

RESULTS STEP 7

MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Results of January 14, 2003, Public Meeting

Italicized entries represent management actions added by the Forest Service after the 1/14/03 meeting.

No column is provided for Alternative 5, No Action, since there would be no additional management actions.

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CAMPsites					
Campsite Density					
Education, on-site and off-site, including caretakers at various Sites	X	X	X	X	
Close and rehabilitate sites to reach standard	X	X	X	X	
Seasonal closure of sites	X	X	X	X	
Allow camping at designated campsites only	X	X	X	X	
Limit # people per site	X	X	X	X	
Set timeframe to meet standard (5 years at 20%/year to reach standard)	X	X	X	X	
If all fails, use permits (possibly charge a fee)	X	X	X	X	
Eliminate all campsites in Wilderness	X	X	X	X	
Remove/Relocate Thomas Knob Shelter	X	X	X	X	
Thomas Knob to Rhododendron Gap designate sites	X	X	X	X	
<i>Allow camping at established sites only</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	
Condition Class					
Ban fires in zones 1A and 2A (enforce the ban)	X	X	X	X	
Harden sites since we are reducing number (various surfaces suggested)	X	X	X	X	
Install barriers at Campsite areas	X	X	X	X	
<i>Horses must camp at designated sites when camping in backcountry</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	
Bare Ground (Definition question – impacted vs. exposed ground?)					
Ban fires in areas; fires in campsites cause biggest areas of bare ground	X	X	X	X	
Create Barriers	X	X	X	X	
Fire Rings					
Break up and scatter if >1	X	X	X	X	

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TRAILS					
Density of Trails					
Close Bearpen Trail – BWCT to First Peak Trail	X				
Educate users about non-high country trails	X	X	X	X	
Create system trail- build designated trail from Low Gap Road to First Peak		X			
Continue Grassy Branch Trail to into Forest Service 828 and Elk Garden Trail (user Safety)	X	X	X		
Substandard Trails					
Increase volunteers	X	X	X	X	
Seasonal closures due to weather (like roads)	X	X	X	X	
Relocate/rehabilitate or close trails due to poor condition	X	X	X	X	
<i>Close Fox Creek Horse Camp seasonally 1/1-April</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Harden horse trails with gravel</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Close road to Scales seasonally 1/1-4/1 & move gate to bottom</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Close road up to Hightree Rock Trail (open hunting season)</i>	X	X	X	X	
Non-System Trails					
Close if in 1A or 2A	X	X	X	X	
Increase enforcement	X	X	X	X	
Educate	X	X	X	X	
<i>Establish Forest Supervisors order horses & bikes must stay on designated trails only (in new Forest Plan)</i>	X	X	X	X	
OTHER RESOURCE INDICATORS					
Fenced Springs (erosion, evidence of animals, bare ground, etc.)					
Harden site with rocks/buffers	X	X	X	X	
Restore/Rehabilitate site re-vegetate	X	X	X	X	
Install barriers (ie. Fence)	X	X	X	X	
<i>Install more horse hitches</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Require weed seed free hay</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Coggins test required/enforced (BY APPROPRIATE AGENCY)</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Educate on-off site about coggins/west nile</i>	X	X	X	X	

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CAMPSITES					
Visibility and Audibility of Other Campsites					
<i>Designate sites for Commercial Outfitter/guide</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Designate No Camping Zone</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Camp in established sites only</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Education</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Permits</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Install Barriers</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Close/Rehabilitate Sites</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Ban Fires</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Camp in designated sites only</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Do not issue Special Use Permits in the high country</i>	X	X	X	X	
Proximity to trails, distance in feet between campsites and trails					
<i>Designate No Camping Zones</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Camp in established sites only</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Close sites</i>	X	X	X	X	
Proximity of campsites to each other, distance in feet b/w campsites					
<i>Designate sites for Commercial Outfitter/guide</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Designate No Camping Zone</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Camp in established sites only</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Permits</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Close/Rehabilitate Sites</i>	X	X	X	X	
Human waste, # of visible evidences					
<i>Reduce group size from ten</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Education</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Permits</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Privy/SST in concentrated areas</i>	X	X	X	X	
Litter, # of pieces in campsites					
<i>Education</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Increased Enforcement</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Trash Receptacles</i>	X	X	X	X	
TRAILS					
Frequency of Encounters, # of groups encountered in 1 day					
<i>Change use designation of trails (horse-foot)</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Permit</i>	X	X	X	X	
Group Sizes, # of groups encountered of various size ranges					
<i>Implement a 10 person max size limit for the entire area</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Further reduce max group size (BELOW 10)</i>	X	X	X	X	

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Litter, # of pieces per mile					
<i>Education</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Increased Enforcement</i>	X	X	X	X	
Trailhead parking, # of days that capacity is exceeded					
<i>Permits</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Change use designation of trails</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Increased enforcement</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Mass transit to reduce # of cars</i>	X	X	X	X	
CONFLICTS					
Encounters which degrade recreation experience per year					
<i>Establish more volunteer patrols – foot and horse</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Education</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Leash Law enforced</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Ban Dogs</i>	X	X	X	X	
Inappropriate Uses, # and types of infractions per year					
<i>Increased enforcement</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Ban all alcohol use in the high country</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Dispose of dog waste</i>	X	X	X	X	
OTHER SOCIAL INDICATORS					
Opportunity for Solitude (300' off trail for 4 hours)					
<i>Limit users by Permit</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Reduce max group size over entire area</i>	X	X	X	X	
Visitor Orientation, # of users per year on wrong trail or unsure					
<i>Horses & Bikes must stay on trails: No cross country</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Harden/install hitches</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>More information on trails & n local stores</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Develop info brochure for GHSP & bike shops</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Develop info brochure for PVT camps & stores</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>More foot and horse patrol</i>	X	X	X	X	