RECORD OF DECISION AND APPROVED CASPER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

APPENDIX O

Recreation Management Matrices

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Goldeneye Wildlife and Recreation Area
Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)

Primary Market Strategy	Market
Community	Local Residents

Niche
Fishing

Recreation Management Objective
Manage this SRMA to provide opportunities for visitors to engage in targeted activities with a focus on experiences and benefits indicated below. Maintain Setting Character as outlined below.

Targeted Outcomes

Primary Activities	Experiences	Benefits
Fishing Bird Hunting	Enjoying activities in a natural setting Enjoying natural scenery and wildlife Engaging in preferred activities with family and friends Testing and improving outdoor skills	**Personal:** • Nature/aesthetic appreciation • Positive change in mood and emotion • Social bonding/cohesion/cooperation • Identification with a special place **Community:** • Improved perceived quality of life • Family bonding/better family life • Improved image of the area and its recreational opportunities **Environmental:** • Creates sense of "ownership" and stewardship of the area • Provides natural habitat and open space **Economic:** • Retains recreation spending in local area • Increased attractiveness of Wyoming as a place to relocate

Prescribed Setting Character

Physical	Social	Administrative
Remoteness: Front Country (on or near improved county roads) **Naturalness:** Middle Country (natural appearing landscape except primitive roads) **Facilities:** Front Country (Improved, yet modest facilities such as restrooms, trails, and signs.)	**Contacts:** Middle Country (7-14 encounters/day, 15-29 en-route) **Group Size:** Middle Country (7-12 people per group) **Evidence of Use:** Front Country (Some well-worn soil and vegetation. Gravel surface roads and parking. Some evidence of litter.)	**Visitor Services:** Middle Country (Area brochure, area personnel occasionally present to provide onsite assistance.) **Management Controls:** Middle Country (Occasional regulatory signing, Motorized use limitations, random enforcement presence.) **Mechanized Use:** Front Country (Two-wheel drive vehicle accessible, nonmotorized travel away from parking areas, roads.)

Implementation Strategy/Actions

Administrative	Encourage and develop cooperative relationships with volunteer groups to facilitate responsible recreational use of the area.
Management	Existing facilities to provide for visitor parking and sanitation. Improvements will be preceded project planning and will adhere to guidelines developed for the area.
Marketing	Marketing limited to word of mouth, brochure.
Monitoring	Routine monitoring of physical facilities, periodic visitor contact to assess achievement of management objectives.

Middle Fork
Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)

Primary Market Strategy	Market
Community	Visitors and Local Residents

Niche
Hunting, Camping, Fishing, Driving for Pleasure

Recreation Management Objective
Manage this SRMA to provide opportunities for visitors to engage in targeted activities with a focus on experiences and benefits indicated below. Maintain Setting Character as outlined below.

Targeted Outcomes

Primary Activities	Experiences	Benefits
Driving/Touring for Pleasure Camping Hiking Hunting Fishing Viewing Wildlife/Natural Scenery	Enjoying activities in a natural scenery Enjoying natural scenery and wildlife Engaging in preferred activities with family and friends Testing and improving outdoor skills	**Personal:** • Nature/aesthetic appreciation • Positive change in mood and emotion • Social bonding/cohesion/cooperation • Identification with a special place **Community:** • Improved perceived quality of life • Family bonding/better family life • Improved image of the area and its recreational opportunities **Environmental:** • Creates sense of ownership and stewardship of the area • Provides natural habitat and open space **Economic:** • Contribution to Recreation and Tourism Sector of the local economy • Retains recreation spending in local area • Increased attractiveness of Wyoming as a place to relocate

Prescribed Setting Character

Physical	Social	Administrative
Remoteness: Middle Country (on and near four-wheel drive roads) **Naturalness:** Middle Country (natural landscape except primitive roads) **Facilities:** Front Country (maintained road, interpretive signage, campgrounds)	**Contacts:** Middle Country (7-14 encounters/day, 15-29 en-route) **Group Size:** Back Country (4-6 people per group) **Evidence of Use:** Middle Country (vegetation worn near camp sites)	**Mechanized Use:** Middle Country (four-wheel drive vehicles predominate, ATV and nonmotorized travel) **Visitor Services:** Middle Country **Management Controls:** Middle Country (Information materials available at developed recreation sites. Agency personnel occasionally onsite, occasional regulatory signing, random enforcement.)

