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A Comment Summary



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Introduction

Why did the BLM ask those questions in the Travel Management Workshops?

Think back to a time when you were going to participate in your favorite recreation activity. How did you decide where to go? Why did you choose one place over the other? Did the land manager of the area care for the place in a way that made the area more desirable to you and others who participate in your favorite activity? What made the activity enjoyable? Were there parts of the activity that were not enjoyable? Was there a desirable change in you personally, the community, the economy, or the environment resulting from your participation in your favorite activity in this area?

There is more to recreation than just participating in a person's favorite activities. Most recreationists choose to recreate in an area based on a set of expectations. These expectations are forged through past knowledge but can also be developed through visitor services, such as maps, brochures, pamphlets, word of mouth, advertising, etc. Before participating in favorite activities, people also consciously and subconsciously think about desired visitor services (interpretation, trails, facilities), the desired recreation setting (away from roads or on roads, near people or away from people), the desired experiences (enjoying solitude or time with friends and family), and the desired benefit (increased understanding and awareness of nature-improved teamwork and cooperation).

Now imagine a time when you were traveling to your favorite area to participate in your favorite activity. You discover that the BLM has installed a group camping area in the middle of this area. The new campground will enhance the enjoyment of the area for those wanting to enjoy time with friends and family in order to improve family cooperation. However, the campground will not be such a positive change for hunters seeking a place away from people where they can enjoy solitude while developing an increased understanding and awareness of nature.

Imagine if the BLM had a method to consider all the aspects of what motivates people to recreate on public land. Our services (such as campground developments) would be placed in areas that provided the greatest public enjoyment and benefits; informational brochures could be developed to let the hunters know where to go to have easy motorized access or foot access only; the BLM could ensure that roads essential to providing important recreation opportunities are not closed and could focus partnerships to facilitate meaningful projects; and, most importantly, the BLM could ensure the character of the landscape was managed in a way that provided for multiple uses while also facilitating meaningful recreation opportunities.

The BLM does have a method to manage for all the aspects that motivates people to recreate on public land. A key component to this method is asking the public in workshops (such as the travel management workshops) what they desire from their public lands. The BLM gathered information to understand both the community's use of the public land and also to find out how the land use planning process can better meet the community's needs and desires.

Historically, the BLM recreation plans have concentrated primarily on implementation actions required to provide a range of recreation activities. Land use plans were essentially to do lists: "develop X number of campgrounds," for example.

The BLM recreation planning has changed so that management is now outcome focused. Planning emphasis has changed from the **supply side** - what recreation resources does the BLM have, such as campgrounds and hiking trails, and what additional activities will the BLM try to offer? - to the **demand side** - what do people want to do and what are the outcomes (experiences and benefits) that people desire while recreating on public land?

The first step to managing for outcomes requires understanding the experiences and benefits the public desires on BLM lands. Only a thorough understanding of public expectations will identify the public's desired outcomes (solitary camping versus group activities in shared facilities) and the character of the setting (primitive versus developed). Both desired outcomes and the desired setting character must be understood before the BLM can develop the implementation actions (management, marketing, monitoring and administration) needed to provide a setting that creates the public's desired outcome.

How will the information gathered from the travel management workshops be used?

Information was gathered from the BLM travel management workshops held on November 5-8, 2007 and January 24, 2008.

The BLM has broken the gathered data into the different types of customer demands (Outcomes, Activities, Settings, and Visitor Services). Based upon this information, the BLM recreation management will:

1. Determine which outcomes visitors and residents **DEMAND/DESIRE**.
2. Analyze outcomes currently supplied and decide what recreation opportunities to offer or what outcomes could feasibly be produced.
3. Write outcome objectives that make clear what activity, experience, and benefits are going to be offered and where.
4. Prescribe the necessary physical, social, and administrative **RECREATION SETTINGS** for the recreation area.
5. Identify implementation actions that address management, marketing, monitoring, and administration.

What is the next step in the planning process?

The BLM is always looking for more information from the public. Additional comments and input on recreational use of public land are welcomed. Please contact the BLM Lander Field Office with any additional comments.

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Your Maps

Background:

During the travel management workshops, the public was asked to draw polygons on a BLM 1:100,000 scale map around areas of recreational interest. The public was also instructed to write unique comment identifier numbers inside of the polygons, which allowed the BLM to link the polygons to each individual's written comment. At the end of the meetings, the public had created over 900 unique polygons.

All of the polygons were digitized into a computer mapping program following lines drawn on the maps. In order to show comment hot spots or areas of public interests the BLM utilized computer mapping software to display areas of very high, high, medium, low, and very low comment densities. The BLM also mapped comment densities of motorized, non-motorized, consumptive, and non-consumptive users.

The following definitions were used to define the different user groups:

Non-motorized Use- All activities that do not require the use of motorized vehicles to participate in the activity. Motorized vehicles are often used as access tools, but the primary activity does not require the use of motorized vehicles.

Motorized Use- All activities that require the use of motorized vehicles in order to participate in the activity. Not only are motorized vehicles used as access tools, but the primary activity requires the use of motorized vehicles.

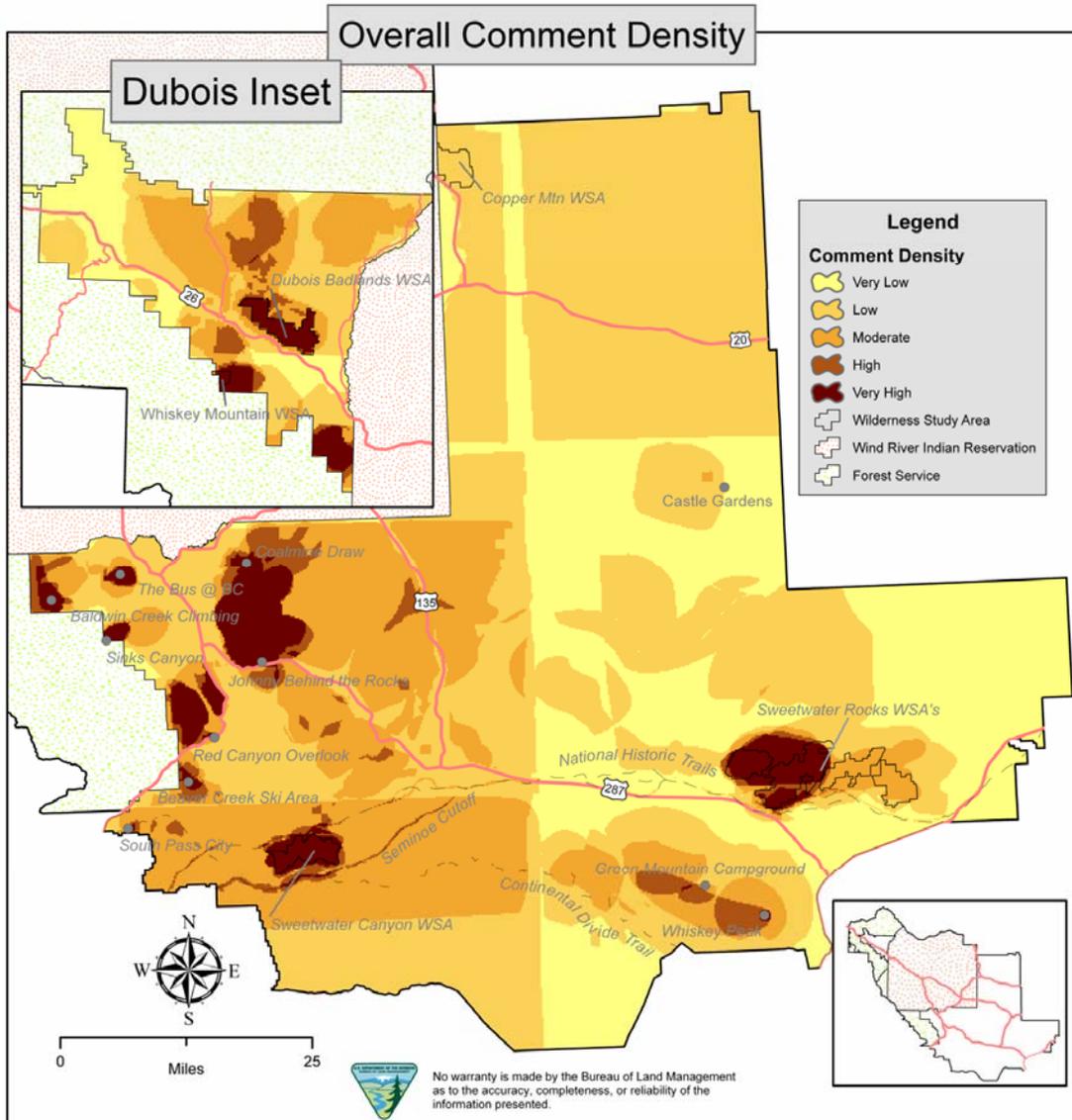
Consumptive Use- All activities that include some sort of use or harvest of natural resources. These activities may or may not involve the use of motorized vehicles.

Non-consumptive Use- All activities that do not include some sort of use or harvest of natural resources. These activities may or may not involve the use of motorized vehicles.

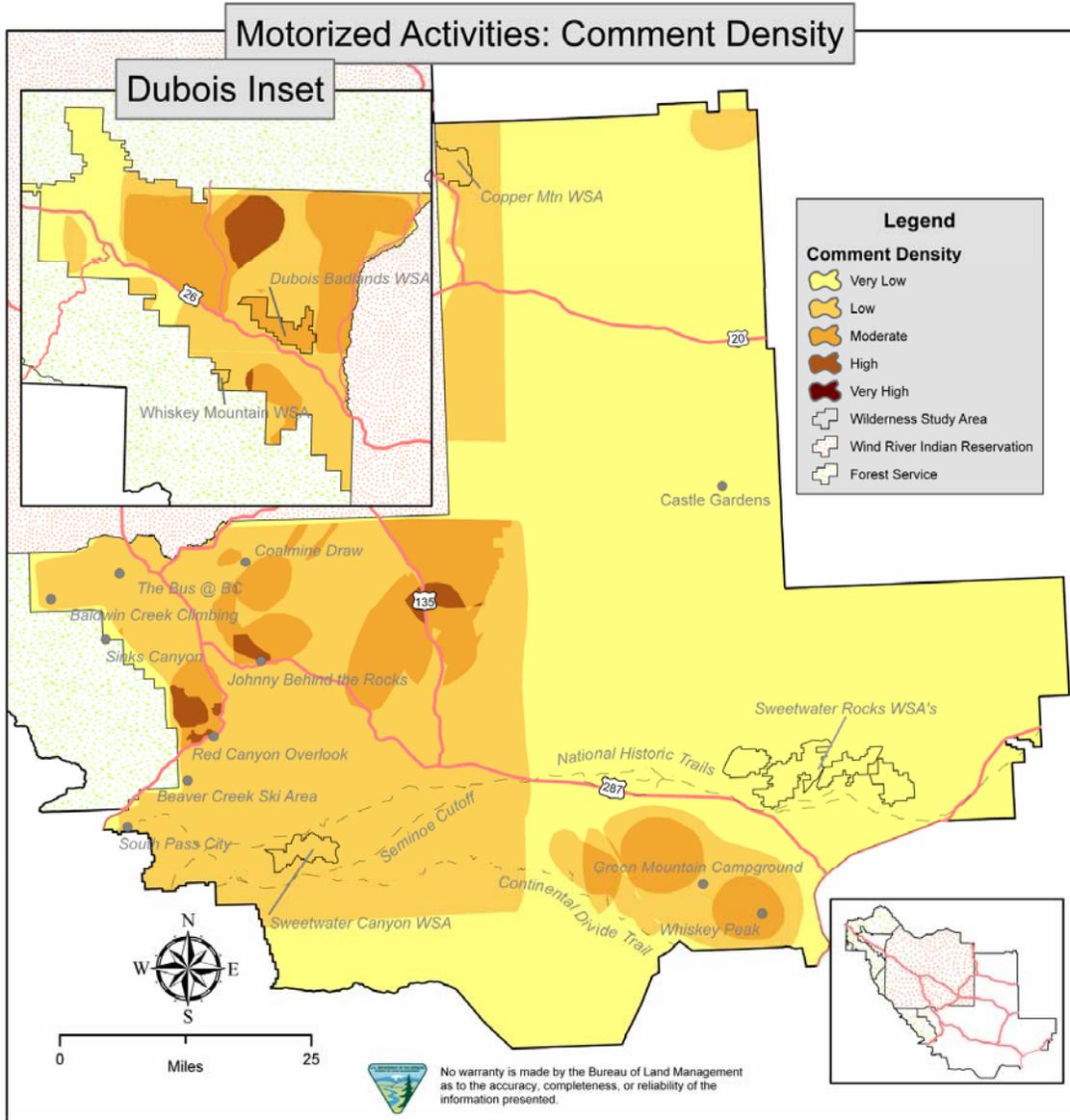
Hotspots, or areas of higher comment densities, provided a logical way to geographically break out the written comments. However, in some instances there were areas of higher comment densities but very little written comment material. Comments that could not be tied to a specific hotspot zone (such as Sweetwater Rocks) were grouped into a more general comment zone, such as Lander Field Office General, Lander Foothills General, or Dubois General.

