trail information. A moderate level of directional signage will be installed on routes with names/numbers of trails identified. Rules, regulations and ethics are clearly posted at information kiosks.
- A maintenance contract provides regular trash removal, restroom cleaning and campground maintenance during the high-use season.

Management Controls:

- A moderate degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM on-site presence, including law enforcement is moderate during the high-use season. Fee envelopes track visitor use and provide an opportunity for campers to provide information and feedback to BLM.

**Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions**Camping Restrictions:

- Camping and overnight use is prohibited on BLM lands outside of designated campsites and developed campgrounds within the Montana Gulch Recreation Area.
- Visitors are limited 14-day camping stays within the developed campground.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails.
- Over-snow snowmobile travel is allowed.
- Cross-country motorized/mechanized travel for big game retrieval is allowed under Alternative D between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Firearm Use Restriction:

- The discharge of firearms is prohibited in developed recreation sites.

Forestry:

- The campground area is closed to timber harvest, firewood cutting and special forest product harvest.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the RMZ.
- ROW avoidance areas are applied to developed recreation sites.
- The RMZ is retained for long-term management.
- Developed recreation sites are retained for long-term management.

Mineral Withdrawal:

- The campground is withdrawn from exploration or development of locatable and salable minerals.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the RMZ for the protection of the recreation activities, recreation outcomes and the RSCs.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- Under Alternatives A, the RMZ would be classified as VRM Class II and managed under VRM Class II objectives.
- Under Alternatives C, D, and E, the RMZ would be classified as VRM Class III and managed under VRM Class III objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be high priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails.
- Off road big game retrieval is allowed under Alternative D.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial, organized event or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Through travel management planning, designate trails for motorized and/or nonmotorized travel and provide information on skill level required and other safety and recreational opportunity concerns.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.
- Develop an agreement with the Phillips County Sheriff's Office to increase law enforcement patrols for the RMZ.
- Survey the campground boundary and post with boundary markers for law enforcement purposes and to aid in the maintenance and development of campground facilities.

Administration:

- Continue to charge overnight camping fees to help fund campground maintenance and improvements.
- Assess use fees every 5 years by utilizing the recreation area Business Plan assessment.

**Information and Education:**

- Create a basic, simple SRMA/RMZ brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.
- Partner with local communities and OHV groups to educate visitors on Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly and other safety and ethical recreational issues.

**Monitoring:**

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through November using traffic counters and overnight camping permits.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.

**Little Rockies Recreation Management Zone (RMZ)**

**RMZ Outcome Objective**

Recreation Management Objective: Provide for dispersed back country experiences for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational activities. Emphasize the “Leave No Trace” and “Tread Lightly” programs to aid in minimizing the conflicts of use between motorized and nonmotorized BLM land users.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Off-Highway Vehicle Riding and Driving</li> <li>• Hiking/Backpacking</li> <li>• Horseback Riding</li> <li>• Bird watching/Wildlife Viewing</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Enjoying closeness of family/friends</li> <li>• To test my equipment</li> <li>• Developing your skills and abilities</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Improved outdoor knowledge and self – confidence</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor- oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Developing stronger ties with my family or friends</li> <li>• Heightened sense of satisfaction with our community</li> <li>• Restore mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Strengthening relationships with family and friends</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater community ownership &amp; stewardship of recreation &amp; natural resources</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> <li>• Promote tourism and increase commerce to local businesses</li> </ul>

## Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)

### Proposed Physical RSCs:

#### Remoteness:

- Motorized and nonmotorized trails provide access throughout the RMZ. Nonmotorized users can travel cross-country to avoid sights and sounds of motorized recreationists in a forested mountain setting.

#### Naturalness:

- Topography and vegetation of this mountainous area allow visitors to avoid the sights and sounds of other recreationists.

#### Visitor Facilities:

- Improved recreation facilities in the form of a diverse range of motorized and nonmotorized trails suited to different fitness and skill levels.

### Proposed Social RSCs:

#### Contacts (avg.):

- Participants encounter a season average of up to 10 encounters per day.

#### Group Size (avg.):

- Participants encounter a season average of up to 4 people per group.

#### Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people and OHVs frequently heard near roads and ATV trails. A few small localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are acceptable. Inappropriate recreation use impacts are being rehabilitated.

### Proposed Operational RSCs:

#### Access (types of travel):

- Upon completion of travel management planning, motorized and nonmotorized access will be maintained throughout the RMZ on designated routes.

#### Visitor Services/Info:

- Upon completion of travel management planning, a brochure/map will be developed to assist visitors with trail information. A moderate level of directional signage will be installed on routes with names/numbers of trails identified. Rules, regulations and ethics are clearly posted at information kiosks.

#### Management Controls:

- A moderate degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM on-site presence, including law enforcement is low to moderate during the high-use season.

## Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

#### Camping Restrictions:

- Overnight camping, limited to 16-day stays, is allowed.

#### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails.
- Over-snow snowmobile travel is allowed.
- Cross-country motorized/mechanized travel for big game retrieval is allowed under Alternative D between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Forestry:

- Timber harvest, firewood cutting and special forest product harvest is allowed by permit only.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the RMZ.
- The RMZ is retained for long-term management.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the RMZ for the protection of the recreation activities, recreation outcomes and the RSCs.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- Under Alternatives A and D, the RMZ would be classified as VRM Class II and managed under VRM Class II objectives.
- Under Alternatives C and E, the RMZ would be classified as VRM Class III and managed under VRM Class III objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be high priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails.
- Off road big game retrieval is allowed under Alternative D.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial, organized event or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Through travel management planning, designate trails for motorized and/or nonmotorized travel and provide information on skill level required and other safety and recreational opportunity concerns.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

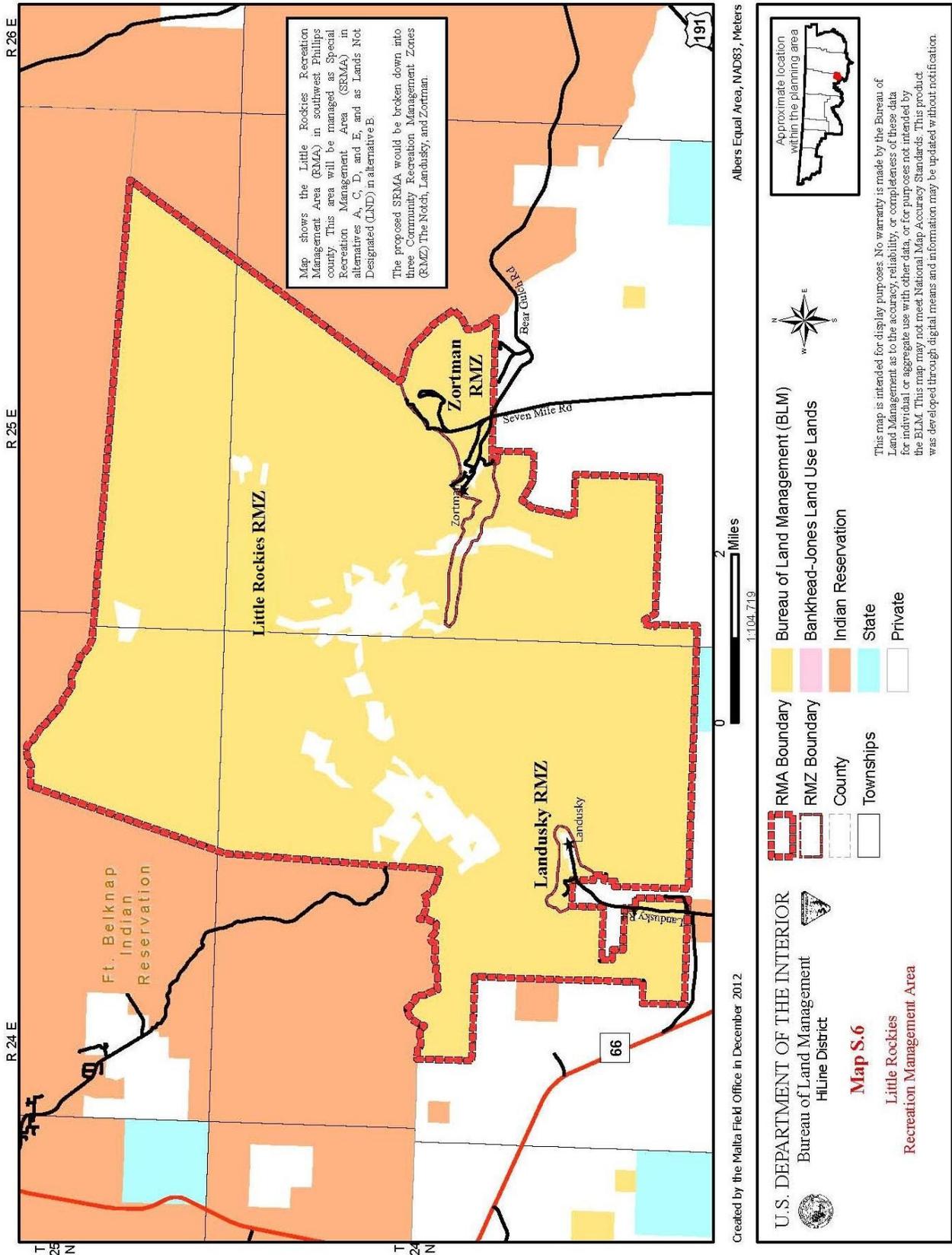
- Pursue partnerships with local communities, the county, Fort Belknap Agency, and recreational user groups to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities.

Information and Education:

- Create a basic, simple SRMA/RMZ brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.
- Partner with local communities and OHV groups to educate visitors on Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly and other safety and ethical recreational issues.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through November using traffic counters and overnight camping permits.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.



## S.7 Marias River SRMA (Alternative D)

### Supporting Information

Important Values of the SRMA

- Public lands along the Marias River corridor offer visitors outstanding opportunities for float boating, fishing, and scenic driving. This corridor attracts visitors mainly from the local communities and school groups from the Fort Benton and Highwood Schools annually.
- Public boat input/takeout sites along the river provide legal access to other public lands along the river that don't otherwise have public access.