Implementation Strategy/Actions

Administrative	Encourage and develop cooperative relationships with volunteer groups, land owners, and other land management agencies to facilitate responsible recreational use of the area. Area cooperatively managed by Buffalo, Worland, and Casper FOs.
Management	Existing facilities include campgrounds and access road system. Improvements will be preceded by project plans and will adhere to guidelines developed for the area. Off-highway vehicle (OHV) – motor vehicles limited to designated roads and trails. Visual Resource Management (VRM) Class II predominately in the canyon.
Marketing	Directional signing and interpretation. Develop brochures for the area.
Monitoring	Routine monitoring of facilities, visitor information collected at campgrounds, periodic visitor surveys to assess achievement of management objectives. OHV a primary focus of monitoring.

Muddy Mountain Environmental Education Area
Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)

Primary Market Strategy	Market
Community	Primarily Local Residents

Niche

Environmental Education, Camping, picnicking, hiking, snowmobiling and driving for pleasure

Recreation Management Objectives

At publication of this Resource Management Plan (RMP) manage the Muddy Mountain Environmental Education Area (EEA) SRMA to provide opportunities for visitors to engage in targeted activities to achieve experiences & benefits indicated below. Maintain Setting Character as outlined below.

Targeted Outcomes

Primary Activities	Experiences	Benefits
Environmental Education Picnicking Camping Driving for Pleasure Snowmobiling	Being with friends & family Relaxing physically Enjoying scenery & natural setting Learning about Central Rocky Mountain Forest & Riparian Ecosystems Enjoying leisure activities	**Personal**: • Nature/aesthetic appreciation • Positive change in mood and emotion • Social bonding/cohesion/cooperation • Identification with a special place **Community**: • Improved perceived quality of life • Family bonding/better family life • Improved image of the area and its recreational opportunities • Improved image of land management agencies **Environmental**: • Creates sense of "ownership" and stewardship of the area • Better preservation of forest & riparian environment **Economic**: • Contribution to Recreation & Tourism Sector of the local economy • Retains recreation spending in local area • Increased attractiveness of Wyoming as a place to live

PRESCRIBED SETTING CHARACTER

Physical	Social	Administrative
Remoteness: Front Country (near improved roads) **Naturalness**: Middle Country (natural appearing landscapes) **Facilities**: Middle Country (Developed recreation facilities designed to facilitate access & use of the area)	**Contacts**: Middle/Front Country (7-14 encounters/day15-29encounters on route) **Group Size**: Back Country (4-6 people per group) **Evidence of Use**: Front Country (Vehicle tracks common, some noise & litter, vegetation commonly worn around public facilities)	**Mechanized Use**: Front Country (Two & four wheel drive vehicles, ATV & non-motorized/mechanized travel) **Visitor Services**: Front Country (Regulatory/information signs, OHV limitations) **Management**: Front Country (Information materials available at developed sites. Agency personnel occasionally onsite, occasional regulatory signing, periodic enforcement presence)

Implementation Strategy/Actions

Administrative	Maintain facilities as they currently exist. The EEA will be managed according to the Muddy Mountain Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP), completed in 2000. Easements and land exchanges would be negotiated to improve access to the north rim and Corral Creek areas. Opening and closing dates to Muddy Mountain will be based on snow conditions. Dates are generally around June 1st and November 15th. Special Recreational Permits (SRPs) will be evaluated for recreation/outdoor education and for commercial activities for qualified hunting guides only. On developed recreation sites, unless specifically authorized no person shall discharge firearms, other weapons, projectiles or fireworks. The EEA would be managed as VRM Class II; OHV – Motor vehicles limited to designated roads & trails.
Management	Campground and day use fees are charged. Current facilities include two campgrounds, a non-motorized trail system that includes a Natural Recreation Trail (universally accessible and interpreted), motorized trail system for snowmobiles and ATVs, two trail heads, parking areas, vault toilets, potable water well, trash collection and campground host site with RV dump. The development of new facilities will be evaluated as demand dictates.
Marketing	Develop Muddy Mountain brochures, support active volunteer programs and develop new partnerships (e.g., National Public Lands Day and National Trails Day events and volunteer projects for local groups).
Monitoring	Routine monitoring of physical facilities, visitor number collections will continue to include registration forms, periodic visitor surveys to assess achievement of management objectives.

National Historic Trails (NHTs)
Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)
(Includes Oregon, California, Pony Express, and Mormon Pioneer NHTs)

Primary Market Strategy	Market
Destination and Community	Local Residents and Visitors

Niche

Historic Preservation, Education/Interpretation

Recreation Management Objectives

Manage the National Historic Trails (NHTs) SRMA to provide opportunities for visitors to engage in targeted activities in preferred settings in order to achieve experiences and benefits indicated below. Preserve the physical remains of the historic trails and where possible the physical setting in which the trails are located.