See the maps on pages 5-9 for comment densities by area.

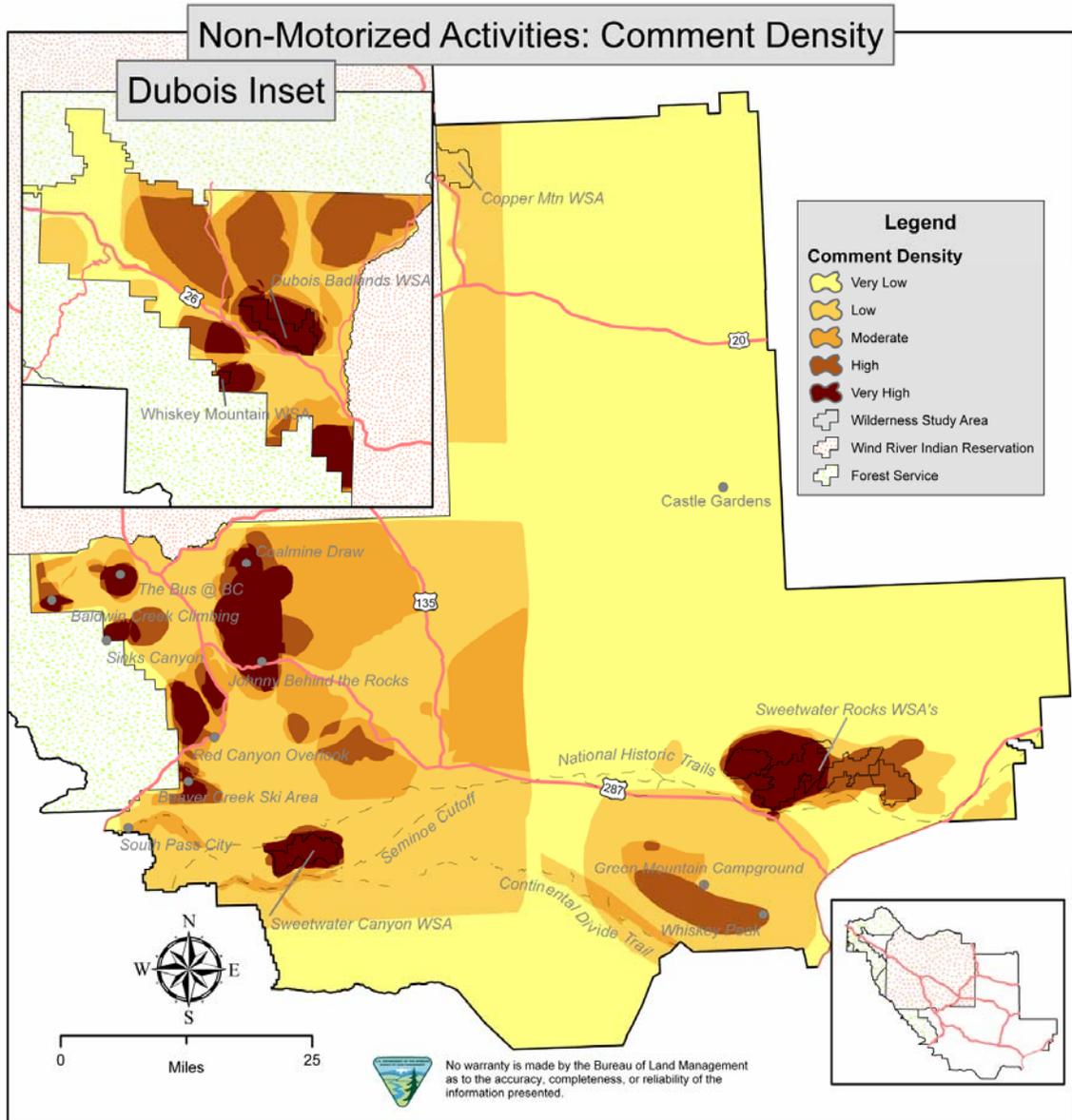
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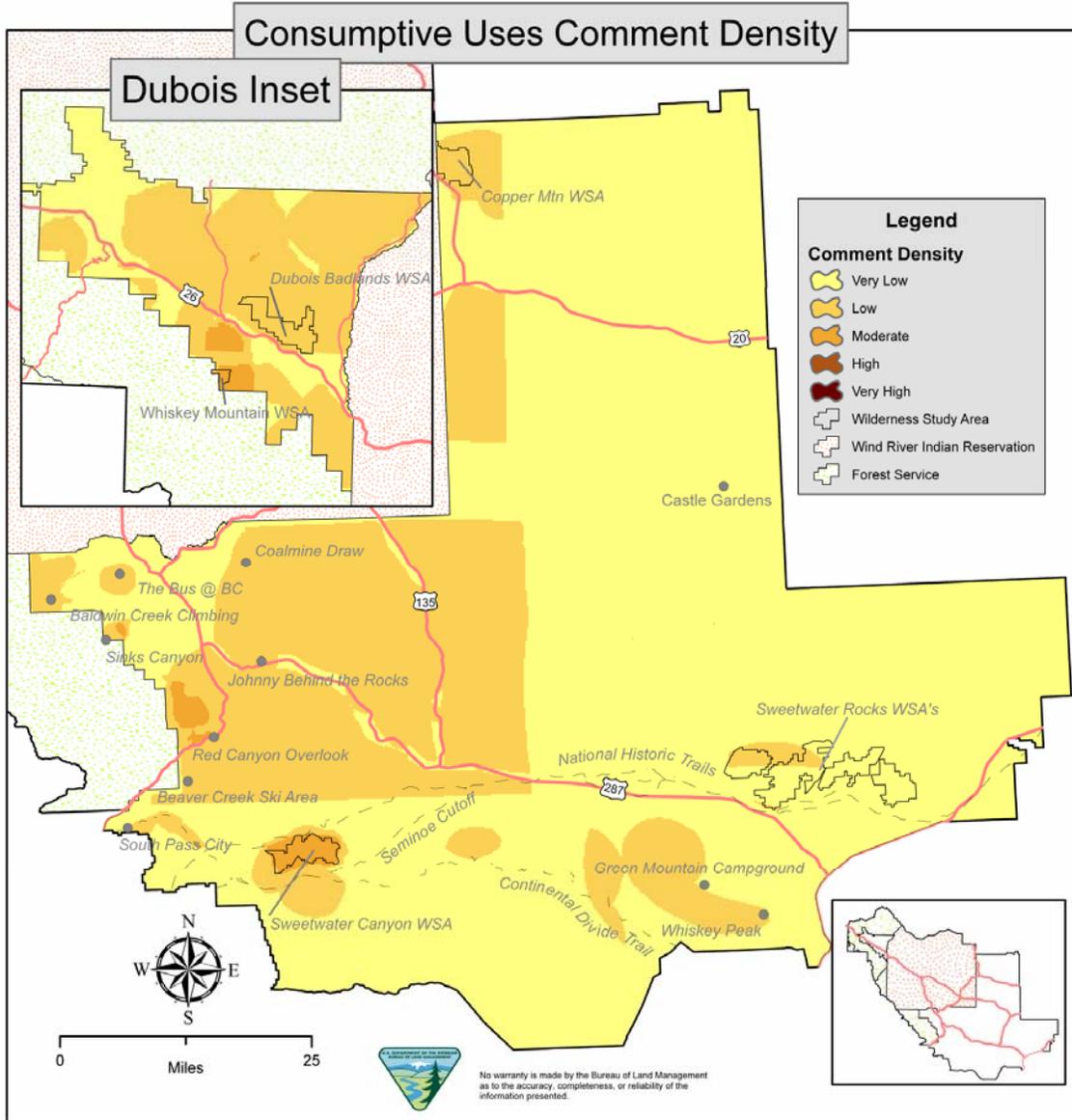
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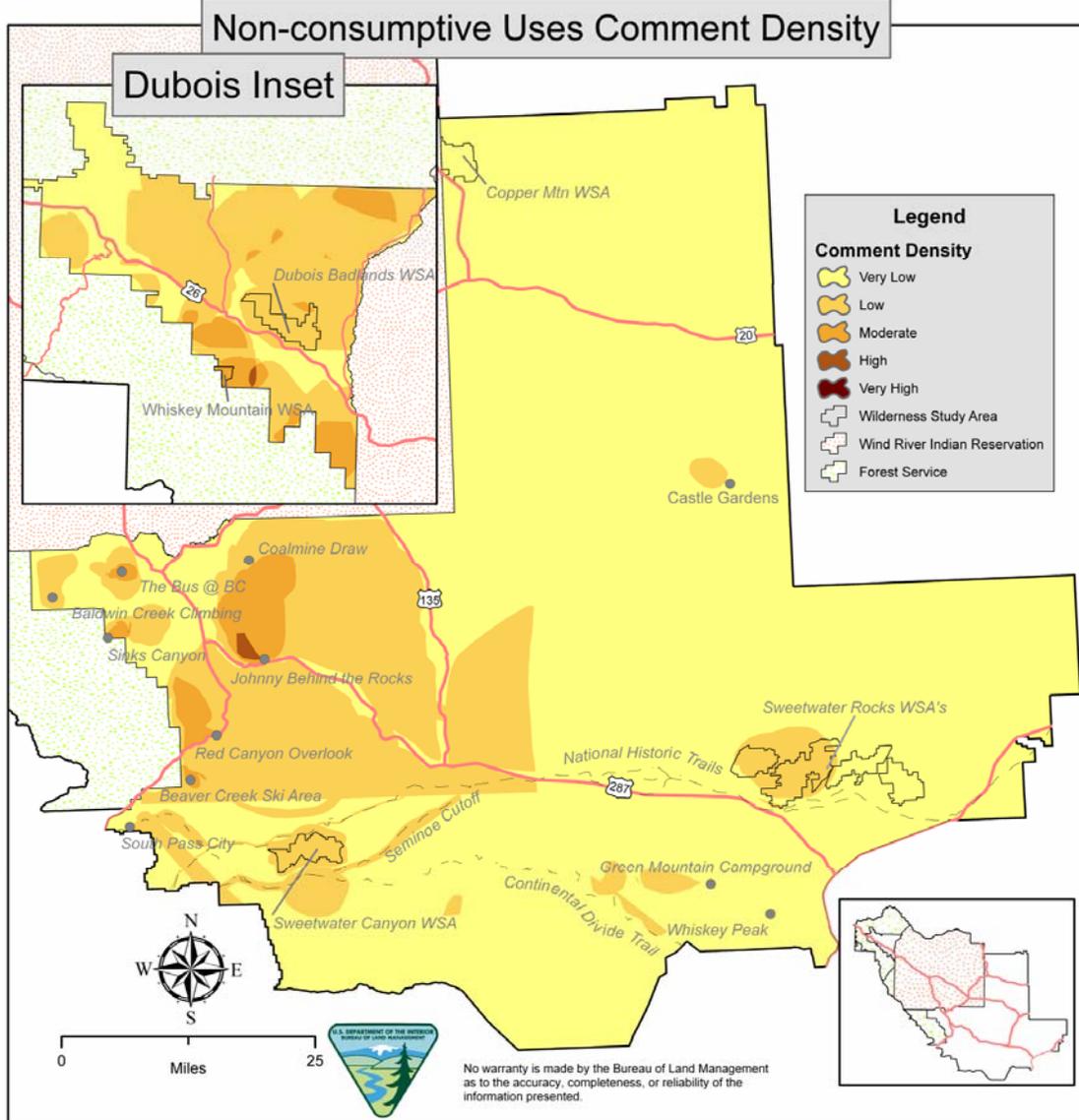
Lander Field Office Travel Management Meetings
 Non-Motorized Activities Comment Density



Lander Field Office Travel Management Meetings
Consumptive Uses Comment Density



Lander Field Office Travel Management Meetings
Non-Consumptive Uses Comment Density



Your Comments

The BLM received a wide range of comments during the Travel Management Workshops. The following sections summarize public comments collected at the workshops, which are categorized into similar issues and specific interest areas. Areas drawn on the maps by the public and identified in written comments were used to develop the specific interest areas. During the comment organization and summary process, the BLM identified the common themes and ranges of ideas heard from participants and commenters. As you will no doubt notice, we received very good information as a result of this process.

