

RECREATION APPENDIX

INTRODUCTION

This appendix contains in-depth information for recreation resources and management in the planning area. Information includes guidance used for recreation management in the planning area.

RECREATION SETTING CHARACTERISTICS – EXPERIENCE AND BENEFITS CHECKLIST

The websites below were used to determine the Recreation Setting Characteristics Matrix and the Experience and Benefit Checklist for the designated Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) of the Miles City Field Office.

- A Unified Strategy to Implement "BLM Priorities for Recreation and Visitor Services" Workplan: http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/wo/Planning_and_Renewable_Resources/recreation_images/national_recreation/planning.Par.76166.File.dat/im2007-043_a1.pdf and
- IM 2011-004, Transmittal of Revised Recreation and Visitor Services Land Use Planning Guidance: http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/info/regulations/Instruction_Memos_and_Bulletins/national_instruction/2011/IM_2011-004.html.

EXISTING SRMAs

CALYPSO SRMA

Management Goals

- Ensure the continued availability of a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities and visitor experiences.
- Manage to emphasize interpretive and educational opportunities.

Management Objectives

- Identify experiences available and differences of the great diversity of topographic, geologic, vegetation, and scenic phenomenon in proximity to the Calypso Trail and Terry Badlands (in relationship to the Calypso SRMA due to the close proximity of the two).
- Provide users with opportunities to view, experience, and appreciate examples of cultural and historic use of nearby Calypso Trail, and examples of the ways the resources on public lands are being managed in harmony with the environment, as an asset to the existing scenic character of the Terry Badlands.
- Ensure the SRMA will have a minimum adverse effect on adjacent natural scenic, historical and cultural environments and harmonize with the management objectives of land and resource uses which are now or may be occurring on the lands.
- Maintain and enhance recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to the area to accommodate camping, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, hunting, picnicking, hiking, Yellowstone River access and other compatible uses in prescribed settings so visitors are able to realize experiences and benefits.
- Pursue opportunities for partnerships.
- Pursue future opportunities for recreation development as demand arises.

Experiences

- Experiences that visitors enjoy include: enjoying the artistic expression of nature, solitude, family recreation, fishing, scenery, escaping everyday responsibilities for a while, exploring, togetherness, learning outdoor skills, enjoying teaching others about the outdoors, and enjoying nature.

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Benefits

- Personal benefits include improved physical fitness, a restored mind from unwanted stress, and a greater sense of overall wellness, improved outdoor recreation skills, greater respect for cultural heritage, greater environmental sensitivity, and improved outdoor knowledge.
- Household and community benefits include an improved quality of life, a greater appreciation for the area and outdoor-oriented lifestyle, greater family bonding, and an enhanced lifestyle.
- Economic and environmental benefits include positive contributions to local-regional economic stability, increased desirability as a place to live or retire, enhanced ability for visitors to find areas providing wanted recreation experiences and benefits, increased local tax revenue from visitors, greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features, and an increased stewardship and protection by users.

LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL SRMA

Management Goals

- Continue to manage the Lewis and Clark Trail in accordance with the act that established the trail in 1978.
- Manage to ensure the continued availability of a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities and visitor experiences associated with the Lewis and Clark Trail.

Management Objectives

- Update and comply with the Lewis and Clark Trail Plan as well as Manual 6280, Management of National Scenic and Historic Trails and Trails Under Study or Recommended as Suitable for Congressional Designation.
- Inventory and monitor National Trail resources, qualities, values, and associated settings and the primary use or uses of the trail as well as stewardship responsibilities.
- Manage for public use and enjoyment, while preserving the historic and cultural resources related to the events that occurred during the Lewis and Clark Expedition.
- Provide adjacent communities with convenient opportunities to exercise and improve their physical fitness at the multiple-use recreational Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.
- Maintain and enhance recreation opportunities for residents and visitors along the trail to accommodate camping, scenery and wildlife viewing, hunting, picnicking, boating, fishing, hiking, and other compatible and dispersed recreational uses in prescribed settings so visitors are able to realize experiences and benefits.
- Pursue opportunities for partnership and cooperative management with adjacent property owners and other interested parties.
- Pursue access opportunities such as land exchanges and easement acquisitions to improve public access along the Lewis and Clark Trail where opportunity arise.
- Acquire lands or interests in lands from willing sellers, as appropriate and consistent with policy direction, to further purposes for which the trail was designated, consistent with other BLM resource programs.
- Complete, sign and maintain the BLM-managed portions of the Lewis and Clark Trail to allow the public to enjoy the trail while maintaining the surrounding natural beauty of the corridor and the opportunity for a relatively primitive recreation opportunity.
- Manage the portions of the Lewis and Clark Trail, including the National Trail Management Corridor, crossing lands administered by the MCFO to protect and enhance their respective historic values. Consider interpretive opportunities on a case-by-case basis.
- Manage MCFO portions of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail under the VRM Class II.
- Conduct periodic monitoring of activities along those segments of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and Corridor managed by the MCFO to ensure that management actions are not adversely impacting the historical values for which the trails were designated.
- Maintain and enhance local social and economic values.
- Pursue future opportunities for recreation development as demand arises.