Recreation Demand

- Recreational and commercially guided fishing, mainly between Tiber Dam and the confluence with the Missouri River.
- Raft, canoe and kayak floating, dispersed overnight camping, wildlife viewing and picnicking.

General Types of Visitors to be Served

- The visitor segment is identified as rafters and anglers and school groups from the local area.

Ability to Manage Recreation Resources

- The recreation infrastructure (e.g. river access, parking areas, small campgrounds and restrooms) are created and meeting current demand. Requests for Special Recreation Permits for guided fishing have increased over the past couple years and may be an indication that overall recreational use along the Marias River is on the rise.
- There is potential for partnerships with the Marias River Watershed Alliance, Montana Department of Natural Resources Conservation (DNRC), FWP and local schools to monitor and maintain facilities and undeveloped campsites on public and private lands along the river corridor.

### Upper Marias Recreation Management Zone (RMZ)

#### RMZ Outcome Objective

Ensure that the area continues to provide undeveloped water-based recreation opportunities.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Floating</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Undeveloped Camping</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoying closeness to family/friends</li> <li>• Enjoying the area's wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> <li>• Experiencing the natural surroundings</li> <li>• Developing your skills and abilities</li> <li>• Escaping everyday responsibilities for a while</li> </ul>

<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing stronger ties with my family or friends</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Renewed human spirit</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening relationships with family and friends</li> <li>• Increase stewardship and protection of river corridor</li> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preservation of the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generates employment</li> <li>• Maintain tourism revenue</li> </ul>
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## Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)

### Proposed Physical RSCs:

#### Remoteness:

- The river corridor retains the current level of remoteness.

#### Naturalness:

- The level of change to the characteristic natural landscape is low.

#### Visitor Facilities:

- The boat put in/takeout at Sullivan Bridge is the only semi-developed BLM site along the Upper Marias. Some expansion of this site may occur as public use demands. Some stone fire rings have been established by recreational users.

### Proposed Social RSCs:

#### Contacts (avg.):

- Participants encounter a season average of up to 6 encounters/day.

#### Group Size (avg.):

- Participants encounter a season average of up to 4 people per group.

#### Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people occasionally heard. Small localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are found at camping and high-use areas. Inappropriate recreation use is rehabilitated.

### Proposed Operational RSCs:

#### Access (types of travel):

- New recreational access is non-motorized away from developed facilities.
- Isolated parcels of BLM lands that otherwise do not have overland public access can be accessed by boat via the river.

#### Visitor Services/Info:

- Brochures, maps, signs/kiosks provide visitor information and ethics throughout RMZ.

Management Controls:

- A moderate to high degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM on-site presence is low at developed recreation sites.

**Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions**Camping Restriction:

- Overnight camping stays of up to 16 days are allowed on BLM lands along the river.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Motorized use in the RMZ is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails.
- Over-snow snowmobile travel is allowed in the RMZ.
- Cross-country motorized/mechanized travel for big game retrieval is allowed in Alternative D.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the RMZ.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the RMZ for the protection of the recreation activities, recreation outcomes and the RSCs.
- Apply a controlled surface use stipulation.
- Apply a timing lease stipulation to protect mule deer winter range from December 1 to March 31.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class III and managed under VRM Class III objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be high priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails.
- Off road big game retrieval is allowed under Alternative D.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial, organized event or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Expansion of existing visitor facilities at Sullivan Bridge may be necessary to accommodate increases in use.
- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

- Pursue partnerships with Marias Watershed Alliance and other federal, State and private landowners along the river corridor to address resource issues such as off-road violations, spread of invasive species, and need for expanded or improved recreational facilities.

Information and Education:

- Continue to provide a basic, simple SRMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of June through September.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.

**Middle Marias Recreation Management Zone (RMZ)**

**RMZ Outcome Objective**

Maintain and enhance the recreation facilities at the Pugsley Bridge and Moffat Bridge boat launch and take out areas as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Floating</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Commercial Guided Fishing</li> <li>• Undeveloped Camping</li> <li>• Outdoor Classroom</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoying closeness to family/friends</li> <li>• Enjoying the area’s wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> <li>• Experiencing the natural surroundings</li> <li>• Developing your skills and abilities</li> <li>• Escaping everyday responsibilities for a while</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing stronger ties with my family or friends</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Renewed human spirit</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening relationships with family and friends</li> <li>• Increase stewardship and protection of river corridor</li> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Provide outdoor classroom setting for local school groups</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preservation of the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generates employment</li> <li>• Maintain tourism revenue</li> </ul>

## Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)

### Proposed Physical RSCs:

#### Remoteness:

- The river corridor retains the current level of remoteness.

#### Naturalness:

- The level of change to the characteristic natural landscape is low.

#### Visitor Facilities:

- Primitive boat launch/takeout facilities are located at Pugsley and Moffat Bridge access points.
- Restrooms are available at Pugsley and Moffat access points. Some additional improvements may be made at these sites as public use demands.

### Proposed Social RSCs:

#### Contacts (avg.):

- Participants encounter a season average of up to 6 encounters/day.

#### Group Size (avg.):

- Participants encounter a season average of up to 6 people per group.
- Participants encounter a season average of up to 25 people per school group.

#### Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people occasionally heard. Small localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are found at camping and high-use areas. Inappropriate recreation use is rehabilitated.

### Proposed Operational RSCs:

#### Access (types of travel):

- New recreational access is non-motorized away from developed facilities.
- Isolated parcels of BLM lands that otherwise do not have overland public access can be accessed by boat via the river.

#### Visitor Services/Info:

- Brochures, maps, signs/kiosks provide visitor information and ethics throughout RMZ.

#### Management Controls:

- A moderate to high degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM on-site presence is low at developed recreation sites.
- Signs are available at Pugsley and Moffat sites to explain supplemental rules at those sites.

## Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

#### Camping Restriction:

- Overnight camping stays of up to 16 days are allowed on undeveloped BLM lands along the river.
- Overnight camping is prohibited at Pugsley year round.
- At the BLM riparian area near Moffat Bridge access site, overnight camping is limited to 3 days and 3 nights from April 1 through September 1. The area is closed to camping September 2 through March 31.

#### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Motorized use in the RMZ is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails.
- Over-snow snowmobile travel is allowed in the RMZ.
- Cross-country motorized/mechanized travel for big game retrieval is allowed in Alternative D.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the RMZ.
- BLM has a perpetual ROW easement for public access to the BLM riparian area at Moffat Bridge.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the RMZ for the protection of the recreation activities, recreation outcomes and the RSCs.
- Apply a controlled surface use stipulation.
- Apply a timing lease stipulation to protect mule deer winter range from December 1 to March 31.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class III and managed under VRM Class III objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be high priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails.
- Off road big game retrieval is allowed under Alternative D.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial, organized event or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Expansion of existing visitor facilities at Pugsley and Moffat to accommodate increases in use.
- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

- Pursue partnerships with Marias Watershed Alliance and other federal, State and private landowners along the river corridor to address resource issues such as off-road violations, spread of invasive species, and need for expanded or improved recreational facilities.
- Develop a Memorandum of Understanding with DNRC to determine management and facilities maintenance responsibilities at Moffat Bridge access site. The restroom, picnic tables, fire rings and boat ramp are located on DNRC surface but BLM has been helping maintain the site facilities because of their proximity to the BLM riparian area immediately downstream.

Information and Education:

- Continue to provide a basic, simple SRMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of June through September.

- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.

**Lower Marias Recreation Management Zone (RMZ)**

**RMZ Outcome Objective**

Ensure that the area continues to provide undeveloped water-based recreation opportunities.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Floating</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Commercial Guided Fishing</li> <li>• Undeveloped Camping</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoying closeness to family/friends</li> <li>• Enjoying the area’s wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> <li>• Experiencing the natural surroundings</li> <li>• Developing your skills and abilities</li> <li>• Escaping everyday responsibilities for a while</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing stronger ties with my family or friends</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Renewed human spirit</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening relationships with family and friends</li> <li>• Increase stewardship and protection of river corridor</li> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preservation of the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generates employment</li> <li>• Maintain tourism revenue</li> </ul>

**Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)**

**Proposed Physical RSCs:**

Remoteness:

- The river corridor retains the current level of remoteness.

Naturalness:

- The level of change to the characteristic natural landscape is low.

**Proposed Social RSCs:**

Contacts (avg.):

- Participants encounter a season average of up to 6 encounters/day.

Group Size (avg.):

- Participants encounter a season average of up to 4 people per group.
- Participants encounter a season average of up to 25 people per school group.

Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people occasionally heard. Small localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are found at camping and high-use areas. Inappropriate recreation use is rehabilitated.

**Proposed Operational RSCs:**Access (types of travel):

- New recreational access is non-motorized away from developed facilities.
- Isolated parcels of BLM lands that otherwise do not have overland public access can be accessed by boat via the river.

Visitor Services/Info:

- Brochures, maps, signs/kiosks provide visitor information and ethics throughout RMZ.

Management Controls:

- A moderate to high degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM on-site presence is low.

**Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions**Camping Restriction:

- Overnight camping stays of up to 16 days are allowed on BLM lands along the river.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Motorized use in the RMZ is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails.
- Over-snow snowmobile travel is allowed in the RMZ.
- Cross-country motorized/mechanized travel for big game retrieval is allowed in Alternative D.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the RMZ.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the RMZ for the protection of the recreation activities, recreation outcomes and the RSCs.
- Apply a controlled surface use stipulation.
- Apply a timing lease stipulation to protect mule deer winter range from December 1 to March 31.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class III and managed under VRM Class III objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be high priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails.
- Off road big game retrieval is allowed under Alternative D.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial, organized event or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Expansion of existing visitor facilities at Sullivan Bridge may be necessary to accommodate increases in use.
- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

- Pursue partnerships with Marias Watershed Alliance and other federal, State and private landowners along the river corridor to address resource issues such as off-road violations, spread of invasive species, and need for expanded or improved recreational facilities.

Information and Education:

- Continue to provide a basic, simple SRMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of June through September.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.