Important: These comments represent the range of public comment, not the frequency of each type of comment. The following comment summary is a representative sample of the main themes and ideas heard from the public. It is important to also note that the summarized comments for one specific area may or may not show a range of ideas and interests. These comments do not necessarily display the only options or alternatives for managing the area.

The maps included in this document will allow the reader to better visualize how the BLM organized the comments. Notice the comment densities for the various activity groups: the higher the density for one activity group, the more comments received. Comments about specific areas were then organized into zones; more general comments were organized under a more general zone, such as the Lander Field Office General zone. Comments not summarized here may indicate that the BLM did not receive a high level of comments for this area or many of those who circled an area on the maps did not mention the area specifically in their comments.

To see the diversity of opinions received at the workshops, the reader is encouraged to read this document in its entirety. The reader is also encouraged to review the comments organized under the Lander Field Office General Comments, which pertain to all areas in the field office. These comments demonstrate the range of opinions and the diversity of opinion of those who participated in this process. Finally, comments were organized around the topic questions that were asked by the BLM at the workshops. In most cases, this summary uses direct quotes (written with quotations and in italics) to capture and demonstrate key themes regarding the specific areas. In some instances, a comment may be highlighted if it provides information about recreation users. The summary also uses some paraphrasing to demonstrate the range of ideas.

Workshop participants indicated that they enjoyed this unique process and felt the format facilitated good involvement. Some participants indicated that the questions asked by the BLM were too specific and that they were overwhelmed with trying to provide input about all the areas they enjoyed. A few participants felt the process was not conducive to providing the BLM with input. The BLM is committed to an open public process and welcomes additional comments or requests to discuss ideas with the public.

Lander Field Office General

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the entire Lander Field Office planning area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal:

- Participants identified: personal appreciation and satisfaction, personal development and growth, and improved physical and mental health.
- *"I enjoy the peace and quiet of the wide open spaces of Wyoming, with all the physical and psychological benefits that are to be found in these areas. Mainly - rest, exercise, companionship at times, wildlife viewing, time to think, remembering good times and friendships."*
- Beaver Rim commonly referenced from the handouts: personal satisfaction, personal growth, and appreciation.
- Castle Gardens commonly referenced from the handouts: introspection, stewardship, and hospitality; and personal development and growth.

"People tend to focus on the mountains of Wyoming, but the basins managed primarily by the BLM are like a picture frame for those mountains and really are an integrated landscape. The sagebrush community is rich in diversity and every bit as important as forest communities. I hope the new plan will manage BLM land in a way that maintains and enhances the resources and values so important to our quality of life in Wyoming."

Community: No comments were identified for desired community recreation benefits.

Economic: *"I for one use several of the trails in the Sand Draw Beaver Rim area to get to my work!"*

Environmental:

- *"Personally I seek out BLM lands because these experiences and benefits are available nowhere else. The Lander office has done a much better job than any other Wyoming office at providing me with these important recreation opportunities. The maintenance or improvement of wildlife habitat (including roadless areas and watersheds) should be a paramount product of this plan."*
- *"The RMP should provide for stewardship that assures conservation of entire sustainable ecosystems. This is the only way to assure continued social and economical benefits associated with the public lands."*
- *"Beaver Rim: Recreational use preserves environment for future generations."*

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences:

- *"We enjoy sharing this resource with all other users, as long as they respect our use and the resource."*
- *"The important things I largely look for on BLM land for recreational purposes are largely solitude coupled with some activity."*
- *"I enjoy the physical exertion of stalking, the challenge of getting close enough for the shot and being able to tell others about the hunt."*
- *"The experiences we seek and advocate for protection are primarily related to learning, nature enjoyment, introspection, exercise, physical rest, escape."*

- Beaver Rim commonly referenced from the handouts: small town/slow pace of life; sense of spirituality and community; sense of place, autonomy, equipment, similar people, enjoying nature, introspection, creativity, exercise-physical fitness, physical rest, escape pressures and family, feeling achievement stimulation, enjoying family togetherness, being with similar people, meeting new people, learning about things here.
- *“Castle Gardens: Amazing place for walking/contemplation/education/history/culture.”*

Community Experiences: No comments regarding desired community experiences were identified.

Activity profile:

Activities: Hiking, running, biking, hunting, horseback riding, nature viewing, picnicking, All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)/Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use, motorcycling, snowmobiling, firewood gathering, and livestock grazing.

Season of Use: Year round.

Primary Mode of Travel: Foot, bike, horseback, and OHV.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Customer demands ranged from primitive to front country.

Evidence of Use: *“Evidence of use should be limited and mitigated through management actions and enforcement.”*

Facilities:

- *“I do not favor extensive developments such as more roads or major road improvements for recreational access. An increase in orientation and interpretive waysides or kiosks would be appropriate in some places. Improving facilities and roads would be appropriate in some places. Improving facilities and roads would be appropriate to protect resources such as watersheds, or to reduce or eliminate a significant hazard to public safety.”*
- *“Preacher Draw and Sand Gulch Gullies could be legally marked with OHV signs as approved OHV routes. We love to go as fast as we can in a twisty-turny sand gullies. With 30 years riding in this area, climbing off the sides has been non-existent. Erosion has been natural.”*

Mechanized Use: *“I enjoy riding more advanced trails and terrain and believe that by establishing legitimate mountain bike specific trails we can incorporate the use of maps and signs to ensure all cyclists enjoy their riding time in a safe manner.”*

Motorized Use:

- *“As a permittee in the area and a private land owner it is important for the operation of the business to be able to utilize OHV for fixing fence, maintenance of wells, checking water holes. As there is less impact to the land with OHV than there is with a pickup this method is preferred.”*
- *“Any travel management plan that results in a net loss of motorized access must be considered unacceptable.”*
- *“Designate Roadless Area, exclude motorized to protect sheep, deer, elk.”*
- *“I believe it is important to keep these lands open to current activities. For example, if there is a road there-keep it there. For people to use, there are a few places where roads and bridges should be improved for aesthetic purposes. Trails and roads need to be clearly marked for use.”*
- *“I do believe areas that are pristine and primitive should stay that way, however, do not take away/or close those areas that have roads currently. Do not limit use in these areas. Maintain current physical characteristics and use of better maps of public land made more readily to the public*

are very important! As stated my concerns are to keep roads open, but maintain those pristine backcountry areas as well!"

- "I won't go to an area with too many motorized vehicles, people, or cattle. I principally like to walk in pristine country where I can see wildlife or fly fish in solitude."
- "I would like to see all of these areas accessible to motorized vehicles. I would hate to see any of these roads/trails closed."
- "I would like to see the Birds Eye Pass area open to motorized use. The Birds Eye Pass area has mineral resources and should be accessible to exploration."
- "No decisions should be made to restrict access to this area by closing or limiting use of roads; or any further restrictions other than on existing roads or trails. Fremont County has an aging population and requires modes of transportation other than by foot."
- "On a related note, off road, route or trail motorized access for such activities as game animal or livestock retrieval, fence building or repair, etc. should rightfully be retained throughout the whole Lander area."

Naturalness:

- "The BLM, through the RMP, needs to avoid the historic trend of more public lands moving towards "front county" and "rural," primarily by default. The RMP needs to provide proactive management to restore and maintain the "primitive," "back country," and "middle country" landscapes on the public lands. The quality of recreation experiences on the public lands and the recreation benefits are directly related to the environmental integrity of the public lands."
- "The recreation activities I participate in on BLM-administered public lands can best be sustained by BLM proactively managing for recreation settings that restore and maintain naturalness."

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

Negative Environmental Impacts to Avoid:

- "I have seen the impacts of vandalism on cultural resources and the indiscriminate use of motorized vehicles on BLM lands. Education can only do so much. An increased presence of staff to include law enforcement is a useful, if not perfect, deterrent."
- "I participate in the other activities but feel that sole development of such activities such as mountain biking is not what our part of the region has to offer. We can offer the last of the wide open prairies, mountain slopes, and ample amounts of wildlife. These resources should not be wrecked to accommodate the "Johnny come lately" activities and recreation technology."
- "Castle Gardens: Reduce/eliminate damage by OHV users and impacts to site by humans."
- "Beaver Rim: Reduce impacts from OHV use and livestock grazing."

"I appreciate seeing public employees in the field; it suggests an understanding that a caretaker cannot adequately care for lands in their trust from a desk."

Recommendations for Change:

Access:

- "Public access must be in balance with the capability to effectively manage the use. Motorized use off existing and designated roads and trails is significantly impacting naturalness, quality of recreation experiences, and wildlife habitats."
- "Copper Mountain- needs better access-negotiate with tribes for better access."

- *“Minerals and Oil are a big part of the economy of this area and the State of Wyoming. I believe all these areas need to be accessible to motorized vehicles. The BLM has gradually increased the charges on filing claims. This has severely limited the small person and or small mining companies. If any of these areas were closed to motorized vehicles that would hurt the small entities once more. I would like to see areas that are open to exploration be open with access to ATV and trucks, etc. One should be able to travel on and to a claim or area to be explored to do the required work.”*

ACEC: *“Beaver Rim: continue to protect it as ACEC.”*

Allowable Uses:

- *“Also leave existing livestock grazing alone. Limit all new drilling and well sites”*
- *“At least two areas of impact on public lands in the Lander Field Office are at "crisis" level with regard to the affect on recreation resources, activities and benefits. These are degraded riparian areas and surface water quality of springs and streams direct impacts include contaminated water sources needed by recreationists, lost and degraded fisheries and degraded terrestrial habitats that adversely affect many recreation experiences and benefits related to wildlife on the public lands. This is especially significant because much of the recreation use on the public lands and thus the social and economic benefits have wildlife as the common denominator.”*

Allowable Uses:

- *“Firewood gathering is a fine example of a use that is very compatible with numerous other uses - which truly is multiple use and should be maintained and encouraged in this management plan. Livestock grazing is another good example of compatible multiple uses that should be allowed to continue throughout the Lander Area. Feral horses, on the other hand, should be reduced to minimal levels in order to reduce their negative impacts on productive habitat for livestock and wildlife alike. On a related note, the BLM needs to be actively pursuing the development of more water sources and better water storage facilities and mechanisms for the benefit of all animals in the Lander area.”*
- *“The inference that various uses of BLM administered lands are or have to be mutually exclusive is inappropriate and misleading. There are numerous multiple uses that can and should occur in harmony or parallel with each other. Agricultural industrial, and recreational uses of such public lands can and should coexist.”*
- *“Tourism and recreation are Wyoming's second largest industry. If we are going to have a more diversified economy we need to protect Wyoming's second largest industry rather than letting development run rough shod over habitat. I see three major threats to wildlife and wildlife habitat that need to be addressed: 1) oil and gas development, 2) over-grazing, 3) growth in rural subdivisions. The BLM has little control over the last one but can have a great deal of influence over the first two. I encourage you to make it so.”*
- *“We would not like to see increased oil and gas development or grazing in any of these areas. I have spent a lot of time in the Jonah Field and Pinedale Anticline areas and the land in these areas lacks the "wild" natural settings we have in the Lander Field Office area. Thus these areas lack the peaceful mind refreshing aspects most of the Lander Field Office area has. Also when we have out of town company we like to share these activities with them.”*

“We are satisfied with the existing plan and do not support any changes. We believe in multiple-use and do not support special designations that restrict or promote one activity over another.”