Experiences

- Experiences that visitors enjoy include: developing their own skills and abilities, testing their endurance, gaining self-confidence, enjoying going exploring on their own, enjoying risk taking adventures, enjoying nature, savoring the total sensory-sight, sound and smell-experience of a natural landscape, nostalgia, feeling good about solitude and being isolated.

Benefits

- Personal benefits include greater self-reliance, improved skills for outdoor enjoyment, greater respect for my cultural heritage, closer relationship with the outdoor world, enhanced sense of personal freedom, greater sense of adventure, and increased appreciation of area's cultural history.
- Household and community benefits include increased compassion for others and increased community involvement reducing erosion of our community's small-town, rural character.
- Economic and environmental benefits include increased desirability as a place to live or retire, maintenance of community's distinctive recreation-tourism market niche or character, and conservation of entire sustainable ecosystems.

PROPOSED SRMAs (Alternative E)**SHORT PINE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) RECREATION AREA*****Management Goals***

- Provide a variety of opportunities for a safe OHV riding experience and OHV use education for local/regional residents and visitors to the area.

Management Objectives

- Update the Short Pine OHV Recreation Area site Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP).
- Communicate riding ethics and regulations, promoting designated areas for OHV practice and skill development.
- Maintain, restore, and enhance areas within the OHV SRMA to manage the area for a front and middle country setting.
- Maintain or enhance a diversity of recreational and OHV experiences and benefits.
- Provide OHV trail riding opportunities for all levels of experience in a safe manner that co-exists with other resource uses as well as other dispersed recreational activities.

Experiences

- Experiences that visitors enjoy include: developing skills and abilities, testing endurance, enjoying risk-taking adventure, enjoying the closeness of friends and family, escaping everyday responsibilities for a while, and reducing some built up mental tensions.

Benefits

- Personal benefits include improved physical fitness, restored mind from unwanted stress, improved outdoor knowledge, skills and self-confidence, diminished mental anxiety and improved mental well-being.
- Household and community benefits include involvement in recreation and other land use decisions and more informed citizenry about where to go for different kinds of recreation experiences and benefits, greater family bonding.
- Economic and environmental benefits include positive contributions to local-regional economic stability, increased desirability as a place to live or retire, enhanced ability for visitors to find areas providing wanted recreation experiences and benefits, and maintenance of a distinctive recreation setting character.

HOWREY ISLAND

Management Goals

- Ensure the continued availability of a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities and experiences and benefits to local/regional residents and visitors to the Howrey Island Recreation Area.

Management Objectives

- Update the Howrey Island Recreation Site RAMP.
- Maintain, restore or enhance the area for river-related recreation activities, fisheries, wildlife viewing, hiking, camping, hunting and existing dispersed recreational activities for local residents and visitors to the area.
- Manage conflicts with other resource values and uses in coordination and cooperation with affected interests.
- Maintain, restore and enhance the Americans with Disabilities Act accessible trail and other amenities.
- Pursue future opportunities for recreation development as demand arises.

Experiences

- Experiences that visitors enjoy include: solitude, family recreation, fishing, exercise, scenery, escaping everyday responsibilities for a while, exploring, togetherness, participating in group events, learning outdoor skills, and enjoying nature.

Benefits

- Personal benefits include improved physical fitness, a restored mind from unwanted stress, a greater sense of overall wellness, and improved outdoor knowledge.
- Household and community benefits include an improved quality of life, a greater appreciation for the area and outdoor-oriented lifestyle, involvement in recreation, community involvement and an enhanced lifestyle.
- Economic and environmental benefits include increased work productivity; decreased job turnover; greater community ownership and stewardship of park, recreation, and natural resources; reduced wildlife harassment by recreation users; reduced spread of invasive species such as plants, insects, and aquatic organisms, and increased awareness and protection of natural landscapes.

MATTHEWS RECREATION AREA

Management Goals

- Ensure the continued availability of outdoor recreation opportunities and benefits to local residents and visitors to the Matthews Recreation Area.