TARGETED (OUTCOMES) ACTIVITIES, EXPERIENCES, And BENEFITS

Activities	Experiences	Benefits
Driving/Touring for Pleasure Viewing Historic Sites Learning About the History of the Area Living History Heritage Education and Tourism	Viewing historic trail remains in a natural setting Studying and learning about the history of the area Engaging in preferred activities with family and friends Feeling good about the way our cultural heritage is being protected and interpreted	**Personal:** • Nature/aesthetic/historic appreciation • Greater respect for cultural heritage • Social bonding/cohesion/cooperation • Identification with a special place • Better understanding of pioneer's contribution to our way of life **Community:** • Improved perceived quality of life • Improved image of the area and its history **Environmental:** • Creates sense of ownership and stewardship of cultural/historical resources of the area • Greater protection of the area's cultural/historical resources **Economic:** • Contribution to Recreation and Tourism Sector of the local economy • Retains recreation spending in local area • Increased attractiveness of Wyoming as a place to live

Prescribed Setting Character

Physical	Social	Administrative

The setting prescriptions are generalized and apply broadly to the entire Historic Trail Corridor. The Physical, Social, and Administrative Settings vary from Middle Country to Rural. Middle Country Settings are found west of Casper in places like Ryan (Prospect) Hill. Rural Settings are found nearer cities and towns.

Implementation Strategy/Actions

Administrative	Encourage and develop cooperative partnerships with volunteer groups, land owners, and other land management agencies to facilitate management and development ownership/stewardship. SRPs will be allowed for commercial, noncommercial, and competitive events on a case-by-case basis.
Management	Maintain setting for contributing trail segments. Developments such as access/interpretation would be authorized as needed. Revise statewide Historic Trails Management Plan. Pursue land acquisitions along the trail corridor. Manage Trail corridor as VRM Class II in Foreground - Middleground Zone. Controlled surface use (CSU) ¼ mile either side of trail remains or visual horizon, whichever is less for noncontributing setting; CSU to 3 miles from trail for contributing setting (See 7000 Special Designations for additional detail).
Marketing	Information/directional signs and interpretation along the corridor as appropriate. Develop brochures for the area and upgrade the internet site that describes the area. Casper Trails Center leads Interpretation effort.
Monitoring	Monitor condition of trail segments and associated sites and settings as appropriate. Monitor visitor use registration forms and periodic visitor surveys to assess achievement of management objectives.

North Platte River
Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)

Primary Market Strategy	Market
Destination and Community	Local Residents and Visitors

Niche
River-based recreation, fishing, drift boating, river floating

Recreation Management Objectives
At publication of this RMP manage the North Platte river SRMA to provide opportunities for visitors to engage in targeted activities to achieve experiences and benefits indicated below. Maintain Setting Character as outlined below.

Targeted Outcomes

Primary Activities	Experiences	Benefits
Bank Fishing Boat Launching and Take-out Drift Boat Fishing Viewing Wildlife and Natural Scenery Rafting and Canoeing	Being with friends and family Relaxing physically Enjoying scenery and natural setting Improving outdoor-related skills in natural environment Enjoying leisure activities in natural setting	**Personal:** • Nature/aesthetic appreciation • Positive change in mood and emotion • Social bonding/cohesion/cooperation • Identification with a special place **Community:** • Improved perceived quality of life • Family bonding/better family life • Improved image of the area and its recreational opportunities • Improved image of land management agencies **Environmental:** • Creates sense of "ownership" and stewardship of the area • Better preservation of riparian environment **Economic:** • Contribution to Recreation and Tourism Sector of the local economy • Retains recreation spending in local area • Increased attractiveness of Wyoming as a place to relocate and live

Prescribed Setting Character

Physical	Social	Administrative
Remoteness: rural (near highways) **Naturalness:** Middle/Front Country (natural appearing and partially modified landscapes) **Facilities:** Middle/Front Country (Developed recreation facilities designed to facilitate access, protection and use of the area)	**Contacts:** Middle/Front Country (7-14 encounters/30 encounters on route) **Group Size:** Back Country (4-6 people per group) **Evidence of Use:** Front Country (Vehicle tracks common, some noise and litter, vegetation commonly worn around public facilities)	**Mechanized Use:** Front Country (Two- and four-wheel drive vehicles, ATV and nonmotorized/mechanized travel) **Visitor Services:** Front Country (Regulatory/information signs, OHV limitations) **Management Controls:** Middle Country (Information materials available at developed sites. Agency personnel occasionally onsite, occasional regulatory signing, periodic enforcement presence)

Implementation Strategy/Actions

Administrative	Maintain or upgrade existing facilities. Focus on public access, boat launch, parking, resource protection, sanitation. Support land acquisition along the river through purchase or exchange.
Management	Seek cooperative relationships with local groups and other agencies to facilitate management. Occasional visitor contact and law enforcement.
Marketing	Word of mouth, brochures, interpretative signing, directional signing.
Monitoring	Routine monitoring of physical facilities, visitor number collections will continue to include registration forms, periodic visitor surveys to assess achievement of management objectives.