Bureau of Reclamation Lands: *“The general public would also derive numerous benefits if the public lands incorporated into the Bureau of Reclamation “Withdrawal Area” north of Riverton were transferred to BLM control and oversight.”*

Competitive Events: *“Develop a plan so clubs can have poker runs without it costing them all of the proceeds.”*

Facilities: *“Castle Gardens: This site needs more attention and protection of both petroglyphs and trails/walkways. Also needs interpretive signs and other visitor facilities. This is a treasure to be conserved.”*

Fences: *“My recreation on BLM managed lands is mainly saddle stock use and hiking. Fences are a detriment to this activity. One of our outstanding qualities of BLM lands is the open spaces unhampered by fences. I would propose that no new fences be constructed on BLM managed lands. Fences are also detrimental to animal migration.”*

Habitat: *“Agate Flats - Restore sage grouse habitat and fisheries (e.g., Sage Hen Creeks).”*

Route Designation: *“We also think that the district has an opportunity through this process to be creative with the route designation process that will enable the district to set an example for Wyoming public land managers. Off highway vehicle recreation is the fastest growing recreation activity occurring on public lands today and this is the time to plan for the future.”*

Visual Resource: *“The viewshed on either side of 20/28 should be protected to retain its natural setting. Oil and gas wells are beginning to impact its scenic character.”*

Wildlife Habitat: *“Area closures, designations and limitations need to be formally established and enforced to meet seasonal needs for wildlife and protect the habitats, watersheds and recreation resources.”*

Lander Foothills General

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the entire Lander Foothills area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal: *“Individual-appreciation of outdoors environment, enhanced awareness and understanding of nature, closer relationship with the natural world.”*

Community: *“Enhanced lifestyle.”*

Economic:

- *Close to Lander: “Economic-enhanced ability for visitors and resident to find areas providing desired recreation experiences and benefits, maintenance of communities distinct recreation tourism market.”*
- *“Not only are we private landowners in these areas but we also recreate, hunt, drive around and in general use a variety of roads all year long for commercial and personal purposes.”*

“There is great trail running, mountain biking, horseback riding, and hiking all of which I do with friends and with my daughter.”

Environmental: Commonly referenced from the workshop handouts: Maintenance of distinctive recreation setting character, greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features, and enhanced awareness of nature, the Wyoming outdoors, and wildlife.

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences:

- Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoying exploring on my own, savoring the total sensory experience of a natural landscape, feeling good about solitude, and being isolated and independent.
- *“Want experience that lets us enjoy our animals while being safe for both animals and us!”*

“Off Highway travel is essential; I feel strongly that existing roads and trails remain open for use by OHV.”

Community Experiences: No comments regarding desired community experiences in the Lander Foothills were identified.

Activity profile:

Activities: Hiking, running, biking, hunting, horseback riding, nature viewing, picnicking, ATV/OHV use, motorcycling, snowmobiling, and livestock grazing.

Season of Use: Year round.

Primary Mode of Travel: Foot, bike, horseback, and OHV.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Customers’ perception of the existing recreational settings ranged from primitive to front country. Customer demands for future setting management also ranged from primitive to front country.

Mechanized Use: *“I enjoy riding more advanced trails and terrain and believe that by establishing legitimate mountain bike specific trails we can incorporate the use of maps and signs to ensure all cyclists enjoy their riding time in a safe manner.”*

Naturalness: *“Twin Cr. Off old highway- close to town and no bikes! Like primitive settings - no other people no trail facilities. Can have fences, roads but prefer no oil and gas development, mining.”*

Remoteness:

- *“The places where I ride horseback are not remote but they provide me with an abundance of awards”*
- *“Red Butte offers fantastic non motorized recreation.”*

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

No comments on recreational impacts or outcomes to avoid were identified.

Recommendations for Change:

Access: *“It would be great if there was some good horseback access to Table Mountain either from the Sinks Canyon side or the north side, maybe Willow Creek? Develop several trailheads?”*

Allowable Uses: *“We are satisfied with the existing plan and do not support any changes.”*

Enforcement: *“I would also urge the BLM for increased travel management enforcement, specifically enforcement of off-road travel restrictions in the Lander area in order to reduce noxious weed spread.”*

Facilities: *“Close to Lander- I recommend this area be developed for close to home recreation. As with everything we should not overdue the developments...a trail here and a trail there will suffice.”*

“The Lander area holds a lot of potential for mountain biking but the few areas that have established trails are small and poorly maintained. By creating a pro-active policy toward trail development, cyclists will be able to organize trail work days and develop more comprehensive trail system and the BLM will have more say in where and how trails are developed.”

Motorized Use: *“It seems we could use more clarity on what areas are open to motorized use and what are not in order to preserve more primitive recreation opportunities.”*

Non-motorized: *“I’d like to see more designated non-motorized areas near Lander. Gates 48” wide for horse/human travel (non-motorized) could be installed. Routes could be explored and designated and then mapped.”*

Partnerships:

- *“Back country horsemen are good workers and we’d be great partners for construction projects, such as small trailhead, fencing, signing, corral construction, etc.”*
- *“I am a Leave No Trace master educator and I am on the LNT Board as an equine representative. I’d like to be able to train others in outdoor ethics and I feel a partnership with the BLM and Backcountry Horsemen would benefit the community-LNT training which I and several others in our organization could provide, is not limited to stock users.”*
- *“Please consider the development of an archery range in this area; it is a development that can be done with partners and fill a missing void for local recreationists.”*

Wildlife Habitat: *“Red Butte Areas- the Nature Conservancy, WGFD and private landowners are working to protect open spaces and mule deer habitat in this area-I am very supportive of this effort and encourage the BLM to maintain management of small isolated parcels and to allow non-motorized recreation on these parcels.”*

Dubois General

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the Dubois area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

No comments regarding desired recreation benefits for the Dubois area were identified.

Desired Experiences:

No comments regarding desired expectations for the Dubois area were identified.

Activity profile:

Activities: All activities.

Season of Use: Year round.

Primary Mode of Travel: Horse, foot, OHV, and mountain bike.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Participants identified a desire for backcountry settings.

Mechanized Uses:

- *“A viable access to the BLM property from the Sawmill site would be valuable asset to the Dubois community. This beautiful property is basically not accessible to the public due to terrain. A pathway for hikers and/or horseback riders would provide access to Game and Fish property, Forest Service land, and great wildlife viewing - as well as the open area provided by BLM.”*
- *“The road up Battrum Mt from Buffalo Buttes subdivision and the road that turns to the right off Pony Creek road just after the school section # 36 are both being used by a lot of four-wheelers and road hunters to access deeded land without permission. The fences have been cut and gates have been left open making it very hard to manage livestock. I would like to see these roads closed - at least at the edge of deeded land if not closed completely.”*
- *“Hat Butte (west of Dubois), is currently being blocked off by some private land owners in the area. Access is difficult and even though there is access these private parties are keeping the public out. There are other areas that this particular issue involves. What good is public land if you cannot access it. I do believe areas that are pristine and primitive should stay that way, however, do not take away/or close those areas that have roads currently. Do not limit use in these areas. Maintain current physical characteristics and use better maps of public land made more readily to the public is very important!”*

Wildlife: *“I would like ATV trails limited because it disrupts wildlife, remoteness, viewshed and also disrupts plant ecology - may increase erosion?”*

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

No comments regarding negative recreation impacts or outcomes to avoid in the Dubois area were identified.

Recommendations for Change:

Allowable Uses: *“Stoney Point-closed to livestock grazing.”*

Seasonal Closures: *“I would like the BLM to implement road and area winter seasonal travel closures to all BLM land north of the Wind River to coincide with the seasonal area closures of the USFS and the Wyoming Game and Fish Dept. (on their Spence & Moriarity and Inberg-Roy WHMAs). This closure would further winter security for the wintering elk and deer in this area.”*

Beaver Creek Nordic Ski Area

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the Beaver Creek Nordic Ski Area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal: Commonly referenced from the workshop handouts: Improved physical strength, improved focus, improved endurance, acceptance of myself, better understanding of my strengths and weaknesses, increased appreciation of the natural world and my place in the natural world, increased physical fitness, skills development, and appreciate open spaces.

Community: No comments regarding desired community recreation benefits in the Beaver Creek Nordic Ski Area were identified.

Economic: No comments regarding desired economic recreation benefits in the Beaver Creek Nordic Ski Area were identified.

Environmental: No comments regarding desired environmental recreation benefits in the Beaver Creek Nordic Ski Area were identified.

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoying nature, enjoying physical exercise, and enjoying close to home recreation.

Community Experiences: No comments regarding desired community experiences in the Beaver Creek Nordic Ski Area were identified.

Activity profile:

Activities: skiing, mountain biking, hiking, fishing, and hunting.

Season of Use: Year round.

Primary Mode of Travel: Horse, foot, OHV, mountain bike, and skis.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: No comments regarding desired setting in the Beaver Creek Nordic Ski Area were identified.

Mechanized Use: *"I do not think there should be any snowmobiling near that fine ski area."*

Mechanized Uses: *"I support and use the cross country ski trails regularly and would love to see them expanded. I think they should be managed for non-motorized recreation in the summer."*

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

No comments regarding desired environmental recreation benefits in the Beaver Creek Nordic Ski Area were identified.

Recommendations for Change:

Partnerships: *"I would like the area to remain open to cross country skiing. The cooperative effort for trail maintenance is appreciated."*

The Bus at Baldwin Creek

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the Bus at Baldwin Creek area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal: References to the workshop handouts included: improved mental and physical health, greater connection to nature, greater sense of place, increased time spent with friends, and teaching/leading others.

Community: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Improved quality of life: *"Ultimately these activities are integral to why I live in Lander and difficult to quantify. The benefits are deep and meaningful."*

Economic: *"..Important economic income for county from people who like these experiences."*

Environmental: *"Preserves the environment for future generations."*

"Overall I use BLM lands for many purposes including personal recreation for introspection, spiritual connection, physical challenge, skill development, to get away, and appreciate open spaces."

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences:

- Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoying time with friends and family, enjoying the view and aesthetics, enjoying nature, feeling achievement and stimulation, being with similar people, meeting new people, learning about things here, enjoying introspection, enjoying exercise and physical fitness, and escaping personal and social pressures.
- *"This area has high value for enjoying near town recreation."*
- *"These areas are the only left for locals and friends to recreate in this manner."*

Community Experiences: The area provides a sense of place: *"I see many people using these areas as I do whenever I am out there."*

Activity profile:

Activities: hiking, running, biking, horseback riding and livestock grazing.

Season of Use: Year round, but more heavily in fall and spring.

Primary Mode of Travel: horseback, mountain bike, and foot.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Entire spectrum of desired settings from primitive to urban.

Maintain: *"I am happy with the current maintenance, access, and setting of the Bus."*

Mechanized Use: *"Given the high use of this area I recommend a non-motorized management approach."*

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

Negative Social and Cultural Impacts Avoid: *"Please don't sell, this would seriously affect the quality of my life in Lander."*

Negative Environmental Impacts to Avoid: *“I have been disturbed to see an increase in ATV use and a proliferation of user created ATV trails around the Bus, which I find very depressing. The soils here seem fragile and erodable and these trails quickly become permanent.”*

Recommendations for Change:

Allowable Uses:

- *“I would like to see the entire field office managed with multiple use principles....In the Bus area I feel there is room to develop mountain bike trails appropriately. This area should remain free of other uses such as gas and oil extraction.”*
- *“Recognizing the growth potential in terms of recreation, energy development and other uses. I would like the new management plan to be proactive in preventing the abuse of these areas.”*

“In the above areas in which I bike, I would like to see more high-quality, responsible trail development for biking. Trails are being built around Lander are often of poor quality and done “under the radar.”

Non-Motorized Use: *“While I fully support multi-use, I would like to see the proposed Resource Management Plan incorporate at least one area that could be made into a non-motorized use area.”*

Partnerships: *“The local area riders would also work cooperatively with the BLM in providing ideas, outreach, and trail maintenance (which we currently do) as the process moves forward.”*

Responsible Trail Development: *“Single track trail development should be relatively restricted to assure well built trails for mountain bike usage.”*

Work Cooperatively With Adjacent Landowners: *“Although this is on state land I encourage the BLM to work hard to come up with a comprehensive plan that protects this important recreational section for the people of Lander.”*

Coal Mine Draw-Government Draw-Monument Draw

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the Coal Mine Draw-Government Draw-Monument Draw area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal: References to the workshop handouts included: Improved mental and physical health, personal satisfaction, and personal growth and appreciation.

Community: No comments regarding desired community recreation benefits in the Coal Mine Draw-Government Draw-Monument Draw area were identified.

Economic: County receives income from people drawn to these experiences.

Environmental: Preserves the environment for future generations.

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences:

- Commonly referenced from the handouts: Autonomy, enjoying equipment, being with similar people, enjoy nature, introspection, creativity, exercise-physical fitness, physical rest, escape pressures, enjoy time with family, sense of place, gaining achievement/stimulation, learning, and teaching-leading others.
- *“The route is the destination and the act of riding or driving is the desired experience.”*

“Organized events are fun and practical way to develop friendships, educate the public about OHV issues, promote OHV ethics, and introduce beginners, young and old to the sport.”