Management Objectives

- Update the Matthews Recreation Site RAMP.
- Maintain, restore or enhance the area for water-related recreation activities, fisheries, scenery and wildlife viewing, hiking, camping, hunting, running, bird watching, picnicking, exercising pets, Yellowstone River access, and existing dispersed recreational activities for local residents and visitors to the area.
- Manage conflicts with other resource values and uses in coordination and cooperation with affected interests without risking health and safety.
- Pursue future opportunities for recreation development as demand arises.

Experiences

- Experiences that visitors enjoy include: solitude, family recreation, fishing, exercise, scenery, escaping everyday responsibilities for a while, having access to close-to-home outdoor amenities, exploring, togetherness, participating in group events, learning outdoor skills, and enjoying nature.

Benefits

- Personal benefits include improved physical fitness, a restored mind from unwanted stress, a greater sense of overall wellness, and improved outdoor knowledge.
- Household and community benefits include an improved quality of life, a greater appreciation for the area and outdoor-oriented lifestyle, involvement in recreation, community involvement and increased community involvement reducing erosion.
- Economic and environmental benefits include increased work productivity; decreased job turnover; greater community ownership and stewardship of park, recreation, and natural resources; reduced wildlife harassment by recreation users; improved respect for privately-owned lands and increased awareness and protection of natural landscapes.

DEAN S. RESERVOIR***Management Goals***

- Manage to ensure the continued availability of a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities and visitor experiences associated with Dean S. Reservoir recreation site for residents of the local area.

Management Objectives

- Maintain, restore or enhance the area for recreational activities that include fishing, wildlife viewing, camping, hiking, hunting, camping, sledding, running, exercising pets,, picnicking and other dispersed uses.
- Manage conflicts with other resource values and uses in coordination and cooperation with affected interests while in a healthy and safe manner.
- Improve accessibility and aesthetics and improve soil/shore stability.
- Dredge and deepen the reservoir basin as opportunities arise to maintain the fishery.
- Reclaim unnecessary or undesirable vehicle routes.
- Pursue future opportunities for recreation development as demand arises.

Experiences

- Experiences that visitors enjoy include: frequent exercise, enjoying easy access to diverse recreation, solitude, family recreation, fishing, exercise, scenery, escaping everyday responsibilities for a while, having access to close-to-home outdoor amenities, exploring, togetherness, learning outdoor skills, achievement, escaping pressures, and enjoying nature.

Benefits

- Personal benefits include improved physical fitness, better health maintenance, a restored mind from unwanted stress, a greater sense of overall wellness, family togetherness, and improved outdoor knowledge.
- Household and community benefits include an improved quality of life, a greater appreciation for the area and outdoor-oriented lifestyle, involvement in recreation, community involvement and increased community involvement reducing erosion.
- Economic and environmental benefits include increased work productivity; decreased job turnover; greater community ownership and stewardship of park, recreation, and natural resources; reduced wildlife harassment by recreation users; improved respect for privately-owned lands and increased awareness and protection of natural landscapes.

MOORHEAD CAMPGROUND

Management Goals

- Ensure the continued availability and diversity of a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities and visitor experiences.

Management Objectives

- Update the Moorhead Campground Site RAMP.
- Maintain or enhance the current campground and facilities as needed or demand arises and funding allows.
- Pursue future opportunities for recreation development as demand arises.
- Mitigate conflict with other resource values and uses as appropriate, in coordination and cooperation with affected interests in a healthy and safe manner.

Experiences

- Experiences that visitors enjoy include: family togetherness, enjoying the closeness of friends and family, meeting new people with similar interests, enjoying nature, nostalgia, enjoying an escape from crowds of people, and enjoying teaching others about the outdoors.

Benefits

- Personal benefits include stronger ties with family and friends, a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle, greater freedom from urban living, and better mental health.
- Household and community benefits include an improved quality of life, a greater appreciation for the area and outdoor-oriented lifestyle, involvement in recreation and greater family bonding.
- Economic and environmental benefits include increased work productivity; more positive contributions to local-regional economy; greater protection of area historic structures and archeological sites, and reduced negative human impacts such as litter, vegetative trampling, and unplanned trails.

STRAWBERRY HILL RECREATION AREA

Management Goals

- Ensure the continued availability of a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities and experiences and benefits.

Management Objectives

- Using an interdisciplinary team prepare a Strawberry Hill RAMP.
- Maintain, restore, or enhance recreation opportunities to accommodate existing and future uses, including hiking, mountain biking, running, geo-caching, equestrian use, hunting, camping, wildlife viewing, OHV use on existing roads and trails, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, sledding, and other dispersed use at a primitive site.
- Maintain or enhance a diversity of recreational opportunities and benefits.
- Manage conflicts with other resource values and uses in coordination and cooperation with affected interests in a healthy and safe manner.
- Reclaim unnecessary or undesirable vehicle/OHV routes.
- Pursue future opportunities for recreation development as demand arises.
- Plan, construct and maintain non-motorized recreational trails as funding and staffing allow.