## S.7 Marias River ERMA Alternatives C and E (Preferred Alternative)

### ERMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities along the Marias River corridor as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements. Continue to support use by local school groups.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Classroom/School Field Trips</li> <li>• Bird Watching/Wildlife Viewing</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Outdoor classroom setting</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Easily accessible outdoor classroom setting for local schools and youth groups</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

### Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

Camping:

- The ERMA is open to camping and overnight use except for the following restrictions: Pugsley Bridge site is closed to overnight camping year round; camping at Moffatt BLM riparian area is limited to 3 days and 3 nights from April 1 through September 1 and closed to camping from September 2 through March 31.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Hand-held, wheeled carts are allowed for the direct retrieval of big game.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the upper and middle portions of the ERMA.
- The ERMA is retained for long-term management.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the ERMA for the protection of the recreation activities and objectives.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class II and managed under VRM Class II objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be high priority under Alternative C and moderate priority under Alternative E. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

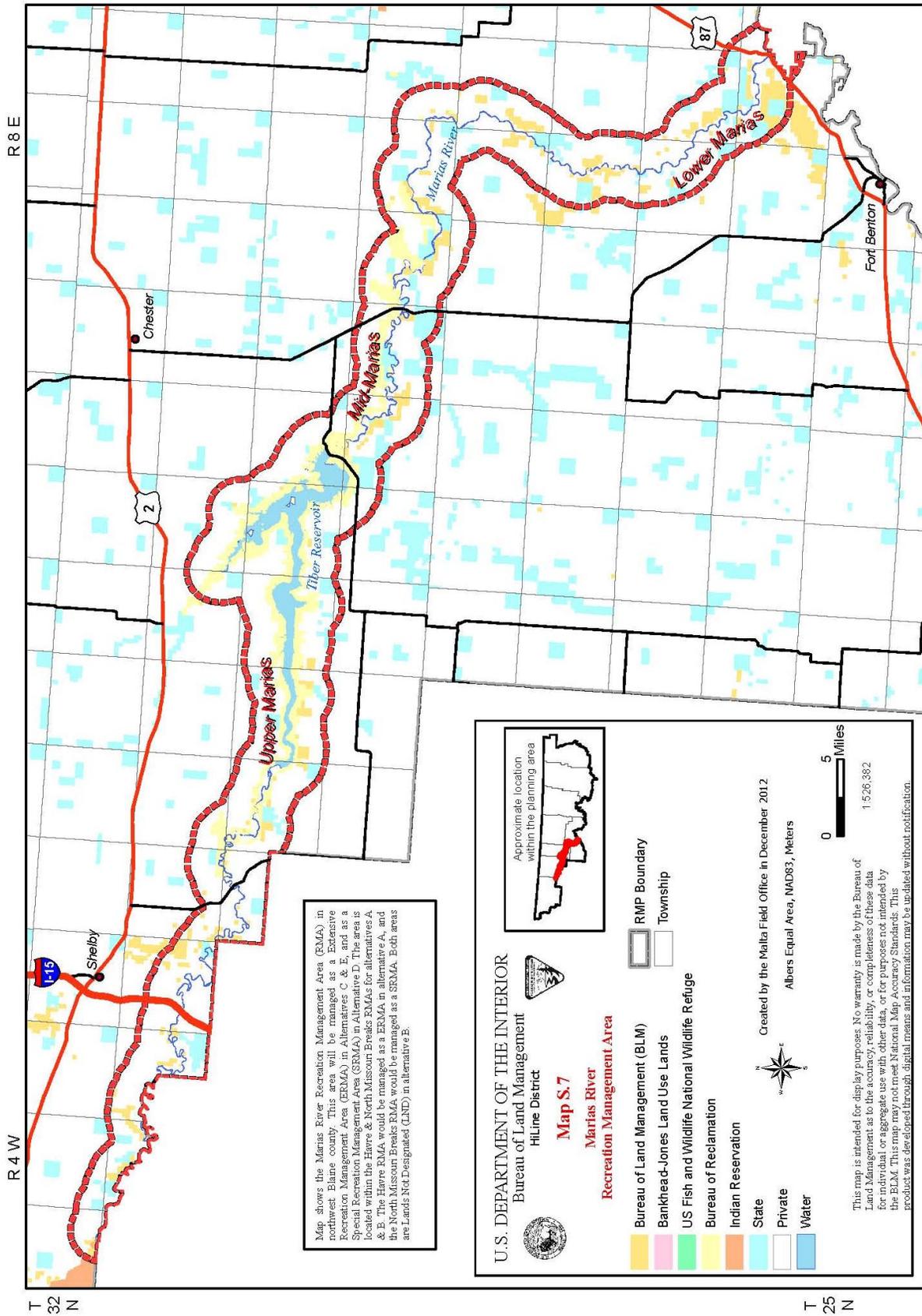
- Pursue partnerships with local schools and other user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic ERMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the ERMA objectives and opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October.
- If future monitoring indicates that resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.



## S.8 Paulo Reservoir SRMA Alternative D

### Supporting Information

Important Values of the SRMA

- The area offers fishing and diverse wildlife and wetland ecology viewing opportunities that are easily accessed via maintained public roads.
- Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) helps maintain this popular sport fishery by periodically monitoring and re-stocking the fish in the reservoir.

Recreation Demand

- The primary customers are anglers, hunters, local families, bird watchers and local school groups.

General Types of Visitors to be Targeted

- The visitor segment is identified as school groups on day field trips, birdwatchers, and anglers.

Ability to Manage Recreation Resources

- The SRMA is currently fenced off from the surrounding rangeland to exclude cattle except during prescribed grazing treatments. This area has support and potential partnership opportunities with Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to maintain and improve the health of the fishery and further develop and maintain visitor opportunities at the site.

### SRMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities at Paulo Reservoir RMA as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements. Establish the site as an annual outdoor classroom destination for the Glasgow Schools and other area schools.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Classroom/School Field Trips</li> <li>• Bird Watching/Wildlife Viewing</li> <li>• Fishing</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Outdoor classroom setting</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> <li>• Fresh fish provides a healthy food source</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Easily accessible outdoor classroom setting for local schools and youth groups</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul>

	<u>Economic:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>
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## Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)

### Proposed Physical RSCs:

#### Naturalness:

- The site provides a variety of native upland and wetland plant and animal species.

#### Visitor Facilities:

- The site has public access via County and BLM roads. Parking, restroom and picnic facilities are provided. Future facilities proposed include an interpretive panel describing the unique wildlife and plant features of the area and an accessible parking pad, trail and fishing pier.

### Proposed Social RSCs:

#### Contacts (avg.):

- Participants would encounter a season average of up to 2 encounters per day.

#### Group Size (avg.):

- The average size of the casual or bird watching group size would be 2-4 whereas the average outdoor classroom group size would be around 20.

#### Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people occasionally heard. A few small localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are acceptable. Inappropriate recreation use is rehabilitated

### Proposed Operational RSCs:

#### Access (types of travel):

- Motorized travel is limited to existing trails. The rest of the area would be accessible by foot. The predominant uses at this site are non-motorized.

#### Visitor Services/Info:

- A message board and brochure box at the restroom assists visitors with area rules, regulations and ethics as well as viewing opportunities.
- Addition of accessible parking, fishing and interpretive facilities will provide outdoor recreation and environmental education opportunities to a wider range of visitors.

#### Management Controls:

- A moderate degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM on-site presence is low and infrequent except during outdoor classroom group visits.

## Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

#### Camping:

- The SRMA is open to camping and overnight use.

#### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

Firearm Use Restriction:

- The discharge of firearms for recreational target shooting is prohibited in developed recreation sites.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the SRMA.
- ROW avoidance areas are applied to developed recreation sites.
- The SRMA is retained for long-term management.
- Developed recreation sites are retained for long-term management.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the SRMA for the protection of the recreation activities, recreation outcomes and the RSCs.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class IV and managed under VRM Class IV objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be moderate priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Continue to work with FWP to maintain and improve the health of the recreational fishery.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

- Pursue partnerships with local schools and other user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic SRMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the SRMA objectives and RMA opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.

## S.8 Paulo Fishing Reservoir ERMA Alternatives C and E (Preferred Alternative)

### ERMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities at Paulo Fishing Reservoir as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camping</li> <li>• Fishing</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Outdoor classroom setting</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Provide bathroom and camping facilities close to prime big game hunting areas</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

### Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

Camping:

- The ERMA is open to camping and overnight use.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the ERMA.
- The ERMA is retained for long-term management.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the ERMA for the protection of area resources.
- Apply stipulations for wind development for protection of area resources.
- Closed to fluid mineral leasing.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class IV and managed under VRM Class IV objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be moderate priority under Alternative C and high priority under Alternative E.. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.
- In Alternative C, motorized off-road travel will be allowed for retrieval of a big game animal that is in possession, in a minimum timeframe utilizing the most direct route while minimizing resource damage, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

