

FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT

TABLE II - SUMMARY OF KEY MANAGEMENT DIRECTION

Recreation	
Group Size	Group limit will be 12 people and 12 head of stock*.
Required Registration	Require a free self-issuing registration of all users. This is a year-round requirement. The registration form will be available at trailheads. For security reasons, user names and street addresses will be optional on the registration and completed forms will be placed in a locked receptacle.
Campsites	Continue to naturalize new campsites and downsize large campsites.
Campfires	Campfire closures are required within 1/4 mile of the following lakes: Oreamnos, Sawed Cabin, Upper Phyllis, Upper Carpp, Surprise, Bear, Buck, Emerald, Lost Lakes, Lower Phyllis, Park Lakes, Sauer, Continental, the unnamed lake below Queener Mtn., the unnamed lake west of Warren Lake.
Resource Protection Facilities	Install facilities such as hitch racks, toilets, etc. only if there are serious resource protection needs. Possible sites are Johnson Lake, Carpp Lakes, Ripple Lake, Hidden Lake, and Mystic Lake. No permanent structures or caches will be allowed, except permanent structures needed for resource protection.
Trails	No new system trails will be built. Reconstruction, including relocation of short stretches for resource protection or safety purposes, will be allowed on existing trails only after further NEPA analysis. Abandoned portions of trail will be naturalized. Non-system trails (social trails and other user-built trails) will be discouraged and eliminated where possible.

Stock	
Stock* Feed Requirements	Weed seed free feed is required throughout the Wilderness. Grazing is prohibited within 200 feet of all lakes in the Wilderness. Intensify education efforts to insure that the public does not expect to find forage in the A-P. Advise stock users to pack feed, preferably pellets. Emphasize appropriate containment of stock.
Stock* Access	Hope Lake Tr. # 424 will remain closed to travel with stock. Hitch rails will be provided at start of trail. Camping with stock is prohibited within 1/4 mi. of Sawed Cabin, Oreamnos, and Ripple Lakes.

*STOCK is defined as horses, mules, burros, llamas or goats.

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Other Issues	
New Outfitters	New outfitters may be considered if: 1) the use will not create unacceptable social or bio-physical impacts; 2) the use cannot be filled by current outfitters; and 3) the new use is non-traditional, not one of the current permitted uses. This includes, but is not limited to, such uses as dog sledding or winter ski tours. If these conditions are all met, a prospectus may be issued by the Forest Service and used to select a new outfitter.
Current Outfitters	For currently permitted uses, existing outfitters will be capped at the 10-year actual use high, if demand exists and monitoring shows that impacts are acceptable. No additional use days will be permitted except for those days available from a pool of unused days that will exist if current permitted outfitters do not use their allotted days. Transfer of the days from the pool will be allowed only amongst days of like kind and same season. Operating plans will determine appropriate location and use levels of base, spike, progressive, and drop camps within guidelines and standards set for each zone. Such decisions will focus on improving conditions where needed and maintaining conditions where they are fully acceptable based on zone criteria . All regulations which apply to the public also apply to outfitters with the exception of the 14-day limit on the Bitterroot NF and 16-day limit on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF. In the case of assigned sites, the 14 or 16 day limit can be exceeded as specified under the special use permit in the operating plan.
Fish Stocking	Form a work group which includes fisheries and wilderness managers of MFWP and the Forest Service. This group will discuss items relating to fisheries in the A-P. Acknowledge that authority for fish management rests with MFWP and seek the concurrence of that agency in modifications to any existing management practice. Among the items which may be the subject of discussion and for which MFWP sanction may be sought are cessation of stocking in currently fishless lakes, protection of streams with pure westslope cutthroat or bull trout populations, and manner and location of fish stocking. Seek native biological communities where possible. Provide recreational angling.
Research Natural Areas (RNAs)	RNAs proposed in the Forest Plans for Goat Flat, on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, and for East Fork Bitterroot, on the Bitterroot NF, will be established. Direction for RNAs will include: 1) active monitoring, especially of the trail corridor and any existing campsites to make certain the vegetation associations and sensitive plants are not disturbed by human activity or displaced by exotic plants, particularly noxious weeds; 2) eliminate noxious weeds as specified in management direction for noxious weeds; 3) naturalize any new campsites which appear within the RNAs; 4) give special attention to sensitive species and associations if any trail relocation or reconstruction is necessary; 5) do not stage crews for fire fighting or use areas for repeated helicopter landings; 6) avoid group camps for administrative purposes; and 7) do not allow outfitter camps or other camps associated with special use permits within the RNAs.
Noxious Weeds	A combination of education, detection, prevention, and eradication methods will be used to prevent weed infestations before they occur and to eliminate infestations while they are still minimal. Existing inventoried noxious weeds (one acre, Kurtz Flat, knapweed) will continue to receive follow-up treatments as needed per the 1994 BNF Noxious Weed EA. New infestations of noxious weeds will be eradicated as soon as possible after being inventoried. Eradication will be done by hand pulling if possible. Biological or chemical control will be used only after further NEPA analysis. Herbicide applications will be site specific and only by hand, to minimize effects on non-target species.
Mystic Lake Cabin	Measures will be taken to protect and stabilize the cabin. The cabin may be used for administrative purposes. In the event of wild or prescribed fire in the vicinity of the cabin, measures will be taken to protect the cabin from fire. Advance measures to "fire-proof" the cabin through major vegetation manipulation will <u>not</u> be undertaken.