

MANAGEMENT AREA 16 (74,668 acres) - MINIMUM LEVEL MANAGEMENT

1. Description Management Area 16 consists primarily of nonforest and low-productivity forest lands that occur as small, dispersed parcels within the Forest. Some of the areas are rock outcrops, talus slopes, or areas of shallow soils along canyons and major drainages. Elevation and vegetation vary greatly from low-elevation grasslands along the major river drainages to high-elevation subalpine/treeline vegetation. Landforms are also variable-ranging from flat, nonforested openings in the Forest to rock outcrops on steep slopes. Some of these landforms can be unique animal and plant habitat; specific types of rock outcrops are known to be habitat for sensitive plants

2. Goals Provide the minimum management necessary to provide for resource protection and management of adjacent lands.

3 Standards

RESOURCE ELEMENT STANDARDS

The Forest-wide management direction included in Chapter IV, Section E, of this Plan applies to this management area except where superseded by the following standards:

- Fish and Wildlife**
 - 1. Protect the integrity of cliffs, talus, and caves including the adjacent vegetation that is important to the maintenance of these habitats. Coordinate with proposed timber harvest or other activities within the adjacent vegetation zone (generally 100 feet) to develop mitigation measures through a project level environmental assessment. Special attention will be given to the high probability of sensitive plants occurring in these areas.
 - 2. Lithosolic (scabland) habitats will be maintained or enhanced. Manage activities and projects to maintain these areas including the ecotones (edges) with adjacent habitat types Utilize project level environmental analysis if needed to identify mitigation or enhancement measures. Special attention will be given to the high probability Sensitive plants occurring in these areas.
- Range**
 - 3. Permit livestock grazing in accordance with Forest-wide Standards.
- Timber**
 - 4. No scheduled timber harvest. Lands are classified as "unsuitable" for timber management.
- Facilities**
- Roads**
 - 5. Restrict motorized vehicles to open roads and trails.
 - 6. Locate and design roads to avoid these areas.
- Protection**
- Residue Management**
 - 7. Use prescribed fire from planned ignitions to achieve resource management objectives.

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Insects and Disease

8. Control insect and disease epidemics if necessary to protect other resource values or to prevent spread to adjacent, suitable forestlands.

4. Schedule of Management Practices

No management practices are scheduled for Management Area 16.