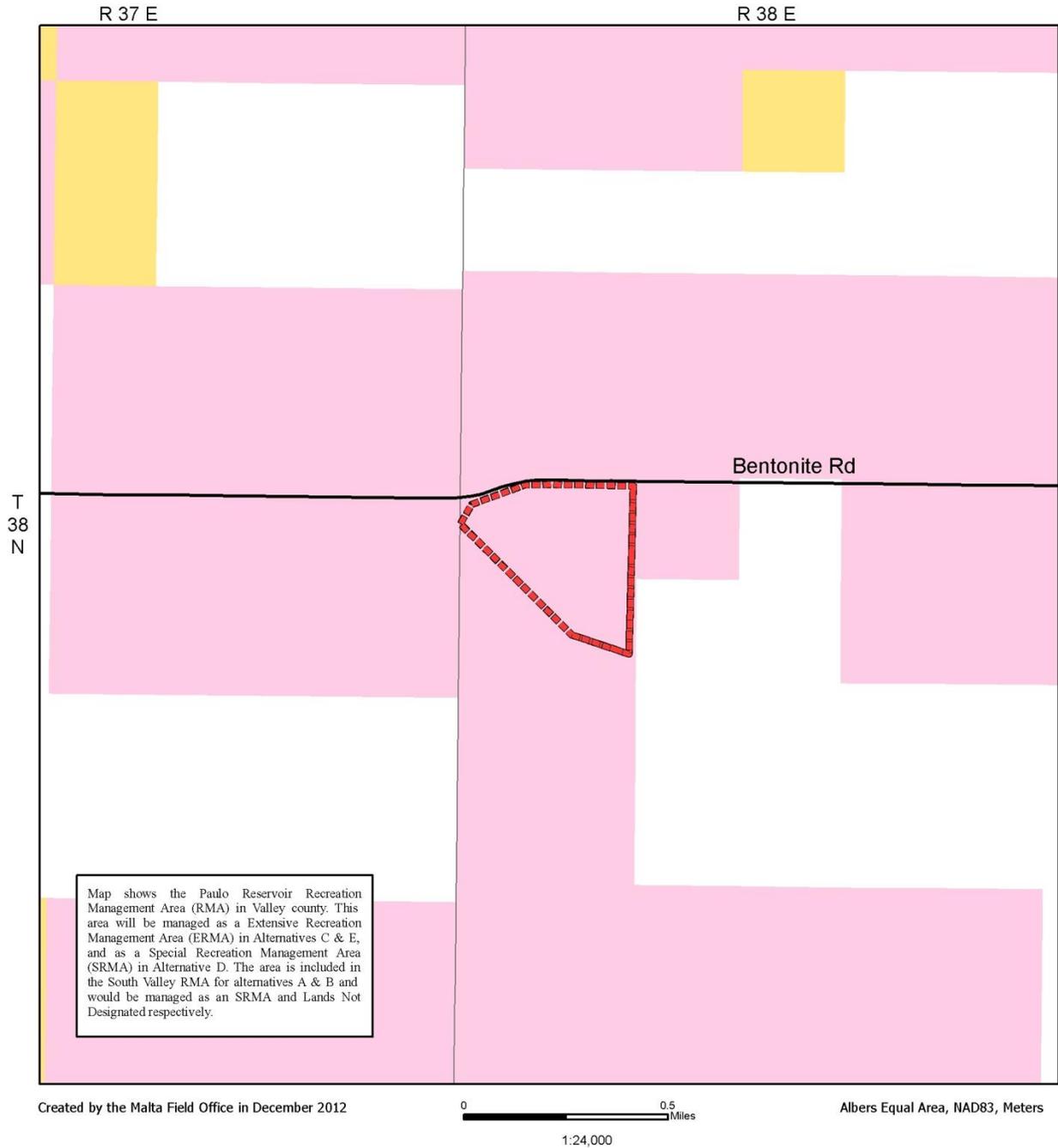
- Pursue partnerships with other agencies and user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic ERMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the ERMA objectives and opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through November.
- If future monitoring indicates that resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.



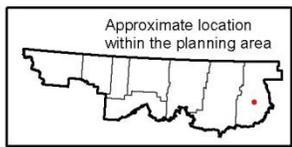
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**Map S.8**  
**Paulo Reservoir  
Recreation Management Area**

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-  State
-  Private
-  Water
-  RMA Boundary
-  County Route
-  U.S. Route

Approximate location within the planning area

## S.9 South Phillips Recreation Complex SRMA Alternative D

### Supporting Information

#### Important Values of the SRMA

- The area offers diverse wildlife and wetland ecology viewing opportunities that are easily accessed via maintained public roads.
- The Auto Tour Route along the west edge of the SRMA is a high-use road that provides access to the wildlife viewing area on Charles M Russell (CMR) National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and several popular BLM recreational fisheries.
- The Manning Corral Road is a high-use road that provides access to CMR NWR and several of the most popular BLM recreational fisheries in the HiLine District.
- The Dryfork Road is a high-use road that provides access to CMR NWR and several of the most popular BLM recreational fisheries in the HiLine District. Directional signage to many of the fisheries and an information kiosk are located at the intersection of Dryfork Road with Highway 191.

#### Recreation Demand

- The primary customers are hunters, anglers and bird watchers.

#### General Types of Visitors to be Targeted

- The visitor segment is identified as statewide upland game bird and big game hunters and bird watchers and local anglers.

#### Ability to Manage Recreation Resources

- The SRMA is overlapped by a series of large grazing allotments. The recreational fisheries within the SRMA are not fenced off from these grazing allotments and are, therefore regularly frequented by cattle.
- The area is easily accessible by a system of maintained public roads including U.S. Highways 191 and 66.
- This area has support and potential partnership opportunities with CMR NWR, FWP and local communities.

### SRMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the recreational fisheries, access roads/trails, and facilities as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunting</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Bird Watching/Wildlife Viewing</li> <li>• Picnicking</li> <li>• Pleasure Driving</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Outdoor classroom setting</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Easily accessible outdoor classroom setting for local schools and youth groups</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>
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**Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)**

**Proposed Physical RSCs:**

Naturalness:

- The site provides a large diversity of native upland and wetland plant and animal species in a natural prairie and breaks setting

Remoteness:

- Large size of the SRMA along with the natural setting provide ample opportunities to recreate away from the sights and sounds of other visitors.

Visitor Facilities:

- Parking, informational kiosk/signs and trash cans are available at the intersection of Dryfork Road and Highway 191.
- Some of the more popular recreational fisheries have picnic tables.
- Well-traveled, maintained roads provide access to the area from Highway 191.

**Proposed Social RSCs:**

Contacts (avg.):

- Participants would encounter a season average of up to 10 encounters per day.

Group Size (avg.):

- The average group size would be 2-4.

Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people occasionally heard. A few small localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are acceptable. Inappropriate recreation use is rehabilitated

**Proposed Operational RSCs:**

Access (types of travel):

- Motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. The rest of the area would be accessible by foot.

Visitor Services/Info:

- Additional interpretive and informational signs/maps will be provided at main access points to assist visitors with recreation opportunities within the SRMA.
- Picnic tables will be provided at the more popular recreational fisheries to enhance visitor use.

Management Controls:

- A moderate degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM on-site presence is low and infrequent.

- Cattle exclusion fences and off-site watering facilities may be added to the more popular recreational fisheries to protect recreational facilities.

## Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

### Camping:

- The SRMA is open to undeveloped overnight camping stays of up to 16 days.

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Hand-held, wheeled carts are allowed for the direct retrieval of big game.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.
- Cross-country motorized/mechanized travel for big game retrieval is allowed in Alternative D.

### Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the recreational fisheries within the SRMA.
- The SRMA is retained for long-term management.

### Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities around the recreational fisheries within the SRMA for the protection of the recreation activities, recreation outcomes and the RSCs.

### Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class III and managed under VRM Class III objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

## Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be moderate priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.
- In Alternative D, motorized off-road travel will be allowed for retrieval of a big game animal that is in possession, in a minimum timeframe utilizing the most direct route while minimizing resource damage, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

### Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

## Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management

### Management:

- Reroute trails that that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

- Pursue partnerships with local communities, agencies user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic SRMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the SRMA objectives and opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.

## S.9 South Phillips Recreation Complex ERMA Alternatives C and E (Preferred Alternative)

### ERMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the current facilities within the ERMA as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Undeveloped Camping</li> <li>• Bird Watching/Wildlife Viewing</li> <li>• Hunting</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

### Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

Camping:

- The ERMA is open to camping and overnight use.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Hand-held, wheeled carts are allowed for the direct retrieval of big game.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the ERMA.
- The ERMA is retained for long-term management.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the entire ERMA under Alternative E and for the recreational fisheries only for Alternative C, for the protection of the recreation activities and objectives.
- The ERMA will be managed as an exclusion area for wind energy.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class II and III and managed under VRM Class II and III objectives respectively.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be moderate priority under Alternative C and high priority under Alternative E. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.
- In Alternative C, motorized off-road travel will be allowed for retrieval of a big game animal that is in possession, in a minimum timeframe utilizing the most direct route while minimizing resource damage, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Develop a recreational fisheries management plan and coordinate with FWP to monitor and stock game fish as needed.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

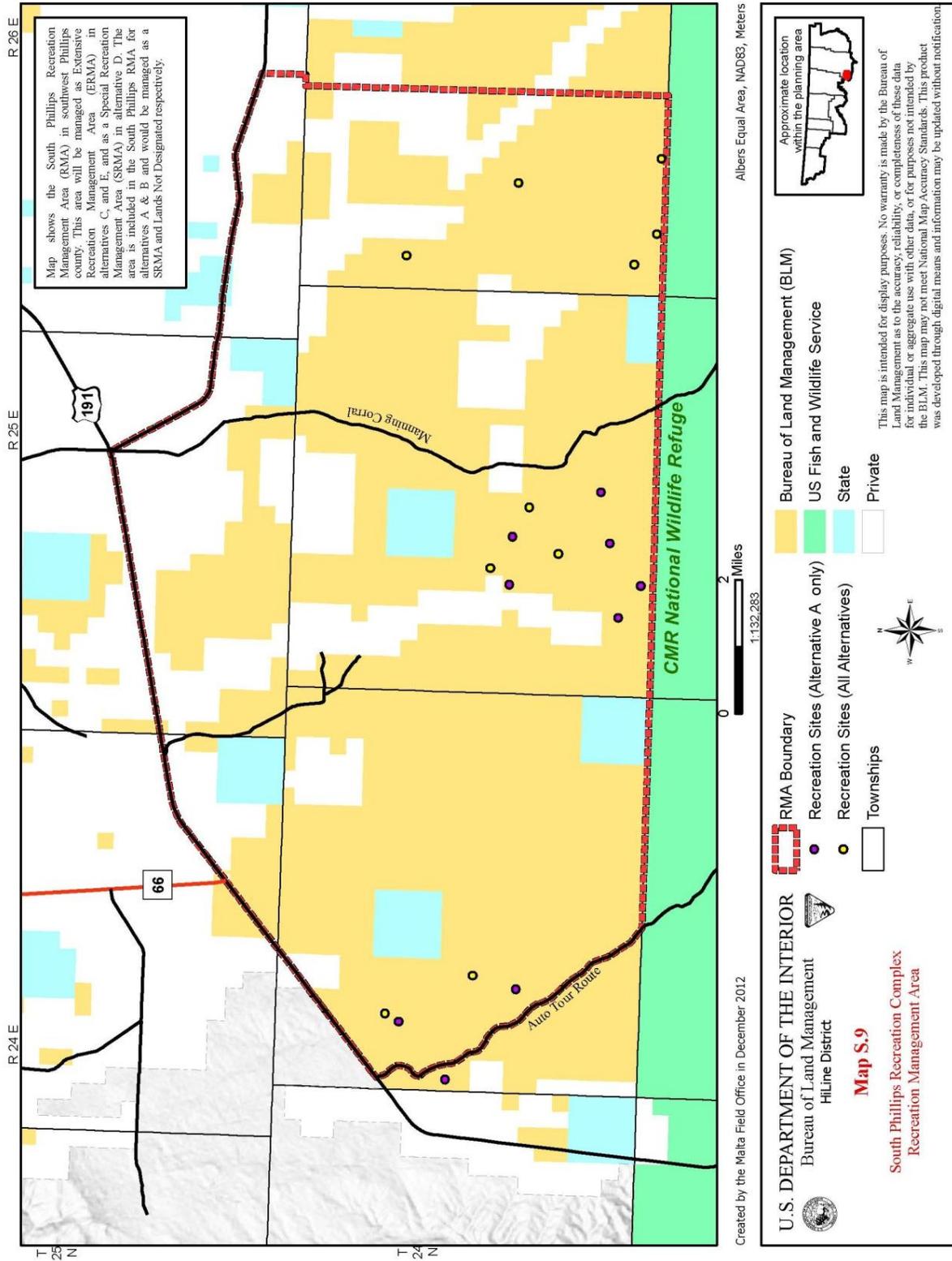
- Pursue partnerships with FWP and user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic ERMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the ERMA objectives and opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October.
- If future monitoring indicates that resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.



