

**Following is the list of the Kootenai National Forest Management Areas:**

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**All Management Area direction is subject to the Forest-wide direction and unless otherwise indicated, the more restrictive conditions apply. However, certain uses or activities may be limited or conditions specified that are more restrictive than those contained in the Forest-wide direction. In the Suitability Tables below, we are indicating what management activities and uses may occur within this MA but after further analysis at the project-level, the decision maker will determine if this use is allowable or not.**

**For terms used in the Tables below, see definitions at the end of this document.**

**MA 1a – Congressionally Designated Wilderness**

**Description**

These areas have been designated by Congress as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. It provides primitive recreation opportunities and preservation of historical and natural features. Management actions are focused on sustaining and enhancing the natural ecosystem.

**“Generally” Suitable Activities and Uses for Designated Wilderness**

<b>Management Activities &amp; Uses</b>	<b>Suitable</b>	<b>Exceptions/Comments</b>
Wildland Fire Use	Yes	Follow the criteria identified in the Fire Management Plan.
Prescribed Burning	Yes	
Timber Harvest	No	
Special Forest Products and Firewood	Yes	Personal use only; no commercial use.
Integrated Pest Management	Yes	Biological control is emphasized
Invasive Species Management	Yes	
Grazing	No	Allotments do not occur in designated wildernesses
Motorized (Summer)	No	
Motorized (Winter)	No	
Non-motorized (Summer)	Yes	KNF: Party size is limited to 8 people and 8 head of stock (maximum of 1.5 head per person). IPNF: Party size is limited to 12 heartbeats.
Non-motorized (Winter)	Yes	

Management Activities & Uses	Suitable	Exceptions/Comments
Motorized Tools	No	
Mechanized (Mountain Bikes)	No	
Road Construction/Maintenance (Permanent and Temporary)	No	
Trail Construction/Maintenance	Yes	
Building Construction/Maintenance	No	Existing structures may be maintained or reconstructed
Special Use Authorization	No	Only existing authorizations or new authorizations that meet wilderness characteristics are permitted.
Minerals Locatable Leasable Salable	No No No	Subject to valid existing rights.
Utility Transmission Corridors	No	
Aircraft Operations	No	Emergency use is permitted with Forest Supervisor approval.

## **1c – Congressionally Designated Wilderness Study Areas**

### **Description**

**KNF:** Ten Lakes was Congressionally designated as a Wilderness Study Area in the Montana Wilderness Study Act of 1977 (Public Law 95-150). It is administered to maintain the existing wilderness character and potential for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Uses established and allowed prior to the Act of 1977 are allowed to continue until the Wilderness Study is complete and Congressional action is taken. Activities, practices, and management actions that do not protect wilderness characteristics may be limited or prohibited.

### **“Generally” Suitable Activities and Uses for Wilderness Study Areas**

Management Activities & Uses	Suitable	Exceptions/Comments
Wildland Fire Use	Yes	Follow the criteria identified in the Fire Management Plan.
Prescribed Burning	Yes	
Timber Harvest	No	
Special Forest Products and Firewood	Yes	Personal use only; no commercial use.
Integrated Pest Management	Yes	
Invasive Species Management	Yes	
Grazing	No	Existing permits will be honored, but as allotments are vacated the allotments will be closed.
Motorized (Summer)	No	
Motorized (Winter)	Yes	Existing management will continue.
Non-motorized (Summer)	Yes	
Non-motorized (Winter)	Yes	
Motorized Tools	Yes	
Mechanized (Mountain Bikes)	Yes	
Road Construction/Maintenance (Permanent and Temporary)	No	
Trail Construction/ Maintenance	Yes	

Management Activities & Uses	Suitable	Exceptions/Comments
Building Construction/Maintenance	No	Existing structures may be maintained or reconstructed
Special Use Authorization	Yes	Special Use Permits may be allowed if they meet the desired condition and theme of the area. Long term or permanent Special Use Permits would be discouraged within this area with the exception of O&G Permits.
Minerals Locatable Leasable Salable	No No No	Subject to valid existing rights.
Utility Transmission Corridors	No	New utility corridors or communication sites are prohibited. Existing improvements will be allowed but opportunities for removal or closure will be encouraged.
Aircraft Operations	No	Emergency and administrative use allowed.