Community Experiences: Small town experience with a sense of community and place.

Activity profile:

Activities: Mountain biking, hiking, fast motorcycle riding, horseback riding, OHV use, and target shooting.

Season of Use: Year round.

Primary Mode of Travel: Motorcycle, OHV, foot, horse, mountain bike, and non-motorized.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Customers’ perception of the existing recreational settings range from front country to rural. Customer demands range from front country to rural.

Facilities:

- *“Motorized trails in a semi-primitive setting should retain their natural terrain features concentrating on trail stability without undue manmade engineering.”*
- *“OHV trail riding enthusiasts have a wide range of abilities and the trails they will be seeking will reflect that diversity.”*

Facilities: *“A novice [recreational OHV] enthusiast can typically be satisfied with much less challenging trail terrain. In Wyoming’s case it seems the public land managers have designated roads as their primary OHV trail system. These designations preclude most beginners and novices from accessing the majority of routes enrolled in Wyoming’s State Trails ORV Program. This typically leads to novices, especially young beginners, to do most of their riding in areas near established campsites or other roaded natural areas. Designing a trail system in roaded natural areas has its own challenges with proximity to other users, noise potential, or congestion. Those challenges are somewhat off-set when we*

recognize that trails designed for the beginner enthusiasts don't require the type of mileage associated with advanced enthusiasts."

Customer Desired Setting:

Management Controls: "While not consistently applicable on all public lands, there has been a deliberate effort to discourage organized motorized recreation through administration processes. These include, but are not limited to, unreasonable special use permit fees and un-realistic insurance requirements."

Mechanized Use: "It seems in this juncture in time, this might be a good place to further develop a motorized dirt bike park or establish trails with motorized use in mind."

Visitor Services: "Some (marked loops) on the ground could be beneficial to less experienced riders and tourists."

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

Negative Personal Impacts to Avoid:

- Target shooting migrating from traditional locations. Trail proliferation and trash –spent shells, broken glass, etc. degrade experience or make users avoid area. Others objected to ATV noise.
- "After a few near misses with "target shooters" out in very remote areas, I vowed never to ride my favorite trails again."

Negative Social and Cultural Impacts to Avoid:

Commenters asked the BLM not dispose or sell this property.

Negative Environmental Impacts to Avoid: "This area is a mess-there's trash and trails everywhere. I would hate to see other areas similarly trashed."

Recommendations for Change:

Competitive Events: "The RMP and subsequent travel planning should ensure the ability of non-profit organizations to sponsor these competitive and non-competitive events without being subject to unreasonable expenses."

Designated Shooting: "A designated shooting range would address my safety concerns."

Enforcement: "BLM needs to work with in itself and other agencies to police OHV use and the destruction that's occurring. We have too much littering, new/ghost roads being put in, killing of flora from people going off-roads and tracks,- fine people, have rangers out there, signs, etc."

Land Swap: "Land swap between BLM and [a private landowner] could be beneficial at Coal Mine Road and Lyons Valley."

Sage Grouse: "Need some type of protection during Sage Grouse nesting."

Use Areas: "I feel strongly that OHV use needs to be carefully regulated and special management areas created specifically for OHV use."

User Accountability: "I do not know what can be done. Sportsmen accountability would be a start."

"1) Allow consideration for dispersed motorized recreation throughout suitable areas, 2) Define the difference between roads and trails that are relative to OHV recreation, 3) Establish a definitive trail system that will enhance OHV recreation, 4) Be flexible enough to adapt to a changing motorized recreation environment, 5) Establish time frames to re-evaluate trail conditions, and 6) Cooperate with other land managing agencies to facilitate motorized trail opportunities."

Continental Divide National Scenic Trail

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal: References to the workshop handouts included: Improved mental and physical health, development and growth, personal appreciation and satisfaction, appreciation for the outdoors environment, enhances awareness and understanding of nature, and closer relationship with the natural world.

Community: *"I consider household benefits as most important, appreciation of our cultural heritage, greater family bonding, improved parenting skills, and improved group cooperation is most important to our community."*

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Economic Benefits:

- Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enhanced ability for visitors and residents to find areas providing desired recreation experiences and benefits, maintenance of communities' distinct recreation tourism market, and improved economic income.
- *"Economic benefits should not be criteria to manage recreation."*

Environmental Benefits: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Maintenance of distinctive recreation setting character, greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features, reduced wildlife harassment, protection of fish, wildlife, and plant habitat, reduction of negative human impacts, conservation of entire sustainable ecosystems, and greater protection of historic sites.

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences:

- Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoying family togetherness, being with similar people, meeting new people, learning about things here, enjoying nature, enjoying Introspection, creativity, enjoying exercise and physical fitness, physical rest, escaping personal and social pressures, teaching-leading others, enjoying exploring on my own, savoring the total sensory sight, sound, and smell—experience of a natural landscape, feeling good about solitude, being isolated and independent, achievement/stimulation, autonomy/leadership, learning, enjoy nature, nostalgia, sense of place, and equipment.
- *"Good not only for hiking but for solitude provided by viewshed."*

Community Experiences: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoying lifestyle enhancements, feeling a sense of place, developing ones personal character, feeling good about stewardship and hospitality, small town experience slow pace of life, and sense of spirituality and community.

Activity profile:

Activities: Fishing, hiking, hunting, viewing nature, horseback riding and backpacking.

Season of Use: Spring, summer, and fall.

Primary Mode of Travel: On foot, bike, and horseback.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Participants' perception of the existing recreational settings range from primitive to middle country. Public's demands range from primitive to front country.

Mechanized use:

- "A tightening of rules and regulations related to motorized travel is needed..."
- "The CDNST, which traverses the Lander area, should be given a non-motorized corridor. The trail was designated by Congress to be a hiking, horseback trail."

Remoteness: "Minimize leasing areas along route that would compromise remoteness-also basis for photography."

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

No comments regarding desired community recreation benefits in the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail area were identified.

Recommendations for Change:

Facilities: "Corrals at the lower campground near Atlantic City might be a good idea to accommodate people riding the CDT, travelers, and even locals who want to camp and ride the Oregon Trail/CDT areas, South Pass, etc."

Signing: "This short section of trail on BLM lands between Pine Creek and Dead Ox Creek west of Hwy 28 provides access to the National Forest. Our Back Country Horse group has marked the route several times in last few years with Carsonite signs. These have been vandalized repeatedly almost as soon as we have left the area. The access markings along Hwy 28 have also been removed making it very hard to identify where the trail goes from either side of the highway. Suggest permanent signage at the trailheads marking the start of the trail on both sides of the highway and a series of vandal proof signs [pipe], marking the trail to the Forest boundary."

Visual Resource: "Maintain the trails' scenic nature by protecting a visual corridor around the area. The entire trail does not need to be protected, a zoning schematic with a range of protections will meet the..."

Dubois Badlands

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the Dubois Badlands area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal: References to the workshop handouts included: Introspection, spiritual connection, physical challenge, skills development, to get away and appreciate open spaces, improved mental health, improved physical wellness, greater connections to nature, increased greater sense of place, time spent with friends

Community: No comments regarding desired community recreation benefits in the Dubois Badlands area were identified.

Economic: No comments regarding desired economic recreation benefits in the Dubois Badlands area were identified.

Environmental: No comments regarding desired environmental recreation benefits in the Dubois Badlands area were identified.

"I live near the WSA/Byrd Draw area & walk there very often - at times multiple times/week all year round. This is a great area for wildlife and scenery viewing & provides me with great exercise and relaxation capabilities close to home."

Desired Experiences:

No comments regarding desired experiences in the Dubois Badlands area were identified.

Activity profile:

Activities: Mountain biking, hiking, nature viewing, picnicking, cultural site visitation, OHV use, motorcycling, hunting, and photography.

Season of Use: Year round.

Primary Mode of Travel: Horse, foot, OHV, and mountain bike.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Identified customer demand is backcountry.

Mechanized Uses:

- *"I feel very strongly that all motorized vehicle use be eliminated and strongly enforced. The area closest to Dubois has been heavily damaged by illegal usage already. Outside of the WSA, vehicle use should be allowed but restricted to existing (documented) roads and trails and strongly enforced."*
- *"In general I am in favor of recreational use on these lands provide it is not negatively impactful to the environment or a user group. I'm in favor of limiting motorized use in areas prone to erosion. I do not want new route for 4 wheel users."*
- *"In the Dubois Badlands,... I feel there is room to develop mountain bike trails appropriately."*
- *"My concern is the Mason Draw jeep trail to access the upper reaches of the Table Mt area. We (wife & I) like to go over to the tee pee rings a couple times a year (all seasons). We like to walk or use our 4 wheeler on the jeep trail. I propose to the folks in charge to allow the jeep trail up East Fork of Mason Draw to stay open to the OHVs. We like the area and would like to see the dirt bike traffic taken to another area."*
- *"The Dubois Badlands area is currently a wilderness study area. This area is an area that can be easily accessed. It has roads and trails that were enjoyed by many area residents by ATV, Motor"*

cycling, as well as hiking, horseback riding. It is now only accessed by the non-motorized few. I have enjoyed hiking in this area, but firmly believe it should be open to motorized travel. I don't believe this area falls under the criteria of "Wilderness". This Badlands area is located in an area that has very little snow and is great for access year around."

Visitor Services: *"I would like the BLM to increase law enforcement presence and visibility in the Dubois Badlands Wilderness Study Area to insure the Wilderness values of this area. Additionally, eliminating motorized vehicle trespass will assist in providing security for the bighorn sheep, deer, pronghorn and elk that frequent this area."*

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

No comments regarding negative recreation impacts or outcomes to avoid in the Dubois Badlands area were identified.

Recommendations for Change:

Allowable Uses: *"This area should remain free of other uses including oil and gas extraction."*

Trail Development: *"I would like to see more high-quality, responsible trail development for mountain bikes."*

Green Mountains (Crooks Mountain to Whiskey Peak)

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the Green Mountains (Crooks Mountain to Whiskey Peak) area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal: References to the workshop handouts included: Improved skills for enjoying the outdoors alone and with others, improved leadership abilities, enhanced awareness and understanding of nature, a greater understanding of the importance of recreation and tourism to our region, improved mental health physical wellness, connections to nature, greater sense of place, improved quality of life in local area, time spent with friends, greater respect for our cultural heritage, have improved sensitivity and know-how to use and enjoy public lands without adverse impact, confirmation/development of my own values, greater sense of responsibility for my own quality of life, closer relationship with natural world, sense of personal freedom, greater sense of adventure, and greater appreciation for wild land heritage.

Community: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enhanced lifestyle, improved understanding of recreation and tourism contributions to our community, greater understanding of my responsibility for helping care for this community, and better understanding of community dependence and impact on public lands.

“Carbon and Fremont County residents visit Green Mountain regularly because it is forested and has easy access.”

Economic: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enhanced ability for visitors and resident to find areas providing desired recreation experiences and benefits, and maintenance of communities’ distinct recreation tourism market.

Environmental: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Maintenance of distinctive recreation setting character, greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features, cultivation of natural resource stewardship ethic, a better understanding of environmental issues such as: need for community involvement in recreation and land use decisions, need for visitors to find areas for recreation experiences and benefits, the need to retain natural landscape features, need for the protection of fish, wildlife and plant habitat from impacts, need for the protection of natural landscapes, and need for reduced negative human impacts.

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences:

- Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoying exploring on my own, savoring the total sensory sight, sound, and smell experience of a natural landscape, feeling good about solitude, being isolated and independent, enjoying introspection develop friendships, educate the public about OHV issues, promote OHV ethics, and introduce beginners to the sport.
- *“..the route is the destination and the act of riding or driving is the desired experience.”*
- *“[OHV] Trail riding over the course of a day or just a few hours.”*

Community Experiences: No comments regarding desired experiences in the Green Mountains area were identified.

Activity profile:

Activities: Camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, backpacking, watching wildlife, and OHV use.

Season of Use: Spring, summer, and fall.

Primary Mode of Travel: OHV, foot, and horseback.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Customers' perception of the existing recreational settings is middle country. Customer demands range from primitive to front country.