## S.10 Sweet Grass Hills SRMA Alternative D

### Supporting Information

#### Important Values of the SRMA

- This island mountain range provides topography and vegetation that is unique to the surrounding rolling hills and grasslands.
- This is a Traditional Cultural Property that is a destination for members of several Native American tribes.
- The SRMA is also an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) established for its traditional cultural importance and seasonally important wildlife habitat.
- During the 2011 wilderness characteristic inventory update, the western block of the Sweet Grass Hills was determined to meet the minimum criteria of possessing wilderness characteristics.

#### Recreation Demand

- The primary customers are hunters, participants in traditional religious ceremonies, and hikers.

#### General Types of Visitors to be Targeted

- The visitor segment is identified as big game hunters, backcountry hikers/campers, and Native American tribes.

#### Ability to Manage Recreation Resources

- The SRMA is currently fenced off from the surrounding rangeland to exclude cattle except during prescribed grazing treatments.
- Legal public access is very limited throughout the SRMA.

### SRMA Outcome Objective

Maintain the important values and overall natural setting of the SRMA while providing opportunities for a quality outdoor recreation experience.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunting</li> <li>• Backcountry Hiking/Camping</li> <li>• Wildlife Viewing</li> <li>• Traditional Cultural/Religious Ceremonies</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Experience traditional religious ceremonies</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> <li>• Experience traditional religious ceremonies</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>
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## Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)

### Proposed Physical RSCs:

#### Naturalness:

- The SRMA is a series of small, island mountain ranges surrounded by native rolling hills and prairie. The area provides opportunities for primitive types of outdoor recreation in a natural, forested setting.

#### Remoteness:

- The topography and vegetation within the SRMA provide visitors with an opportunity to avoid the sights and sounds of other people.

#### Visitor Facilities:

- Public access to the SRMA is very limited and there are currently no developed facilities. Future facilities proposed include an interpretive panel describing the unique wildlife and cultural features of the area, a parking and camping area near the main public access point which will help minimize impacts to the low meadow area where visitors currently park and camp.

### Proposed Social RSCs:

#### Contacts (avg.):

- Participants would encounter a season average of up to 2 encounters per day.

#### Group Size (avg.):

- The average group size would be 2-4.

#### Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people occasionally heard. A few small localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are acceptable. Inappropriate recreation use is rehabilitated.

### Proposed Operational RSCs:

#### Access (types of travel):

- Under Alternative D, motorized travel is limited to OHVs on existing road, primitive roads and trails. The rest of the area would be accessible by foot. The predominant uses at this site are non-motorized.

#### Visitor Services/Info:

- An interpretive panel and site map at the parking area will assist visitors with area rules, regulations and ethics as well as viewing opportunities and cultural history.
- A parking and camping area on the north side of the Black Jack Butte Road access point would improve visitor safety and enhance the visitor experience while reducing impacts to natural resources at other SRMA access points.

#### Management Controls:

- A moderate degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM on-site presence is low and infrequent.

## Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

### Camping:

- The SRMA is open to overnight camping subject to the 16-day limit.

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Under Alternative D, the area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Under Alternative D, cross country travel for the purpose of big game retrieval would be allowed between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- Hand-held, wheeled carts are allowed for the direct retrieval of big game.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

### Firearm Use Restriction:

- The discharge of firearms for recreational target shooting is prohibited in developed recreation sites.

### Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the SRMA.
- ROW avoidance areas are applied to developed recreation sites.
- The SRMA is retained for long-term management.
- Developed recreation sites are retained for long-term management.

### Forest Products:

- Under Alternative D, the BLM would allow for a full range of forest health treatments in the Sweet Grass Hills SRMA that may include the sale of wood products. The area would not be open for incidental personal use wood products.

### Minerals:

- The BLM would not recommend an extension to the withdrawal from solid mineral entry and location. The withdrawal would be allowed to expire in 2017.
- The area would be closed to solid mineral leasing and mineral material sales.

### Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- The area would include an NSO stipulation for oil and gas leasing. On existing leases, the BLM would work with operators to apply guidelines to any new activity which may threaten areas of traditional spiritual importance to Native Americans or aquifers that provide potable water.
- The SRMA would be an exclusion area for wind energy development.

### Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class III and managed under VRM Class III objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

## Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be low priority. In the interim, under Alternative D, motorized travel is limited to OHV use on existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.
- In Alternative D, motorized off-road travel will be allowed for retrieval of a big game animal that is in possession, in a minimum timeframe utilizing the most direct route while minimizing resource damage, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Develop a wildlife and habitat monitoring-management plan to maintain the diversity of native wildlife and plant species on which the area recreation is dependent.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

- Pursue partnerships with tribes and other user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic SRMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the SRMA objectives and opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through November.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.

## S.10 Sweet Grass Hills ERMA Alternative E (Preferred Alternative)

### ERMA Outcome Objective

Protect and enhance the important values for which the ACEC/TCP was established as well as the overall natural setting of the ERMA while providing opportunities for a quality outdoor recreation experience.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunting</li> <li>• Backcountry Hiking/Camping</li> <li>• Wildlife Viewing</li> <li>• Traditional Cultural/Religious Ceremonies</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Experience traditional religious ceremonies</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> <li>• Experience traditional religious ceremonies</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

### Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

Camping:

- The ERMA is open to camping and overnight use.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is closed to OHV use until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Hand-held, wheeled carts are allowed for the direct retrieval of big game.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the ERMA.
- The ERMA is retained for long-term management.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- The ERMA is closed to oil and gas development under Alternative E.
- The ERMA is an exclusion area for wind energy development under Alternative E.

Minerals:

- The ERMA is closed to leasable and salable minerals and withdrawn from locatable minerals.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class II and managed under VRM Class II objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be low priority. In the interim, motorized travel is classified as closed within the ERMA. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

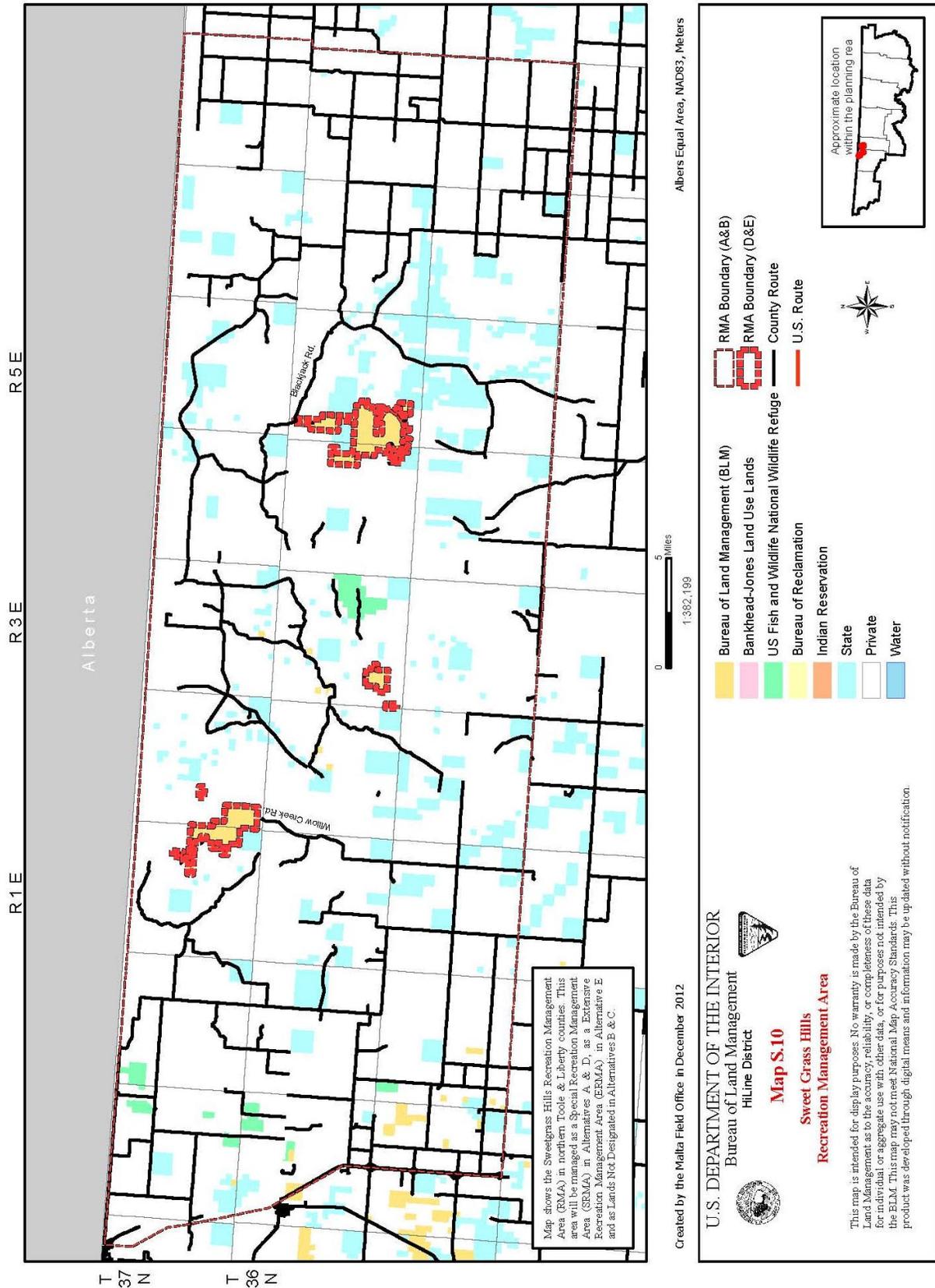
- Pursue partnerships with user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic ERMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the ERMA objectives and opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation annually during the primary use season of mid-April through November.
- If future monitoring indicates that resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.