## MA 1d –Wild Lands

### Description

These areas have wilderness characteristics and are managed to protect those wilderness traits that will allow for future consideration of these lands as wilderness by Congress. These areas provide primitive recreation opportunities.

### “Generally” Suitable Activities and Uses for Wild Lands

Management Activities & Uses	Suitable	Exceptions/Comments
Wildland Fire Use	Yes	Follow the criteria identified in the Fire Management Plan.
Prescribed Burning	Yes	
Timber Harvest	No	Felling of trees is permitted. Trees would be left on site.
Regulated Timber Production	No	
Special Forest Products and Firewood	No	
Integrated Pest Management	Yes	Biological control is emphasized
Invasive Species Management	Yes	
Grazing	No	Existing permits will be honored, but as allotments are vacated the allotments will be closed.
Motorized (Summer)	No	Limited administrative use permitted.
Motorized (Winter)	No	Limited administrative use permitted.
Non-motorized (Summer)	Yes	
Non-motorized (Winter)	Yes	
Motorized Tools	No	Hand-held motorized equipment is allowed for administrative use.
Mechanized (Mountain Bikes)	No	Some use may be allowed on designated routes.
Road Construction/Maintenance (Permanent and Temporary)	No	
Trail Construction/ Maintenance	Yes	
Building Construction/Maintenance	No	Existing structures may be maintained or reconstructed

Management Activities & Uses	Suitable	Exceptions/Comments
Special Use Authorization	No	Special Use Permits may be allowed if they meet the desired condition and theme of the area. Long-term or permanent Special Use Permits would be discouraged within this area with the exception of O&G Permits.
Minerals Locatable Leasable Salable	No No No	Subject to valid existing rights.
Utility Transmission Corridors	No	New utility corridors or communication sites are prohibited. Existing improvements will be allowed but opportunities for removal or closure will be encouraged.
Aircraft Operations	No	Emergency and administrative use allowed.

## **2b – Eligible and Suitable Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers**

River	Status	Recommended Classification	Miles	Acres*
Kootenai River				
Seg. 1	Eligible	Recreational	8.9	737
Seg. 2	Eligible	Recreational	10.1	362
Seg. 3	Eligible	Recreational	8.8	2,299
Seg. 4	Eligible	Recreational	10.3	235
Seg. 5	Eligible	Recreational	8.7	2,309
Yaak River				
Seg. 1	Eligible	Recreational	19.1	1,842
Seg. 2	Eligible	Recreational	9.8	2,734
Seg. 3	Eligible	Recreational	11.4	2,069
Seg. 4	Eligible	Wild	9.3	2,586
West Fork Yaak River				
Seg. 1	Eligible	Wild	4.3	1,329
Seg. 2	Eligible	Recreational	5.6	1,428
Vinal Creek System				
Vinal Creek / Seg. 1	Eligible	Scenic	4.1	1,074
Turner Creek / Seg. 2	Eligible	Scenic	1.0	386
Vermilion River	Eligible	Recreational	13.2	3,599
Bull River System				
Bull River / Seg. 1	Eligible	Recreational	11.3	1,911
Bull River / Seg. 2	Eligible	Recreational	9.1	1,622
North Fork and Middle Fork Bull River / Seg. 3	Eligible	Wild	17.4	4,135
East Fork Bull River / Seg. 4	Eligible	Recreational	4.5	1,118
East Fork Bull River / Seg. 5	Eligible	Wild	3.0	997
North Fork of the East Fork Bull River / Seg. 6	Eligible	Recreational	2.2	616
North Fork of the East Fork Bull River / Seg. 7	Eligible	Wild	1.4	497
Big Creek System				
Big Creek / Seg. 1	Eligible	Recreational	7.6	2,261