Motorized Use:

- *"I met several groups of hunters who were walking/hiking during the hunting season and complained of not walking very far before meeting another 4-wheeler trail with tracks on it. They felt it was pointless to hike when an ATV was always capable of beating them to the spot. They felt there was nowhere they could hunt that a 4-wheeler had not already been. Most of these individuals were non-residents who had come a great distance for the hunt and were appalled with the numbers of 4-wheelers and all of the places they were capable of going."*
- Allow motorized use for a wide range of skill levels.

Naturalness: *"The Green Mountains should be managed to preserve its natural character."*

Remoteness: *"The office needs to continue efforts to close and restrict motorized access in the area. I would hope that a balance could be reached in the form of 1 non-motorized area of equal acreage to one motorized area of equal acreage."*

Wildlife: *"The BLM needs to do more to maintain wildlife populations in the area."*

"Great campgrounds/picnic area-access as is OK - no new roads needed. Congratulations on building excellent recreation facilities including campgrounds, roads, restrooms, water supply, etc. Keep up the good work!"

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

No comments regarding desired experiences in the Green Mountains area were identified.

Recommendations for Change:

ACEC: *"Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) should maintain their boundary size or be increased to better manage their primitive, semi-primitive non-motorized, back country and middle country characteristics."*

Allowable Uses:

- *"The area is played out in regards to mining and oil/gas development...close it. Impacts from livestock in all Green Mountain allotments should be reduced including disallowing any new fences or water developments."*
- *"I am not opposed to leasing BLM land for cattle grazing."*
- *"Resume timber harvest rotation to vary tree ages and species, also enhances wildlife habitat."*

Development: *"We propose no new development on or around Green Mountain."*

Events: Commenters requested that the BLM allow non-competitive and competitive events without requirements.

Promotion: *"The Green Mountain areas needs to be better managed for ORV use. Designated trails only and strong enforcement. Develop facilities [horse camps] designed for equestrian users. Promote the area for equestrian use to attract both out-of-state and local users."*

Johnny Behind the Rocks-Cedar Ridge-Blue Ridge

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the Johnny Behind the Rocks-Cedar Ridge-Blue Ridge area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal:

- References to the workshop handouts included: Introspection, spiritual connection, physical challenge, skills development, to get away and appreciate open spaces, personal growth and appreciation, physical strength, focus, endurance, acceptance of myself, a better understanding of my strengths and weaknesses, improved personal appreciation of natural world and my place in the natural world, Increased physical fitness, cardiovascular health, and improved psychological health,
- *"..enhanced awareness of nature and the Wyoming outdoors and wildlife."*

"Makes living in Lander a truly unique and special place. Within minutes I am outside and in a beautiful place."

Community: *"Improved quality of life in local area."*

Economic: No comments regarding desired economic recreation benefits in the Johnny Behind the Rocks-Cedar Ridge-Blue Ridge area were identified.

Environmental: Increased awareness of the natural landscape.

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences:

- Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoying time with family and friends, being with similar people, meeting new people, learning about things here, enjoying nature, enjoying Introspection, creativity, enjoying exercise and physical fitness, escaping personal and social pressures, teaching-leading others, savoring the total sensory sight, sound, and smell—experience of a natural landscape, feeling good about solitude, being isolated and independent, achievement/stimulation, enjoy nature, nostalgia, sense of place, and equipment.
- Enjoying close to home recreation: *"I utilize the Johnny Behind the Rocks area because of its close proximity to town."*
- *"This is a unique area with lots of multiple use potential."*

"The views of the Wind River Mountains coupled with varied topography and intermittent streams make this a unique environment to run, ride mountain bikes, ATV/OHV, horseback ride, view wildlife, and picnic."

Community Experiences: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoy sharing space with community residents, enjoying lifestyle enhancements, feeling a sense of place, developing ones personal character, interacting with people, feeling good about stewardship and hospitality.

Activity profile:

Activities: Hiking, running, biking, hunting, horseback riding, nature viewing, picnicking, OHV use, motorcycling, and livestock grazing.

Season of Use: Year long.

Primary Mode of Travel: Foot, bike, horseback, motorized vehicle, and OHV.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Customers' perception of the existing recreational settings range from primitive to middle country. Customer demands range from primitive to front country.

Allowable Uses: "I do not want to see restricted recreation, loss of routes or negative impact to wildlife due to oil and gas development."

Contacts with Others: "If other people are present we avoid trails and go cross country."

Evidence of Use: "Johnny Behind the Rocks is an area that appears to be on the brink of overuse. I think there needs to be some sort of regulation that limits motorized use off trail and a method of ensuring that any new trails are well thought out."

Mechanized Use: "Use of an area for mountain biking or hiking is really incompatible with motorized use, and motorized recreationists enjoy access to a vastly larger area."

Visual Resource: "This area has high scenic value."

Wildlife: "The value of the property is important for non-consumptive use of wildlife, for example, juniper obligate species reside here providing good diversity to the landscape."

"This is the area I always bring out of town visitors to see."

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

Negative Personal Impact or Outcomes to Avoid:

- "I think there is also a safety concern when dirt bikes, mountain bikes, equestrian hikers are all in the same area on the same trails."
- "Bikes are generally courteous but many don't know horse etiquette. Bikes are quiet and can be very dangerous if they suddenly surprise a horse."

Negative Environmental Impacts to Avoid:

- "I believe this value [scenic and recreational] is being rapidly degraded by OHV and motorcycle use. Trails I have run and hiked for 18 years are right now (this month and last) being converted from scenic single trails to two track ATV roads. "
- "The trash (which I regularly take out) is all associated with vehicles and includes beer containers, oil containers, vehicle parts, and groceries refuse."
- "Off trail riding resulting in abuse of ground cover or erosion is unacceptable."
- "In general I am in favor of recreational use on these lands provide it is not negatively impactful to the environment or a user group. "

Recommendations for Change:

Allowable Uses:

- "Please don't allow oil and gas development..."
- "All of these activities [ranching and recreation] should continue within this area. We would like to see no oil and gas development in Cedar Ridge as it would considerably alter our members experience through, noise, smell, increased traffic, and reduced viewshed."

Enforcement: "BLM needs to work within itself and other agencies to police OHV use and the destruction that's occurring. We have too much littering, new/ghost roads being put in, killing of flora from people going off-roads and tracks, fine people, have rangers out their, signs, etc."

Motorized Use:

- *“Restrict motorized use to 2 track and designated single track trails.”*
- *“Suggest signing open only those routes that are ORV appropriate- everything else closed except to foot and equestrian use.”*

Non-motorized: *“This area should be set aside for non-motorized use only.”*

Partnerships:

- *“Back country horsemen are good workers and we’d be great partners for construction projects, such as small trailhead, fencing, signing, corral construction, etc.”*
- *“The local area riders would also work cooperatively with the BLM in providing ideas, outreach, and trail maintenance (which we currently do) as the process moves forward.”*

Safety: *“For the safety and peace of mind for myself and other riders I wish that target practice was not allowed in this area.”*

Trails: *“This area has potential for development of single track trails open to mountain bikes and horses.”*

National Historic Trails (Oregon/Mormon Pioneer/California/Pony Express)

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the National Historic Trails, including the Oregon Trail, Mormon Pioneer Trail, California Trail, and Pony Express Trail, areas.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal: References to the workshop handouts included: Appreciation of outdoors environment, enhanced awareness and understanding of nature, closer relationship with the natural world, better mental health, personal development and growth, personal appreciation and satisfaction, improved physical health, sense of well-being, personal enjoyment, camaraderie, learning, greater respect for my cultural heritage, and increase appreciation for the areas cultural history.

Community:

- Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enhanced lifestyle, appreciation of our cultural heritage, greater family bonding, improved parenting skills, and improved group cooperation.
- *“Bonding with others in a like-experience, interaction with and responsibility for others, broadening of world-view.”*

“As these areas are now, you can really still get a feel for what the pioneers and early settlers faced in these wide open areas.”

Economic: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enhanced ability for visitors and resident to find areas providing desired recreation experiences and benefits, maintenance of communities’ distinct recreation tourism market, increased recreation spending benefits to the local economy, positive outdoor recreation experiences tendency to be repeated, well-coordinated activities by professional staff and management committed to the community’s welfare.

Environmental: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Maintenance of distinctive recreation setting character, greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features, retention of natural landscape features, reduced wildlife harassment, protection of fish, wildlife and plant habitat, conservation of entire sustainable ecosystems, greater protection of historic sites (Oregon Trail, Mormon Trail, etc.), awareness of meaning and interdependence of the natural world, the preservation vs. exploitation ethic, and a sense of stewardship for the resource.

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoying exploring on my own, savoring the total sensory sight, sound, and smell—experience of a natural landscape, feeling good about solitude, being isolated and independent, enjoying nature, introspection, creativity, nostalgia, exercise-physical fitness, physical rest, escape physical pressure, teaching-leading others, learning - developing equine management skills, , enjoyment of nature, teaching - leading others, family togetherness/similar people/new people, learning, reflecting on the cultural and historic history where it happened, enjoying the aesthetic qualities of South Pass and the Wind River Mountains, partnering or volunteering with organized groups or agencies, expanding one’s knowledge of the significant history of South Pass and the West.

Community Experiences:

- Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoying lifestyle enhancements, feeling a sense of place, developing ones personal character, feeling good about stewardship and hospitality.
- *“We also take visitors to cultural sites, specifically Castle Gardens and the Pony Express, Oregon Trail, and Mormon Trail sites.”*

Activity profile:

Activities: cultural site visitation, hunting, fishing, hiking, backpacking, nature viewing, historic reenactments, picnicking, camping, pack trips, and rock hounding.

Season of Use: Spring, summer, and fall.

Primary Mode of Travel: OHV, foot, horseback, and bicycle.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Customers’ perception of the existing recreational settings range from primitive-front country. Customer demands range from primitive to front country.

“This area provides learning opportunities, introspection and nature enjoyment. Based on its rich history it would be nice for this area to be a truly educational experience while preserving the rugged and outdoor heritage.”

Evidence of Use: *“Hand Cart Trekkers- maintain carrying capacity that mitigates impacts to NHTs.”*

Facilities: *“There is no doubt in my mind that visitation to the South Pass monuments will increase in the future. Can we even envision a paved parking lot and a walk in area? As being one that has driven the trail over 50 years through the entire area you are contemplating I hope this would not be the case. Nevertheless protection must start now.”*

Historic Setting: *“The South Pass segment of the National Historic Trails is made up of braided segments of the Oregon-Mormon-Pioneer-California-Pony Express trails in a setting that remains much as it appeared during the mid-century of the 1800s when as many as 500,000 emigrants traversed the continent. The character of the setting can only be described as a “history haunting place,” a national treasure visited annually by thousands of visitors seeking the rugged landscape that evokes openness and solitude in a unique historic setting.”*

Level of Use: *“We enjoy the lack of crowds, but it does not bother us to see others out enjoying nature or hunting.”*

Motorized Use: *“As much as I enjoyed going over Rocky Ridge I have to agree with your decision to close it to motorized vehicles. I do think you have closed it off too soon. The hike to the ridge from your closure site is unreasonable. Allowing vehicles to proceed up the hill to near the ridge would aid visitation and not harm the ridge itself. Not all can hike the distance you have placed now.”*

Naturalness:

- *“Seminoe Cutoff: Due to its historical significance, I believe this trail should be better protected and if possible motorized vehicle use prohibited. Part of the original route has already been obliterated by a pipeline. Due to washouts on the trail - pipeline route - off the Bison Basin road we had to reroute our wagon from the north across the Sweetwater on the Nature Conservancy property.”*
- *“Rock Creek Hollow- Work with the church to restore naturalness.”*

Foot Access: Devils Gate River site- *“foot access only!”*

Remoteness: Rocky Ridge- *“Close to motorized vehicles. No new surface disturbance.”*

Visitor Services: *“Seminoe Cutoff: “Access points - trail heads - need to be developed and signed especially on the east. Also several of the graves have been pilfered and need to be remarked.”*

Visual Resource: *“The historic trails that pass through the Lander Field Office should be protected for future generations. This includes the viewshed surrounding these trails. These trails are a true historic resource for the state and the nation. A Park Service study from the early 80s declared the section of the Oregon Trail from Independence Rock to the True Parting of the Ways as the most pristine section of the Trails. We need to keep them that way.”*

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

Negative Environmental Impacts to Avoid: *“Today's management challenge is continued traditional land use while protecting and developing the South Pass resources on public land that is being utilized by an expanding population seeking an ever-increasing outdoor recreation experience. According to recent research, the most identifiable threats to the integrity of the landscape are real-estate development and overuse for recreation that, fortunately, lend themselves to professional resource management.”*

Recommendations for Change:

Allowable Uses:

- *“Active management needs to occur in order to protect the areas historic trails. This areas section of historic trails needs to be protected at a landscape scale, any action that could impact the area should not be allowed. A corridor needs to be established where no impact will be allowed and actions outside of this corridor (wind turbines and cell phone towers) should not be seen from the trail.”*
- *“I do not believe this area is appropriate for oil and gas development.”*
- *“Trail preservation & protection, oil & gas rigs, wind farm development. Clear definitions of viewshed 3 mile minimum. Recommend 1/2 mile NSO along NHTs. Clarification of trails – condition and use - make clear concise maps in RMP, protection of pristine segments. Protection from energy and mining development - clearly define priorities. Concern for recreational use impact yet allows small groups and general public open use (preservation and protection first concern) . Clear definition of the South Pass Historic Area. Preservation of trails highest priority - keep them as is or better than they are now. Allow public access through publication of the context document by Will Bagley.”*

Historic Landscape Extent: *“As to the extent of the South Pass area I have felt that it does not need to begin at Ice Slough and end at Buckskin Crossing. Since most of the land is BLM controlled I suppose it make sense, but this is a large area of protection.”*

Interoffice coordination: *“We were disappointed to learn that much of South Pass is in the Rock Springs District and we have no idea what Rock Springs is proposing. The two districts should communicate with each other and coordinate plans for the historic trails, especially in the South pass area.”*

“South Pass represents a critical piece of our country’s history specifically in relation to exploration of the west. It is critical to allow future generations to experience what the western expansion truly entailed; one gets a vivid sense through exploration of South Pass.”

