

Big Sky Travel Planning Area

A. Alternative Travel Area Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines

Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternative 1

Alternative 1 is the “no action” alternative. There would be no changes to current Forest Plan management direction applicable to travel management.

Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternatives 2 through 7

GOAL 1: Summer Recreation Use. Provide a variety of opportunities for summer recreation use with a mix of motorized and non-motorized opportunities. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7.*

OBJ. 1(1): Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of summer recreation use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7, however the amount of opportunity varies as shown in the table below.*

Table II – 20 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Current	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7
Pleasure Driving							
Miles of Road	5	5	17	17	17	17	17
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	12	12	1	1	1	1	1
ATV							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	9	9	24	24	24	0	25
Total Miles	9	9	24	24	24	0	25
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	0	6	5	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	0	6	5	0	0	0	0
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	17	17	2	2	2	2	2
Miles of Trail	49	49	57	57	57	43	57
Total Miles	66	66	59	59	59	45	59
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	0**	0**	0**	2	0**

Table II – 20 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Current	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	49	49	35	35	23	23	35
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	14	14	26	26	14
Hiking (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	49	45	57	57	57	49	58
Hiking (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	4	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*
* Use for this activity is not prohibited on any trails; use is either emphasized or allowed.							
** Use for this activity is prohibited on some trails.							

OBJ. 1(2): Provide an ATV/motorcycle connector trail from the Buck Ridge Trail into the First, Second and Third Yellowmules as a replacement opportunity for eliminating motorized use on the Buck Creek Trail. *This objective applies to Alternative 3, 4, 5 and 7.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for cross-country skiing and snowmobile use. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7.*

OBJ. 2(1): Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of winter recreation use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7, however the amount of opportunity varies as shown in the table below.*

Table II – 21 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Current	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7
Pleasure Driving (Plowed Road)							
Miles of Plowed Road	13	13	14	14	14	14	14
Snowmobiling							
Miles of Groomed Trail	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Cross-country Skiing							

Table II – 21 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Current	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Miles of Marked Trail	22	22	25	25	25	25	25
Total Miles	22	22	26	26	26	26	26

Table II - 22 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres							
Recreation Opportunity	Current	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7
Snowmobiling							
Yearlong Closure							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	449	449	4,204	7,300	7,300	7,300	4,204
Seasonal Closure <u>2/</u>							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	8,057	8,057	8,057	8,519	8,519	8,519	8,057
No Restrictions							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	9,292	9,292	5,537	1,979	1,979	1,979	5,537
Net	17,798	17,798	17,798	17,798	17,798	17,798	17,798
<u>2/</u> Note: Seasonal restrictions are displayed under the route-by-route management section.							