Experiences

- Experiences that visitors enjoy include: developing skills and abilities, solitude, family recreation, exercise, scenery, escaping everyday responsibilities for a while, having access to close-to-home outdoor amenities, exploring, togetherness, learning outdoor skills, and enjoying nature.

Benefits

- Personal benefits include improved physical fitness, a restored mind from unwanted stress, a greater sense of overall wellness, and improved outdoor knowledge.
- Household and community benefits include an improved quality of life, a greater appreciation for the area and outdoor-oriented lifestyle, involvement in recreation, community involvement and increased community involvement reducing erosion.
- Economic and environmental benefits include increased work productivity; decreased job turnover; greater community ownership and stewardship of park, recreation, and natural resources; reduced wildlife harassment by recreation users; and increased awareness and protection of natural landscapes.

PROPOSED ERMAs (Alternative E)**PUMPKIN CREEK*****Management Goals***

- Ensure management of these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences concurrent with other cultural and natural resources and resource uses by various publics and agencies.

Management Objectives

- Using an interdisciplinary team prepare a Pumpkin Creek Management Plan that emphasizes a multiple use approach in management and adaptability.
- Maintain or enhance a diversity of recreational opportunities, experiences, and benefits.
- Manage conflicts with other resource values and uses in coordination and cooperation with affected interests in a healthy and safe manner.
- Reclaim unnecessary or undesirable vehicle routes.
- Conduct transportation planning to address all resource use aspects, including but not limited to: recreational, access concerns, agriculture, commercial, traditional, wildlife and casual use.
- Maintain, restore, and enhance areas within the Pumpkin Creek Area to meet Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health.
- Provide compliance with the Montana/Dakota's Recreation Strategy.
- Maintain recreation setting characteristics.
- Maintain, restore, and enhance fish and wildlife habitat including BLM Special Status species. Pro-active habitat restoration projects will take place as time and funding allow that will also enhance recreational pursuits and experiences.

Experiences

- Experiences that visitors enjoy include: developing skills and abilities, solitude, family recreation, exercise, scenery, escaping everyday responsibilities for a while, having access to close-to-home outdoor amenities, exploring, togetherness, learning outdoor skills, and enjoying nature.

Benefits

- Personal benefits include improved physical fitness, a restored mind from unwanted stress, a greater sense of overall wellness, and improved outdoor knowledge.

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- Household and community benefits include an improved quality of life, a greater appreciation for the area and outdoor-oriented lifestyle, involvement in recreation, community involvement and increased community involvement reducing erosion.
- Economic and environmental benefits include increased work productivity; decreased job turnover; greater community ownership and stewardship of park, recreation, and natural resources.

TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLANNING

**TABLE 1.
TRAVEL PLANNING INFORMATION**

TPA	TPA NAME	TPA Acres	BLM-administered Acres	Estimated Miles BLM
1	MCFO Master Lease Plan (MLP) Area (located within the Greater Sage Grouse – North Carter PA/South Carter RA)	392,666	138,754	461
2	Greater Sage Grouse – North Carter PA	684,529	248,019	696
3	Greater Sage Grouse – South Carter RA	213,395	57,783	187
4	Greater Sage Grouse – GH in Carter, Powder River and Custer counties	4,541,195	554,419	1,692
5	Greater Sage Grouse – Cedar Creek RA	190,485	37,250	173
6	Greater Sage Grouse – GH in Fallon, Wibaux, Dawson and Prairie counties	2,403,012	574,079	2,605
7	Greater Sage Grouse – North Garfield PA	549,289	170,864	759
8	Greater Sage Grouse – GH in Garfield and McCone counties	3,453,300	490,673	1,753
9	Greater Sage Grouse – North Rosebud PA	1,829,088	172,976	370
10	Greater Sage Grouse – West Decker RA/GH in Big Horn County	681,967	72,558	186
11	Greater Sage Grouse – GH in Rosebud and Treasure counties	1,477,496	46,712	147
12	Glendive Short Pine OHV TMA	3,091	3,091	Unknown
13	Remaining BLM-administered lands in Custer, Carter, Prairie, Powder River, Rosebud and Treasure counties	1,041,964	13,963	49
14	Remaining BLM-administered lands in Garfield, McCone, Wibaux, Dawson, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, and Daniels counties	7,094,146	107,370	424
Total		24,555,623	2,688,511	9,502