Interpretation: Lower Monument-*“Relocate to less impacting area and correct interpretation.”*

Monitoring:

- *“Martins Cove- Intensively monitor/mitigate impacts. Closely monitor terms of agreement and lease.”*
- *“Hand Cart Visitor Center- Closely monitor agreement and lease terms.”*

Protection Area:

- *“The present ¼ mile on each side of the trail as we have today should be retained in some areas and expanded in others. The area of the South Pass monuments should be three to five miles on each side of the trail. It should be as pristine as possible but sill allow easy visitation.*
- *“The Seminoe trail should keep the present ¼ mile designation. Even this trail will get more visitations in the future, especially that information that it was a major Mormon thoroughfare and many have recently been introduced to the fact.”*
- *“We belong to OCTA (Oregon-Calif. Trails Association). One of our main goals is preservation of the Historic Trails. As of now, there are no boundaries to South Pass. We are pushing for boundaries to be established. The Oregon-Calif Trail to South Pass City and the Seminoe Cutoff are in your district and we feel protection for these trails should be two miles on each side of the trail.”*

Restoration: Ice Slough- *“continue restoration.”*

Signing: *“The present BLM markers are great but they should be maintained better, New markers should alternate the trail designation to the trail.”*

Red Canyon-Limestone Mountain

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the Red Canyon-Limestone Mountain area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal: References to the workshop handouts included: Improved physical health, personal growth, appreciation, improved physical strength, improved focus, improved endurance, acceptance of myself, and a better understanding of my strengths and weaknesses, and increased personal appreciation of natural world.

“Having the ability to recreate with a view into Red Canyon is something out of a tourism pamphlet.”

Community: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoying close to home recreation

Economic: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enhanced ability for visitors and residents to find areas providing desired recreation experiences and benefits, maintenance of communities’ distinct recreation tourism market

Environmental: No comments regarding desired environmental recreation benefits in the Red Canyon-Limestone Mountain area were identified.

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Gaining achievement/stimulation, enjoying time with family and friends, meeting new people, learning, enjoying nature, enjoying introspection, being creative, enjoying exercise, escaping personal pressures, and teaching/leading others.

Community Experiences: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoying lifestyle enhancements, feeling a sense of place, developing ones personal character, interacting with people, and feeling good about stewardship and hospitality.

Activity profile:

Activities: Hiking, running, biking, horseback riding, hunting, OHV, and fishing access.

Season of Use: Year round.

Primary Mode of Travel: horseback, mountain bike, foot, and OHV.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Customer perception of existing setting ranges from primitive to front country. Customer demand range from primitive to front country.

Facilities: *“Red canyon comprises a great balance of establishment and exploration—it depends on what you are looking for in your activity.”*

Motorized Use:

- *“Roads that are already open need to remain open for OHV travel.”*
- *“I strongly feel that existing roads and trails remain open for use By OHVs.”*
- *“No new roads should be developed on the Windriver slope area.”*

Remoteness: *“Red Canyon should be managed in a manner to preserve their current remote character and primitive recreation opportunities.”*

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

Negative Environmental Impacts to Avoid: *“Closely monitor access and climbing impacts in Baldwin Creek Canyon; take proactive action if problems arise.”*

Recommendations for Change:

Allowable Uses:

- *“Close area to any new surface disturbance.”*
- *“The area from red canyon/limestone mountain to Northfork canyon needs to be removed from mineral leasing. No development should occur in this sensitive recreation, scenic, and wildlife area. BLM should work with partners to close these areas to livestock grazing in order to provide forage for native wildlife. This will enhance the recreation in the area.”*
- *“The area from red canyon/limestone mountain to Northfork canyon needs to be removed from mineral leasing. No development should occur in this sensitive recreation, scenic, and wildlife area. BLM should work with partners to close these areas to livestock grazing in order to provide forage for native wildlife. This will enhance the recreation in the area.”*
- *“The area from red canyon/limestone mountain to north fork canyon needs to be removed from mineral leasing.”*

Mountain Bike Trails:

- *“On the other side of the canyon; the east rim, the opportunity for some world class slick rock mountain biking seems very feasible with the development of some trails.”*
- *“The possibilities of trails and two tracks that link the top of Red Canyon to the Wild Iris area are encouraging and I would be thrilled at the development of a more coherent trail system in this area.”*

Seasonal Closures:

- *“Our primary concern is the area in Red Canyon-Game and Fish opens their land (surrounded by BLM) may 1st while the BLM land is closed to OHV travel until June 15th. That opening date severely restricts access to low elevations for spring bear hunting. I urge you to consider you to correspond the BLM lands seasonal closure to correspond with game and fish lands in the area. It only makes sense as the bordering forest service lands have no seasonal closure.”*
- *“The area and road closures in the Red Canyon area should be continued into any future travel management plan in order to maintain security for wintering elk and mule deer in this area.”*

Shoshone Lake Road Area – Baldwin Creek Canyon – Mexican Creek

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the Shoshone Lake Road Area-Baldwin Creek Canyon-Mexican Creek area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal: Baldwin Creek Canyon commonly referenced from the workshop handouts: Improved mental and physical health, greater connection to nature, appreciation of the outdoors environment, closer relationship with the natural world greater sense of place, increased time spent with friends, and teaching/leading others.

“This is a large portion of public land available to any person to hunt trophy quality big game.”

Community: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enhanced Lifestyle.

Economic: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enhanced ability for visitors and residents to find areas providing desired recreation experiences and benefits, maintenance of communities’ distinct recreation tourism market.

Environmental: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Maintenance of distinctive recreation setting character, and greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features.

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences:

- Baldwin Creek Canyon commonly referenced from the handouts: achievement/stimulation, enjoying time with family and friends, meeting new people, learning, enjoying nature, enjoying introspection, being creative, enjoying exercise and physical fitness, escaping personal social pressures, escaping physical pressures, teaching-leading others, being isolated and independent, enjoying exploring on my own, feeling good about solitude, savoring the total sensory sight, sound, and smell—experience of a natural landscape
- *“The Climbing is very challenging and is a great place to push your physical limits.”*
- Mexican Creek: *“The area is currently protected and has importance to our members as a popular elk hunting spot. “These areas have helped strengthen ties between family and friends as they explore and experience the rugged splendor.”*
- Shoshone Lake Road commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoying OHV with friends and family, develop friendships, educate the public about OHV issues, promote OHV ethics, and introduce beginners, young and old to the sport

Community Experiences: Baldwin Creek Canyon commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoying lifestyle enhancements, feeling a sense of place, developing ones personal character, interacting with people, feeling good about stewardship and hospitality.

Activity profile:

Activities: Hiking, running, biking, horseback riding, hunting, OHV, and fishing access.

Season of Use: Summer and fall

Primary Mode of Travel: Horseback, mountain bike, foot, and OHV.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Customer perception ranges from primitive to front country. Customer demand range from primitive to front country.

Motorized Use: "I access Baldwin Creek through Shoshone Lake Road and Road #2202. The road past the large turnout is very rough and could benefit from some improvements, but in no way needs to be more than a road."

Remoteness: "Manage Baldwin Creek Canyon in a manner to preserve their current remote character and primitive recreation opportunities"

Remoteness: "No new roads should be developed on the Wind River slope area."

"The area near Cyclone Pass that is part of the Shoshone Lake trail has extreme 4X4 characteristics, challenging trail riding experiences for ATV and off road motorcycle use, and for access to fishing and primitive camping."

dirt

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

Negative Environmental Impacts to Avoid: "Closely monitor access and climbing impacts in Baldwin Creek Canyon; take proactive action if problems arise."

Recommendations for Change:

Allowable Uses:

- "Baldwin Creek Canyon especially needs livestock removed; 10 cows for 6 months causes unnecessary damage."
- "The area from Red Canyon/Limestone Mountain to North Fork canyon needs to be removed from mineral leasing. No development should occur in this sensitive recreation, scenic, and wildlife area. BLM should work with partners to close these areas to livestock grazing in order to provide forage for native wildlife. This will enhance the recreation in the area."

Events: Allow motorized competitive events to occur on the Shoshoni Lake Road without permit restrictions and oversight {is this a quote?}

Historic Cabin: "Protect the historic cabin"

Motorized use: "Shoshone Lake Road-keep as is-excellent/ATV access for fishing."

Non-motorized use: "Close the road in the bottom of Baldwin Creek Canyon. This canyon is a very primitive area that does not need a road that only a few local ranchers and their friends can access."

Seasonal Closures: "The BLM should implement area seasonal closures in the Mexican Creek area adjacent to the Shoshone Lake Road and Paradise Creek. Currently this area is closed indirectly due to the closure of the Shoshone Lake Rd by Fremont County. However, this road closure is somewhat sketchy and could be potentially challenged. In order to secure this area more effectively, the BLM should include this area and road (from the saddle) in a seasonal area closure from December 15th through June 15th of each year."

Sinks Canyon

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the Sinks Canyon area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal: References to the workshop handouts included: Improved physical and mental wellness, greater connections to nature, greater sense of place, Increased time spent with friends, introspection, skills development, appreciate open spaces, feeling achievement stimulation, enjoying family togetherness, being with similar people, meeting new people, and learning about things here.

“Sinks Canyon makes me feel part of a community that is focused on challenging themselves physically and mentally in a very positive setting.”

Community: Commonly referenced from the handouts:

Improved quality of life in local area, developing ones personal character, feeling a sense of place, enjoying lifestyle enhancements.

Economic: *“Our headquarters and the majority of our operation occur within Wyoming, with many rock climbing courses operating in Sinks Canyon.”*

Environmental: No comments regarding desired environmental recreation benefits in the Sinks Canyon area were identified.

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences:

- Commonly referenced from the handouts: Being with similar people, meeting new people, learning about things here, enjoying nature, enjoying introspection, enjoying exercise and physical fitness, escaping personal and social pressures, enjoying family togetherness feeling achievement stimulation, enjoying nature, introspection, exercise/fitness, escape, sense of place, personal character, risk taking
- *“With classrooms extending from Sinks Canyon to Sweetwater Rocks, the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) has vested interests in preserving and maintaining these areas for future recreational and outdoor education opportunities.”*

Community Experiences:

- *“I take many visitors to Sinks to show them the canyon.”*
- *“Sinks Canyon is an irreplaceable asset to the Lander community.”*
- *“It is a great place to see our community in action; climbers are friendly and encouraging. The cliffs are accessible to kids and families, and it’s a great sunny place to spend the weakened.”*

Activity profile:

Activities: Climbing, hiking, running, mountain biking, viewing nature, photography, and horseback riding.

Season of Use: Year round.

Primary Mode of Travel: Horse, foot.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Customer perception ranges from primitive to front country. Customer demand ranges from primitive to front country.