## S.11 Thirty Mile OHV SRMA Alternative D

### Supporting Information

#### Important Values of the SRMA

- The area offers challenging, close-to-town, easy to access recreational opportunities.
- The RMA offers a variety of off-road riding opportunities for OHV recreationists of all skill levels.

#### Recreation Demand

- The primary customers are local OHV enthusiasts.

#### General Types of Visitors to be Targeted

- The visitor segment is identified as close-to-home, day-use OHV riders.

#### Ability to Manage Recreation Resources

- The SRMA is currently accessible via public routes that cross private and State lands. Some issues arise during wet conditions when SRMA users drive through the landowner’s fields to get around low, wet spots in the road. The private landowner and State are willing to work with BLM to improve access to the site. Local and State OHV groups are possible partners who can help address these issues as well as develop other improvements and public educational programs for the SRMA.

### SRMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities and signage at Fresno OHV area as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements. Avoid damage to surrounding resources by enhancing and/or replacing boundary fences and markers.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHV Riding</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing your skills and abilities</li> <li>• For the challenge or sport</li> <li>• Enjoying the area’s scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve natural resources of surrounding area by providing quality motorized recreational opportunities at a designated site</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

## Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)

### Proposed Physical RSCs:

#### Remoteness:

- The site provides an unstructured, open, OHV experience in a rugged, natural setting.

#### Visitor Facilities:

- The site has public access. Improved parking and signage will be developed to enhance the visitor experience and protect surrounding public and private lands.

### Proposed Social RSCs:

#### Contacts (avg.):

- Participants would encounter a season average of up to 8 encounters per day.

#### Group Size (avg.):

- Participants would encounter a season average of up to 6 people per group.

#### Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people occasionally heard. Localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are acceptable. Inappropriate recreation use is rehabilitated

### Proposed Operational RSCs:

#### Access (types of travel):

- The area is open to all types of vehicle use at all times anywhere in the area subject to the operating regulations and vehicle standards set for the in 43 CFR 8341 and 8342.

#### Visitor Services/Info:

- A simple brochure/map assists visitors. SRMA Boundaries are clearly marked. Rules, regulations and ethics clearly posted at SRMA parking area.

#### Management Controls:

- A moderate degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM on-site presence is low. Parking, boundary and signage will be maintained. A traffic counter will be used to monitor the level of visitor use.

## Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

#### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as open to all types of vehicle use at all times anywhere in the area subject to the operating regulations and vehicle standards set for the in 43 CFR 8341 and 8342.

#### Lands and Realty:

- The SRMA is retained for long-term management.

#### Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class IV and managed under VRM Class IV objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

## Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision

### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be low priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.

### Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial, organized event or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

## Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management

### Management:

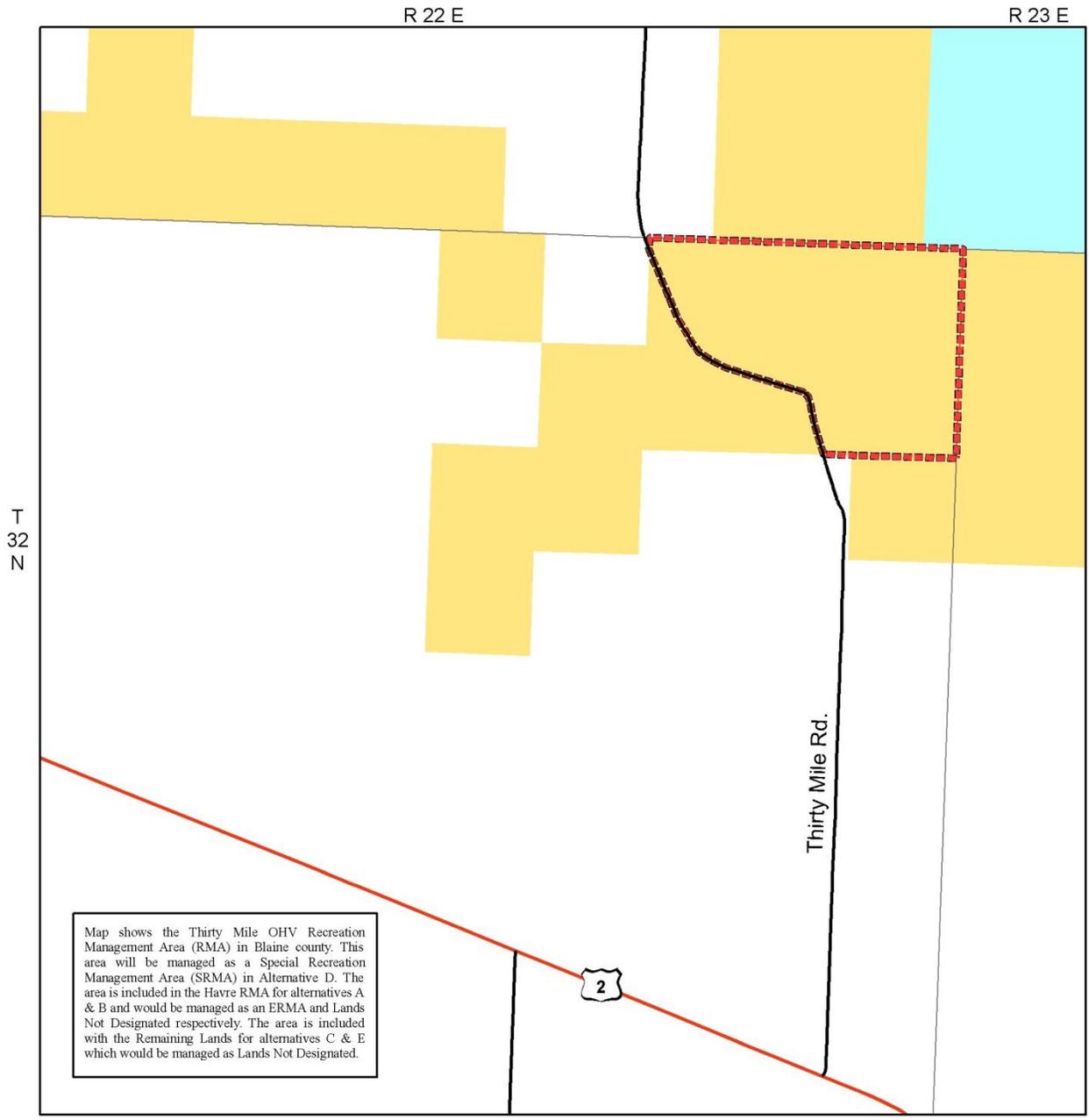
- Reroute trails that that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Develop additional access and/or improve current public access to the site to prevent impacts to private and public lands surrounding the SRMA.
- Improve and maintain boundary markings to avoid user conflicts and damage to surrounding resources.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

### Information and Education:

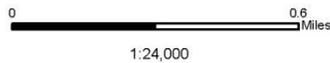
- Continue to provide a basic, simple SRMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.
- Pursue partnerships with State and local OHV groups to provide safety and Leave No Trace training for OHV recreationists using public lands.

### Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October using traffic counters.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.



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**Map S.11**  
**Thirty Mile OHV**  
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- Water
- RMA Boundary
- County Route
- U.S. Route

Approximate location within the planning area

## S.12 Timber Creek Ridge ERMA Alternatives D and E (Preferred Alternative)

### ERMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the natural setting in and around the ERMA by providing a minimal amount of recreational facilities needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements while reducing impacts to other resources in the area.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildlife Viewing</li> <li>• Hunting</li> <li>• Camping</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Outdoor classroom setting</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

### Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

Camping:

- The ERMA is open to camping and overnight use.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Hand-held, wheeled carts are allowed for the direct retrieval of big game.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a timing lease stipulation in the ERMA for the protection of wildlife resources, recreation activities and objectives.
- Under Alternative E, also apply a controlled surface use stipulation and the ERMA would be an avoidance area for wind development.