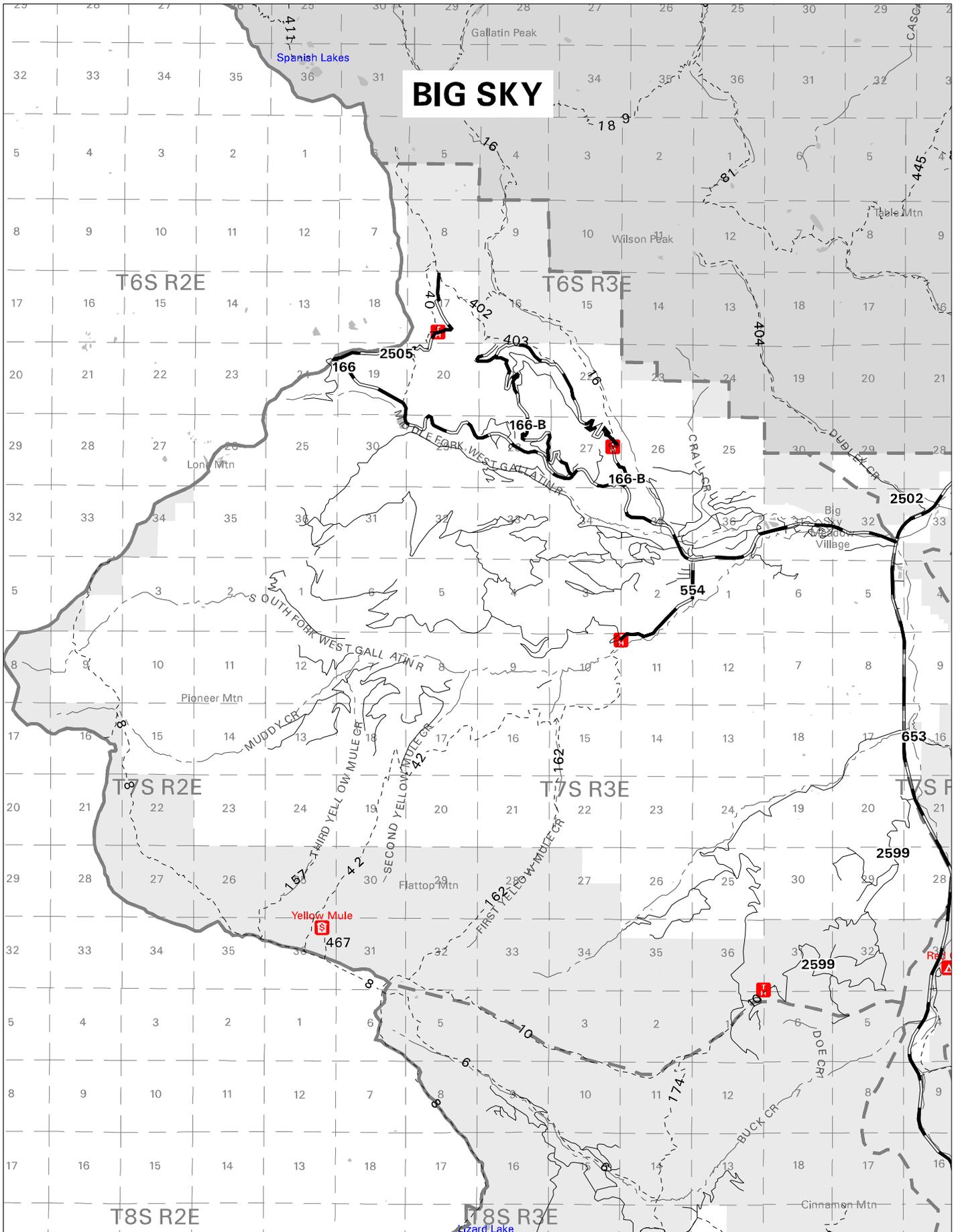
GOAL 3: Trail Administration. Eliminate Forest Service administration of urban park-like trails in this Travel Planning Area. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7.*

OBJ. 3(1): Transfer road and trail easements to the Big Sky community at such time that it becomes an incorporated city. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7.*

B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

[See attached table.](#)

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ROAD/TRAIL plus comments	ALT	Passenger Car	High Clearance	ATV	Motorcycles	MtnBike	Stock	Hiking	Snowmobiles	X-C Snowshoe
WEST FORK LOOP ROAD #166-B Potential Public Forest Service Road in all alternatives except alternative 1, portions used for groomed ski trails by Lone Mountain Ranch	All	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG					
BUCK CREEK RIDGE ROAD #2599 From Hwy 191 to Forest Boundary. Potential Public Forest Service Road in all alternatives except alternative 1.	1-6	E CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	7	E CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E CLOSED Oct 15 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
BUCK CREEK RIDGE ROAD #2599 From Forest boundary to the Buck Ridge trailhead.	1	E CLOSED Jan 1 - May 31	A CLOSED Jan 1 - May 31	A CLOSED Jan 1 - May 31	A CLOSED Jan 1 - May 31	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	2-6	E CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	7	E CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E CLOSED Oct 15 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
BEEHIVE BASIN ROAD #2505 From the main Big Sky Road #166 in Sec. 21, T6S R2E to the Beehive Basin trailhead. Potential Public Forest Service Road in all alternatives except alternative 1	All	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG					
INSPIRATION DIVIDE TRAIL #8 and #467 From First Yellowmule Trail junction to Third Yellowmule Trail Junction. Includes Yellowmule Cabin Trail #467.	1	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED Jun 1 - Nov 30	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	2-5	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Oct 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Oct 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E CLOSED Oct 15 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	6	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	E CLOSED Oct 15 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	7	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Sep 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Sep 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E CLOSED Oct 15 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG

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ROAD/TRAIL plus comments	ALT	Passenger Car	High Clearance	ATV	Motorcycles	MtnBike	Stock	Hiking	Snowmobiles	X-C Snowshoe
INSPIRATION DIVIDE TRAIL #8 From Third Yellowmule Trail junction to the Forest boundary in Sec. 4, T7S, R2E. Note: Refer to snowmobile area closure maps also.	1	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED Jun 1 - Nov 30	A No Restrictions YEARLONG				
	2,3	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Oct 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	4	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	5	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	6	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	7	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED Oct 15 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	YELLOWMULE CONNECTOR This is a new route applicable to alternatives 3, 4 and 5 that would connect the three Yellowmule trails along the Forest boundary in Secs. 28, 29 and 30, T7S, R3E.									
1,2,6	Route does not exist in these alternatives.									
3-5	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Sep 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Sep 15 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	
7	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Sep 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Sep 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED Oct 15 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	
BUCK RIDGE/BEAVER CONNECTOR Route not labeled. It's an existing route (1 mi) that connects the Buck Ridge trail to private land in section 36, T7S, R3E. It is applicable to alternative 3 only.										
3	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Sep 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Sep 15 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	
1,2,4-6	Route does not exist in these alternatives.									
7	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Sep 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Sep 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED Oct 15 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	

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ROAD/TRAIL plus comments	ALT	Passenger Car	High Clearance	ATV	Motorcycles	MtnBike	Stock	Hiking	Snowmobiles	X-C Snowshoe
BUCK CREEK RIDGE TRAIL #10	1	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED Jun 1 - Nov 30	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	2-5	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	E CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	6	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	E CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	7	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Dec 2 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	E CLOSED Oct 15 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
YELLOWMULE TRAILS (# 157, 162) From Yellow Mule Trailhead to Buck Ridge Trail #10, or Inspiration Trail #8.	1	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	2	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	3	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Oct 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Oct 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	4	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Oct 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Oct 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	5	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Sep 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Sep 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	6	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	7	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Sep 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Sep 15 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED Oct 15 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
SECOND YELLOW MULE TRAIL #42	1	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A Closed Jun 1 - Nov 30	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	2-6	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED June 1 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	7	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	A CLOSED Oct 15 - Dec 1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG

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ROAD/TRAIL plus comments	ALT	Passenger Car	High Clearance	ATV	Motorcycles	MtnBike	Stock	Hiking	Snowmobiles	X-C Snowshoe
BEEHIVE BASIN AND BEAR BASIN TRAILS Trail numbers 40 and 16. Note: Mountain biking is managed for (allowed) in all alternatives on and below junctions with trails 402 and 403	1	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG
	2	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG
	3-6	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG
	7	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E CLOSED Apr 1 - Jun 15	E No Restrictions YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	E No Restrictions YEARLONG
UNINVENTORIED MOTORIZED ROUTES This is an estimate of uninventoried motorized routes in this travel planning area: 0 miles of motorcycle trails, 0-5 miles of ATV trails, 0 miles of road.	1	A No Restrictions YEARLONG								
	2-6	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG				
	7	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	P CLOSED YEARLONG	A No Restrictions YEARLONG				