Facilities: *"Please continue to provide parking access to climbing areas, as use continues to grow-signage should be increased to promote concentration."*

Customer Desired Setting Continued:

Facilities:

- *"Would not recommend further development of trails which might compromise already disrupted landscape."*
- *"I think the continued trail maintenance is important, but all other aspects of the recreation use in the canyon are fine."*

Motorized Use: *"Our operation requires an undeveloped setting in order to teach backcountry camping and technical skills. In harmony with such a setting, motorized recreation within Sinks Canyon should be limited to designated routes"*

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

No comments regarding negative recreational impacts or outcomes to avoid in the Sinks Canyon area were identified.

Recommendations for Change:

Allowable Uses: *"This area is truly a treasure the varied geologic formations coupled with the majestic river and an abundance of hiking, climbing and biking opportunities. I would enjoy this area remaining for current user, including grazing."*

Management: *"..we urge the BLM to consider designating Sinks Canyon as a Recreation Management Zone (RMZ) within a larger Lander SRMA."*

Motorized Use: *"Maintain climbing trail. Close to motorized use."*

Split Rock-Lankin Dome-Sweetwater Rocks-Granite Mountains

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the Split Rock-Lankin Dome-Sweetwater Rocks-Granite Mountains area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal:

- References to the workshop handouts included: Greater connection to the natural world, improved skills, greater awareness of the natural world, improved physical and mental wellness, introspection, spiritual connection, physical fitness and skill to respond to challenges, to get away, greater appreciation of the outdoors environment, improved focus, improved endurance, better understanding of my strengths and weaknesses, personal appreciation of natural world and my place in that natural world, and learned ethics and self-reliance skills:
- *"I would like to emphasize how important it is for me to know that wild places still exist in this country."*
- *"The Friends of Sweetwater Rocks benefit many different ways from our recreation in this area. These benefits include, but are not limited to: wellness, physical fitness, improved outdoor skills, better understanding of our area, and a great opportunity for exploration."*

"This is a beautiful area that has given me a connection to the natural world around me and a big reason to continue visiting the Lander area."

Community: Enhanced lifestyle: *"These experiences make well-grounded, caring, motivated, and proud students who go back to their homes and tell others what a beautiful place Wyoming is."*

Economic:

- Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enhanced ability for visitors and resident to find areas providing desired recreation experiences and benefits, maintenance of community's distinct recreation tourism market.
- *"Much of what makes our school unique is the surrounding landscape, which lies under the jurisdiction of the Lander BLM. Continued access to and careful recreation management of the Lander BLM lands are essential to the successful operation of the school."*

Environmental: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Maintenance of distinctive recreation setting character, greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features, increased awareness and protection of natural landscapes

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences:

- Commonly referenced from the handouts: Developing skills and abilities, being able to tell others about the trip, risk taking, learning more about things here, enjoying having access to hands on environmental learning, enjoying the total sensory experience of a natural landscape, enjoying being more contemplative, contemplating mans relationship with the land, enjoying artistic expression of nature, feeling good about solitude, being isolated and independent, enjoying an escape from crowds of people, enjoying teaching others about the outdoors, enjoying strenuous physical exercise.
- *"I had a chance to enjoy the view of the mountains, the river, and the unchanged hillsides. I woke every morning to an assortment of bird calls from sand hill cranes to white pelicans."*

Community Experiences: *“People all across the country should have the opportunity/privilege to admire Split Rock in the future.”*

Activity profile:

Activities: Rock climbing, hiking, wilderness quality camping, wildlife viewing, fishing photography, picnicking, mountain biking, running, and visiting cultural sites.

Season of Use: Spring, summer and fall, *“when the temperatures aren’t too hot or too cold.”*

“This experience reinforced my perception of Wyoming as a wild land of wide open spaces with little industrial development and a strong heritage for raising cattle.”

Primary Mode of Travel: No comments regarding primary mode of travel for the Split Rock-Lankin Dome-Sweetwater Rocks-Granite Mountains area were identified.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Customers’ perception of the existing recreational settings range from primitive to rural. Customer demands range from primitive to back country.

Contacts with Others: *“While managing this area please do not allow it to get over run with people-all actions to manage recreationist in the area should maintain the undeveloped character of the area.”*
“Having spent time at Split Rock recently, I have found a near solitude place.”

Motorized Use:

- *“Keep vehicles and mechanized transport on designated roads and trails.”*
- *“Any new access developed should not facilitate new motorized access.”*
- *“I enjoy taking camp trailers into places like Miller Pocket.”*
- *“..would like to work toward more access not controlled by private ranches and preserve the existing middle country feel.”*

Naturalness:

- *“I urge you to maintain its natural state so that others can experience the same wild beauty that I did.”*
- *“If the WSAs themselves remain in their current state, and the character of the surrounding landscape is fundamentally unaffected, a remote and primitive experience can be preserved for visitors to Lankin Dome and other features within the Sweetwater Rocks.”*
- *“I believe there is intrinsic value for undeveloped public lands and I would like to see the area of Split Rock become such a place.”*
- *“Maintain viewshed and keep vehicles and keep access restricted to established roads only.”*

“This is one of the greatest recreation resources in the state of Wyoming, and will be recognized as a world-class climbing destination with the next several years.”

Remoteness:

- *“Value region for aesthetic values and remoteness...”*
- *“Preserving this land as a pristine recreation area away from busy roads, houses, buildings, machines, and other such urban developments is very important to me and many others who seek leisure in those areas.”*

Recreational Impacts or Negative Outcomes to Avoid:

Personal Impacts to Avoid: *“It frustrates me to think that areas such as Split Rock could be developed or have restrictions to public access in the near future.”*

Social and Cultural Impacts to Avoid: No comments regarding social and cultural impacts to avoid for the Split Rock-Lankin Dome-Sweetwater Rocks-Granite Mountains area were identified.

Economic Impacts to Avoid: No comments regarding economic impacts to avoid for the Split Rock-Lankin Dome-Sweetwater Rocks-Granite Mountains area were identified.

Environmental Impacts to Avoid: *“With an ever increasing population and development within our country, undeveloped pristine natural and/or rural lands are quickly becoming threatened.” “[The Whooping Crane] is a very rare bird that isn’t found many places in the country and it would be a shame to see them disturbed or even worse go extinct.”*

Recommendations for Change:

Access:

- *“I do understand that access has been an issue at this location. Hopefully an agreement can be worked out between the ranchers and climbers. It is important that parties are respectful to each other; this area has been grazed historically and I believe this should continue. Sweetwater Rocks represents a multiple use area.”*
- *“Of particular concern to our user group is the difficult and limited access to public lands that lie north of the Sweetwater River. Many of these lands are easily accessible via the roads that cross the McIntosh and Split Rock ranches. It is our great hope that access agreements can be made with the owners of these ranches to allow use of these areas.”*

Allowable Uses:

- *“Sweetwater Rocks- (Long Creek Mountain to the Sentinel Rocks) the area needs restrictions on motorized use both inside and outside of the wilderness areas. BLM should not allow oil and gas development in this area or within view of the Granite Mountain Range. The area is too pristine to spoil with any kind of mining or oil and gas activity. No granite should ever be allowed to leave the BLM lands in this area, leave the granite quarries for someone else’s paradise.”*
- *“Please preserve Split Rock and Lankin Dome areas from Oil and Gas development and OHV use. These are one of Wyoming’s real treasures for wilderness rock climbing, hiking, and photography.”*
- *“Drilling or mining would permanently ruin this areas aesthetic value as well as disrupt the wildlife that calls it home.”*
- *“I would like to see the entire field office managed with multiple use principles”*

Bighorn Sheep: *“Sweetwater Rocks- (Long Creek Mountain to the Sentinel Rocks) continue to work with Game and Fish to reintroduce Bighorn Sheep in the area, hopefully for eventual recreational enjoyment.”*

Management: *“We urge the Lander BLM to consider creating a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) around the Sweetwater Rocks WSAs. “*

Motorized Travel: *“The Sweetwater Rocks area should also be considered for an undeveloped market with buffer zones surrounding these areas that would limit motorized travel to designated routes in order to preserve the availability of primitive recreation and solitude. We recommend that these buffer zones extend south to the Ferris and Green Mountains, and north to the Rattlesnake Hills.”*

Partnerships: *“I mostly use the access through Agate Flat Road and the McIntosh Ranch, although I know there have been some issues with the McIntosh Ranch’s bridge to the Great Stone Face and haystack. I feel strongly that some sort of compromise can be reached with the McIntosh Ranch access. Maybe the Access Fund and local fundraising can help with the upkeep of the bridge in question.”*

Sweetwater Canyon

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the Sweetwater Canyon area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal: References to the workshop handouts included: More outdoor oriented lifestyle, improved outdoor recreation skills, more balanced work and play, enjoying nature's aesthetics, improved mental and physical health, greater connection to nature, greater sense of place, and improved quality of life in local area.

Community: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enhanced lifestyle.

Economic: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enhanced ability for visitors and resident to find areas providing desired recreation experiences and benefits, maintenance of communities' distinct recreation tourism market.

"I go here often to fish and hunt, and just to escape people and their noises."

Environmental: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Maintenance of distinctive recreation setting character, greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences: Commonly referenced from the handouts: Enjoying exploring on my own, savoring the sensory sight, sound, and smell experience of a natural landscape, feeling good about solitude, being isolated and independent.

Community Experiences: No comments regarding desired community experiences for the Sweetwater Canyon area were identified.

Activity profile:

Activities: Fishing, floating, hiking, and wildlife viewing.

Season of Use: Year round.

Primary Mode of Travel: Horse and foot.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: Customer perception ranges from primitive to front country. Customer demand ranges from primitive to front country.

Mechanized Uses:

- *"Close roads into the canyon; consider keeping some roads open to focus the motorized crowd in one area while maintaining the beauty of the rest of the area."*
- *"Continue closure to motorized vehicle. Publish and enforce closure."*

Motorized Use: *"All two track roads should be open for use."*

Naturalness: *"I don't like fences that cross the river."*

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

No comments regarding desired community experiences for the Sweetwater Canyon area were identified.

Recommendations for Change:

Special Designations:

- *“Do away with Sweetwater Canyon WSA.”*
- *“Continue to manage as Wilderness.”*

Whiskey Basin Wildlife Habitat Management Area

The following section provides information on public travel management comments provided for the Whiskey Basin Wildlife Habitat Management Area.

Desired Recreation Benefits:

Personal:

- References to the workshop handouts included: An enhanced awareness of nature and the Wyoming outdoors and wildlife, and personal appreciation.
- *“Whiskey Basin and Gannett Peak are places that offer many sportsmen opportunities, enhance personal freedom and encourage a sense of adventure.”*

Community: No comments regarding desired community recreation benefits for the Whiskey Basin Wildlife Habitat Management Area were identified.

“BLM lands within the Ingberg/Roy Wildlife Habitat Management Area should be managed to preserve the back country character and preserve the cultural sites. Likewise with the BLM lands in the Whiskey Basin Wildlife Management Area.”

Economic: No comments regarding desired economic recreation benefits for the Whiskey Basin Wildlife Habitat Management Area were identified.

Environmental: No comments regarding desired environmental recreation benefits for the Whiskey Basin Wildlife Habitat Management Area were identified.

Desired Experiences:

Personal Experiences:

- Commonly referenced from the handouts: Nature enjoyment, exercise, learning and solitude, exercise/fitness, and introspective recreation.
- *“Whiskey Basin and Gannett Peak are places that enable a fulfilling natural experience.”*

Community Experiences: No comments regarding desired community experiences for the Whiskey Basin Wildlife Habitat Management Area were identified.

Activity profile:

Activities: Hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and bighorn sheep watching.

Season of Use: Year round.

Primary Mode of Travel: Horse, foot, and OHV.

Customer Desired Setting:

General Setting Range: No comments regarding desired setting for the Whiskey Basin Wildlife Habitat Management Area were identified.

Naturalness: *“I would appreciate this area remaining in its natural state.”*

Mechanized Uses: *“Keep OHV use on designated trails plus a seasonal closure.”*

Motorized Use: *“All two track roads should be open for use.”*

Wildlife: *“Manage for Bighorn Sheep. Limit access to foot and horseback.”*

Negative Recreational Impacts or Outcomes to Avoid:

No comments regarding desired community recreation benefits for the Whiskey Basin Wildlife Habitat Management Area were identified.

Recommendations for Change:

Maintain: *“Continue to manage Whiskey Mountain area the way you have managed the area.”*

Access: *“I'd like to see foot/horseback access to the Whiskey Basin Wildlife Habitat areas, particularly where the G&F check station used to be - Blue Holes area. Negotiate with tribes for some access!”*