Minerals:

- The ERMA would be closed to mineral development under Alternative E.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- Under Alternative D, the ERMA would be classified as VRM Class III and managed under VRM Class III objectives.
- Under Alternative E, the ERMA would be classified as VRM Class II and managed under VRM Class II objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be moderate priority under Alternative D and high priority under Alternative E. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.
- In Alternative D, motorized off-road travel will be allowed for retrieval of a big game animal that is in possession, in a minimum timeframe utilizing the most direct route while minimizing resource damage, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Provide bathroom facilities during the high-use hunting season to protect public health and safety.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

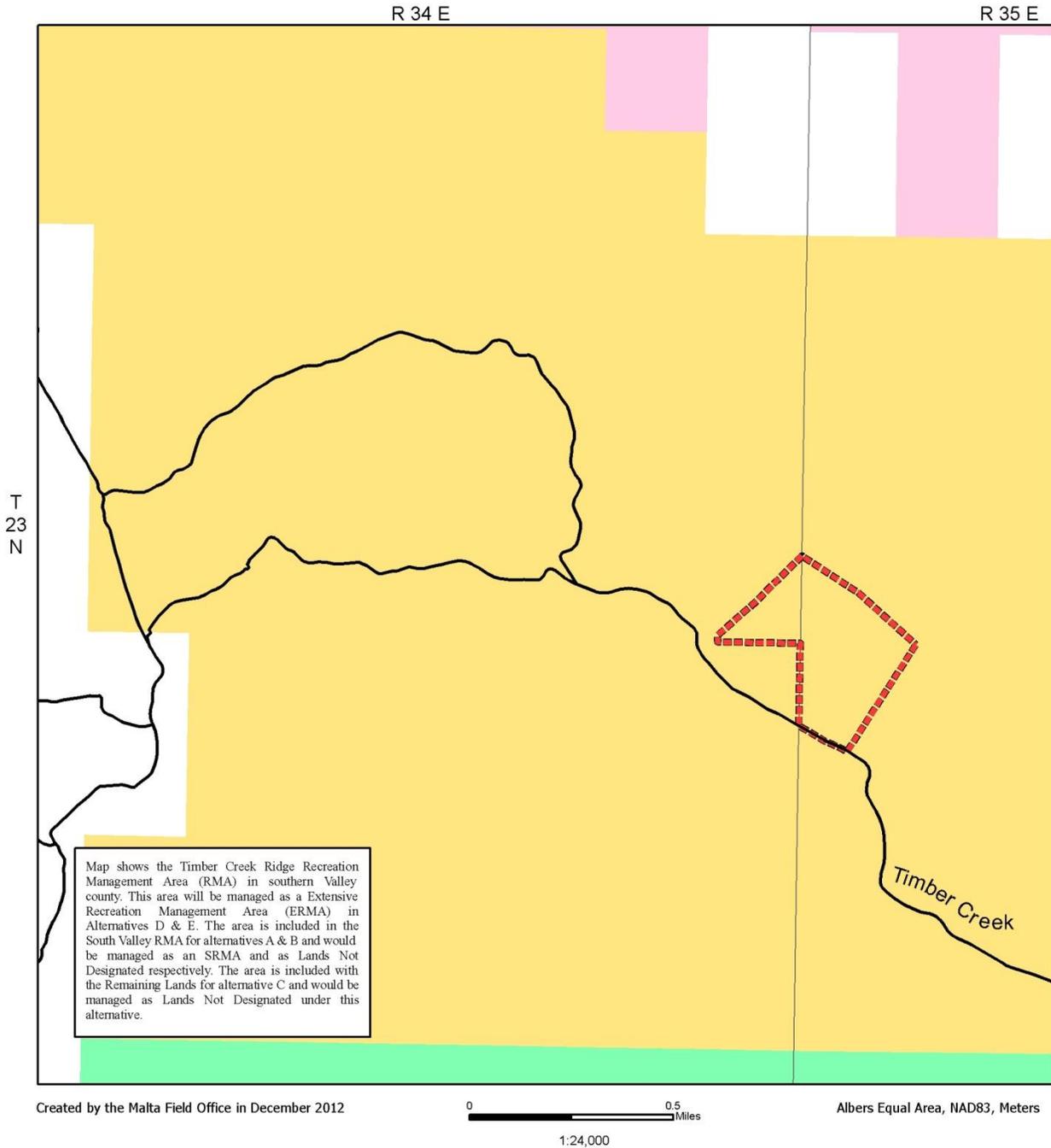
- Pursue partnerships with other agencies and user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic ERMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through November.
- If future monitoring indicates that resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.



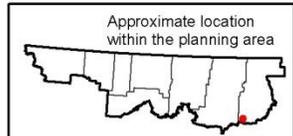
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**Map S.12**  
**Timber Creek Ridge**  
**Recreation Management Area**

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Approximate location within the planning area

## S.13 Troika Reservoir SRMA Alternative D

### Supporting Information

Important Values of the SRMA

- The area offers fishing and diverse wildlife and wetland ecology viewing opportunities that are easily accessed via maintained public roads.
- Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) helps maintain this popular sport fishery by periodically monitoring and re-stocking the fish in the reservoir.

Recreation Demand

- The primary customers are anglers, hunters, local families, bird watchers and local school groups.

General Types of Visitors to be Targeted

- The visitor segment is identified as school groups on day field trips, birdwatchers, and anglers.

Ability to Manage Recreation Resources

- The SRMA is currently fenced off from the surrounding rangeland to exclude cattle except during prescribed grazing treatments. This area has support and potential partnership opportunities with Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to maintain and improve the health of the fishery and further develop and maintain visitor opportunities at the site.

### SRMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities at Paulo Reservoir RMA as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements. Establish the site as an annual outdoor classroom destination for the Glasgow Schools and other area schools.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Classroom/School Field Trips</li> <li>• Bird Watching/Wildlife Viewing</li> <li>• Fishing</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Outdoor classroom setting</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> <li>• Fresh fish provides a healthy food source</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Easily accessible outdoor classroom setting for local schools and youth groups</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>
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## Proposed Recreation Setting Characteristics (RSCs)

### Proposed Physical RSCs:

#### Naturalness:

- The site provides a variety of native upland and wetland plant and animal species.

#### Visitor Facilities:

- The site has public access via County and BLM roads. Parking, restroom and picnic facilities are provided. Future facilities proposed include an interpretive panel describing the unique wildlife and plant features of the area and an accessible parking pad, trail and fishing pier.

### Proposed Social RSCs:

#### Contacts (avg.):

- Participants would encounter a season average of up to 2 encounters per day.

#### Group Size (avg.):

- The average size of the casual or bird watching group size would be 2-4 whereas the average outdoor classroom group size would be around 20.

#### Evidence of Use:

- Sounds of other people occasionally heard. A few small localized areas of vegetation alteration and compacted/bare soils are acceptable. Inappropriate recreation use is rehabilitated

### Proposed Operational RSCs:

#### Access (types of travel):

- Motorized travel is limited to existing trails. The rest of the area would be accessible by foot. The predominant uses at this site are non-motorized.

#### Visitor Services/Info:

- A message board and brochure box at the restroom assists visitors with area rules, regulations and ethics as well as viewing opportunities.
- Addition of accessible parking, fishing and interpretive facilities will provide outdoor recreation and environmental education opportunities to a wider range of visitors.

#### Management Controls:

- A moderate degree of visitor and land use controls exercised. BLM on-site presence is low and infrequent except during outdoor classroom group visits.

## Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

#### Camping:

- The SRMA is open to camping and overnight use.

#### Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

Firearm Use Restriction:

- The discharge of firearms for recreational target shooting is prohibited in developed recreation sites.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the SRMA.
- ROW avoidance areas are applied to developed recreation sites.
- The SRMA is retained for long-term management.
- Developed recreation sites are retained for long-term management.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the SRMA for the protection of the recreation activities, recreation outcomes and the RSCs.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class III and managed under VRM Class III objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be moderate priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Continue to work with FWP to maintain and improve the health of the recreational fishery.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

- Pursue partnerships with local schools and other user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic SRMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the SRMA objectives and RMA opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October.
- If future monitoring indicates that social RSCs are not being achieved, resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.

## S.13 Troika Reservoir ERMA Alternatives C and E (Preferred Alternative)

### ERMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities at Troika Fishing Reservoir as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camping</li> <li>• Fishing</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Outdoor classroom setting</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Provide bathroom and camping facilities close to prime big game hunting areas</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

### Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

Camping:

- The ERMA is open to camping and overnight use.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the ERMA.
- The ERMA is retained for long-term management.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the ERMA for the protection of area resources.
- Apply stipulations for wind development for protection of area resources.
- Closed to fluid mineral leasing.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class II and managed under VRM Class II objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be moderate priority under Alternative C and high priority under Alternative E. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.
- In Alternative C, motorized off-road travel will be allowed for retrieval of a big game animal that is in possession, in a minimum timeframe utilizing the most direct route while minimizing resource damage, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

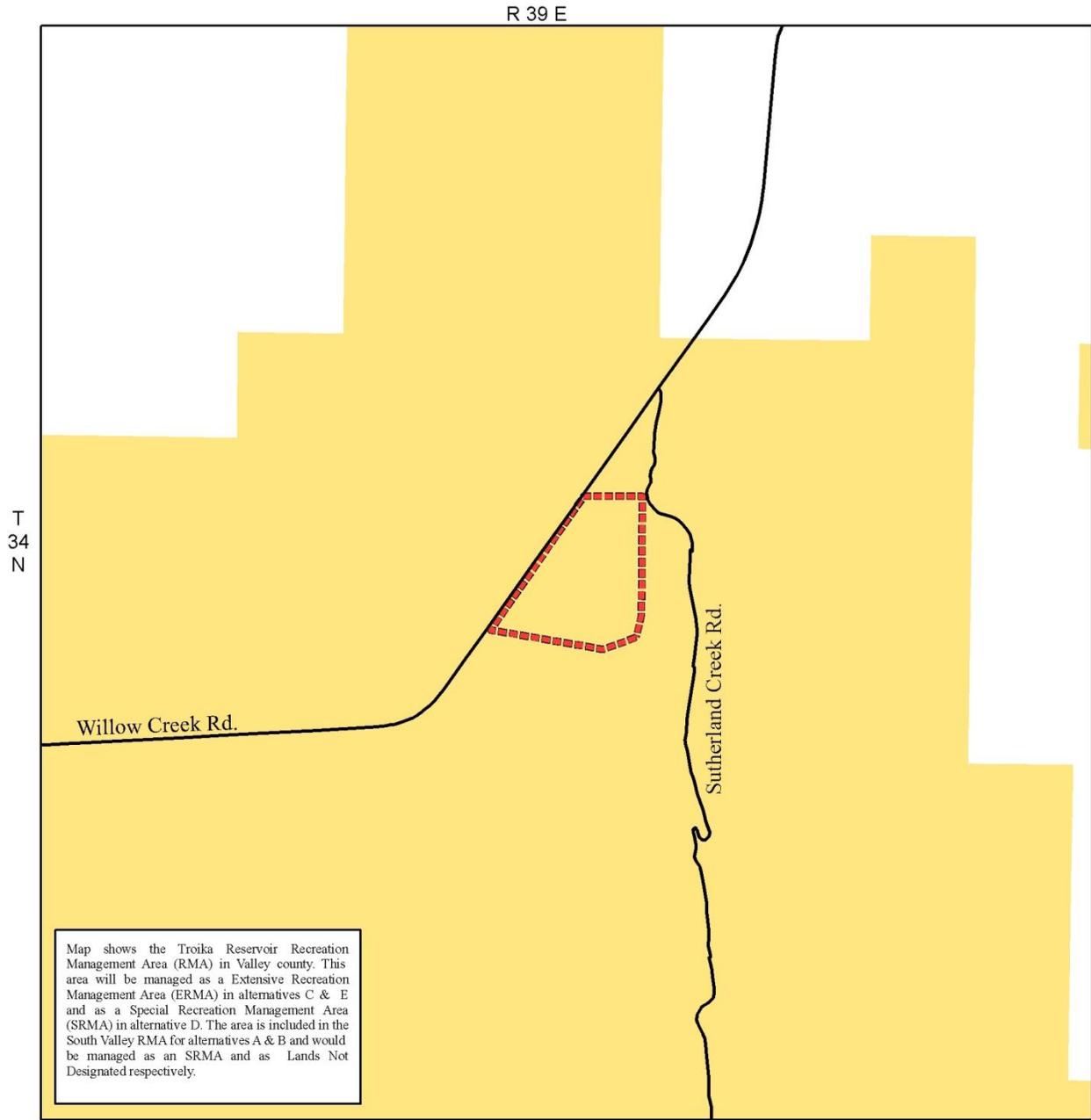
- Pursue partnerships with other agencies and user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic ERMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the ERMA objectives and opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through November.
- If future monitoring indicates that resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.