Poison Spider OHV Park
Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)

Primary Market Strategy	Market
Community	Local Residents

Niche

Off-Road ATV and Motorcycle Riding

Recreation Management Objective

Manage this SRMA to provide a venue for unlimited off-road ATV and motorcycle riding, activities that are difficult to accommodate and inappropriate for most areas. Focus on experiences and benefits indicated below.

Targeted Outcomes

Primary Activities	Experiences	Benefits
Off-Road ATV Riding Off-Road Motorcycle Riding	Enjoying preferred activities in an appropriate setting Testing and improving riding skills	**Personal:** • Positive change in mood and emotion • Social bonding/cohesion/cooperation **Community:** • Improved perceived quality of life • Improved image of the area and its recreational opportunities • creates a positive image of off-road motorized activities **Environmental:** • Creates sense of "ownership" and stewardship of the area • An appropriate venue for an activity that is difficult to accommodate **Economic:** • Retains recreation spending in local area • Increased attractiveness of Wyoming as a place to live

Prescribed Setting Character

Physical	Social	Administrative
Remoteness: Rural (on or near highways) **Naturalness**: Rural (natural landscape substantially modified) **Facilities**: Rural (modern facilities to accommodate visitors may be present)	**Group Size**: Rural (up to 25 - 50 people per group) **Contacts**: Rural (people seem to be everywhere) **Evidence of Use**: Rural (May have paved roads and parking areas. Noise, litter, and facility impacts are pervasive.)	**Visitor Services**: Front Country, (Information signs and materials describe areas and activities. Agency personnel are periodically available.) **Management Controls**: Front Country (Rules clearly posted, may be some use limitations. Periodic enforcement presence.) **Mechanized Use**: Rural (Accessible to highway and auto and truck traffic. Four-wheel drive vehicles predominate, ATV and motorcycle travel)

Implementation Strategy/Actions

Administrative	Encourage and develop cooperative relationships with volunteer groups, land owners, and other land management agencies to facilitate responsible recreational use of the area.
Management	Existing facilities include directional signing. Improvements geared toward facilitating access and accommodating users. Additional preceded by project plan and will adhere to guidelines developed for the area.
Marketing	Word-of-mouth. Directional signing.
Monitoring	Routine monitoring of area and facilities, periodic visitor contact and monitoring to assess achievement of management objectives.

Extensive Recreation Management Area

Those areas not identified in the planning area as Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) are identified as an Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA). ERMA objectives describe custodial outcomes for the purpose of "taking care" of identified stewardship needs associated with recreation-tourism activity participation. Casper ERMA objectives are:

1. Visitor Health and Safety – Ensure that participants in dispersed recreational activities have a low potential for serious accidents (less than two accidents per year that require hospitalization) due to human-created conditions and no (zero) exposure to hazardous health conditions.
2. Use and User Conflicts – Limit incidents of conflict that impede oil and gas production (as determined by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Natural Resource Specialists) to 3 or less per year by increasing the understanding of participants in traditional dispersed recreational activities about oil and gas production and the phasing of development.
3. Resource Protection – Create an increased awareness, understanding and a sense of stewardship in recreational activity participants so their conduct safeguards natural resource values within Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) and overall land health (as defined by ACEC objectives or Land Health Standards).

Implementation actions for the Proposed RMP include:

- Management – Custodial recreation management actions only.
- Marketing and Interpretation – Mitigate conflicts through visitor outreach efforts.
- Monitoring – BLM staff will monitor conflicts with other uses (i.e., oil and gas production, grazing, ACEC management and land health), and private lands.
- Administration – Mitigate conflicts directly by way of recreation use restrictions, realignments, signage, and closures.

Travel Management Area (TMA) delineation addresses other modes of travel not covered by OHV area designations (43 CFR Part 8342.1). The planning area currently allows muscle-powered (i.e., foot, ski, horse, stock) travel cross-country year-round. Except in designated areas, mechanized (wheeled conveyance) is limited to existing roads and trails only. The BLM is currently preparing nationwide TMA guidance which will be incorporated in the Final EIS if available.

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