Map shows the Troika Reservoir Recreation Management Area (RMA) in Valley county. This area will be managed as a Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA) in alternatives C & E and as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) in alternative D. The area is included in the South Valley RMA for alternatives A & B and would be managed as an SRMA and as Lands Not Designated respectively.

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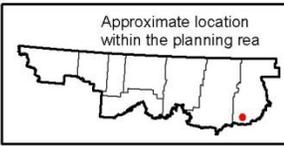
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**Map S.13**  
**Troika Reservoir**  
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Approximate location within the planning area

## S.14 Wards Dam ERMA Alternative D

### ERMA Outcome Objective

Maintain and enhance the facilities at the Wards Dam Watchable Wildlife Area as needed to meet recreational demands and comply with public health and safety requirements. Establish the site as an annual outdoor classroom destination for the Opheim Schools and other area schools.

<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Classroom/School Field Trips</li> <li>• Bird Watching/Wildlife Viewing</li> <li>• Waterfowl Hunting</li> </ul>
<b>Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing or reducing some built up mental tensions</li> <li>• Enjoying frequent access to outdoor physical activity</li> <li>• Developing outdoor knowledge, skills and abilities</li> <li>• Outdoor classroom setting</li> <li>• Enjoying the areas wildlife, scenery, views and aesthetics</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><u>Personal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness/better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from stress/tension/anxiety</li> <li>• Improved outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>• Living a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved balance of work and play in my life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of this area as a special place</li> </ul> <p><u>Community/Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifestyle improvement or maintenance</li> <li>• Easily accessible outdoor classroom setting for local schools and youth groups</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the special landscape character of this place</li> </ul> <p><u>Economic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater value-added local services</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire</li> </ul>

### Supporting Management Action and Allowable Use Decisions

Camping:

- The ERMA is open to camping and overnight use.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- The area is classified as limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails until subsequent site-specific travel management planning occurs.
- Hand-held, wheeled carts are allowed for the direct retrieval of big game.
- Over snow travel by snowmobiles is allowed.

Lands and Realty:

- ROW avoidance areas are applied to the ERMA.
- The SRMA is retained for long-term management.

Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing and Other Surface-Disturbing Activities:

- Apply a no surface occupancy stipulation on surface occupancy and surface-disturbing activities in the ERMA for the protection of the recreation activities and objectives.

Visual Resource Management (VRM):

- The SRMA would be classified as VRM Class IV and managed under VRM Class IV objectives.
- Apply BMPs to surface-disturbing activities to minimize the impact of these activities to the extent possible.

**Implementation-Level Decisions Included in this RMP Revision**Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management:

- Travel management for this area will be low priority. In the interim, motorized travel is limited to existing roads, primitive roads and trails. A site-specific travel network of roads and trails available for public use and any limitations placed on that use will be included in the subsequent travel management planning for the area.
- Maintain the existing road, primitive road and trail system and construct new routes only to connect to new visitor facilities or to address issues of visitor safety or resource damage.
- In Alternative D, motorized off-road travel will be allowed for retrieval of a big game animal that is in possession, in a minimum timeframe utilizing the most direct route while minimizing resource damage, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Special Recreation Permits:

- SRPs will be required for any commercial or organized group activities that are not authorized under an MOU or letter of agreement.

**Best Management Practices to Guide Implementation-Level Planning and Management**Management:

- Reroute trails that create resource damage and trespass on private property.
- Develop a wildlife and habitat monitoring-management plan to maintain the diversity of native wildlife and plant species on which the area recreation is dependent.
- With stakeholder involvement, apply adaptive management (e.g. Limits of Acceptable Change) which focuses on a cycle of *designing-implementing-monitoring-evaluating-adjusting* implementation actions to respond to future recreation issues and the results of monitoring.

Administration:

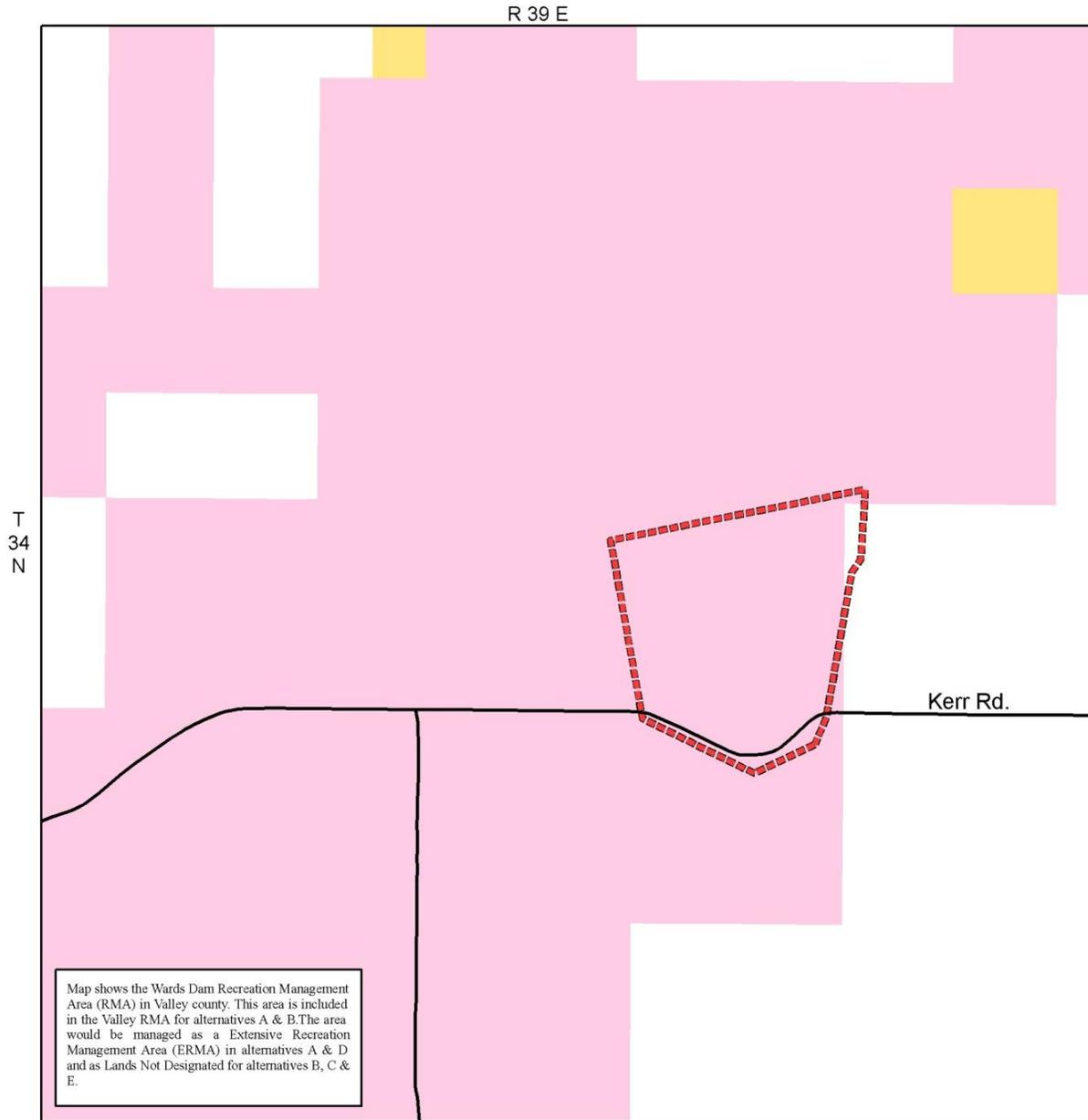
- Pursue partnerships with local schools and other user groups to develop visitor facilities and to assist with maintenance and monitoring activities. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement, as appropriate, between BLM and partners that outlines administrative roles and responsibilities.

Information and Education:

- Provide a basic ERMA brochure/map including information on: targeted outcomes, RSCs, estimated times, ethics, wildlife protection, private-public land ownership and stewardship information; to help preserve the recreation opportunities and the special landscape character of this place.
- Provide interpretive signage to support the ERMA objectives and opportunities.
- Market the area locally. Local marketing involves tailoring information and maps to the needs and wants of local customers and providing information at local outlets and on-site locations only.

Monitoring:

- Monitor outcome attainment and preferences through customer assessments (e.g. focus group interviews or visitor studies) on five year intervals or as funding allows. Monitor activity participation and RSCs annually during the primary use season of mid-April through October.
- If future monitoring indicates that resource damage is occurring or user conflicts need to be addressed, the HiLine District may create an allocation system or apply group size limits for private and commercial recreation use.



Map shows the Wards Dam Recreation Management Area (RMA) in Valley county. This area is included in the Valley RMA for alternatives A & B. The area would be managed as an Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA) in alternatives A & D and as Lands Not Designated for alternatives B, C & E.

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