River	Status	Recommended Classification	Miles	Acres*
South Fork Big Creek / Seg. 2	Eligible	Recreational	6.7	2,103
Little North Fork Big Creek / Seg. 3	Eligible	Wild	1.6	452
Good Creek /Seg. 4	Eligible	Wild	2.4	717
North Fork Big Creek / Seg. 5	Eligible	Wild	5.6	1,797
Copeland Creek / Seg. 6	Eligible	Wild	1.8	564
Lookout Creek / Seg. 7	Eligible	Wild	2.4	725
East Fork Lookout Creek / Seg. 7	Eligible	Wild	1.4	443
Unnamed Tributary to Lookout Creek / Seg. 7	Eligible	Wild	1.7	515
Graves Creek System				
Graves Creek / Seg. 1	Eligible	Recreational	13.0	3,699
Stahl Creek / Seg. 2	Eligible	Recreational	4.3	1,244
Clarence Creek / Seg. 3	Eligible	Recreational	5.2	1,654
Big Sky Creek / Seg. 4	Eligible	Recreational	6.3	2,002
Quartz Creek System				
Quartz Creek / Seg. 1	Eligible	Recreational	9.5	2,572
West Fork Quartz Creek / Seg.2	Eligible	Wild	2.8	892
West Fork Quartz Creek /Seg. 3	Eligible	Recreational	3.1	904

\*National Forest System lands only.

## Description

This prescription is applicable to river segments that have been identified as being either suitable or eligible for inclusion as part of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System under the authority granted by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (as amended). Suitable and eligible rivers and adjacent areas are managed to protect the free-flowing, and outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish, wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. Suitable or eligible rivers are classified as Wild, Scenic, or Recreational. Wild river areas are those rivers or sections of rivers that are free of impoundments and generally inaccessible except by trail, with watersheds or shorelines essentially primitive and waters unpolluted. These represent vestiges of primitive America. Scenic river areas are those rivers or sections of rivers that are free of impoundments, with shorelines or watersheds still largely primitive and shorelines largely undeveloped, but accessible in places by roads. Recreational river areas are those rivers or sections of rivers that are readily accessible by road or railroad, that may have some development along their shoreline, and that may have undergone some impoundment or diversion in the past. Historic properties (both historic and prehistoric sites), predating the wilderness designation are recognized elements of the proposed wild and scenic rivers area.

### “Generally” Suitable Activities and Uses for Eligible Wild, Scenic and Recreation Rivers

Management Activities & Uses	Suitable	Exceptions/Comments
Wildland Fire Use	Yes	Follow the criteria identified in the Fire Management Plan.
Prescribed Burning	Yes	
Timber Harvest	Wild - No Scen - Yes Rec - Yes	For Recreational and Scenic Rivers, timber harvest is unregulated and may be used as a tool to achieve multiple use objectives.
Special Forest Products and Firewood	Yes	Personal use only; no commercial use.
Integrated Pest Management	Yes	
Invasive Species Management	Yes	

<b>Management Activities &amp; Uses</b>	<b>Suitable</b>	<b>Exceptions/Comments</b>
Grazing	Yes	Existing permits will be honored, but management actions will be taken to exclude grazing from this area.
Motorized (Summer)	Wild - No Scen - Yes Rec - Yes	
Motorized (Winter)	Wild - No Scen - Yes Rec - Yes	
Non-motorized (Summer)	Yes	
Non-motorized (Winter)	Yes	
Motorized Tools	Yes	
Mechanized (Mountain Bikes)	Yes	
Road Construction/Maintenance (Permanent and Temporary)	Yes	
Trail Construction/ Maintenance	Yes	
Building Construction/ Maintenance	Wild - No Scen - Yes Rec - Yes	Wild River: Existing facilities may be maintained.
Special Use Authorization	Yes	
Minerals Locatable (1) Leasable (2) Salable (3)	1) All – Yes 2) All – No 3) All - No	
Utility Transmission Corridors	Wild - No Scen - Yes Rec - Yes	Wild River: Existing corridors will be allowed, but new corridors will not be designated.
Aircraft Operations	No	Emergency and administrative use allowed.

### **3 – Special Interest Areas (Aquatic, Botanical, Ecological, Geological, Heritage Resource, Pioneer, Recreational, Scenic, Traditional/Cultural, Zoological)**

#### **Description**

Special Interest Areas (SIAs) are managed to protect or enhance, and where appropriate, foster public use and enjoyment of areas with scenic, historical, geological, botanical, zoological, palentological, or other valuable and unique resources. These areas, if appropriate, are managed and made available for public study, use, or enjoyment.

Management Area 3 consists of areas of special interest because of unique, unusual, or important flora, fauna, geological, recreational, traditional cultural, or heritage attributes which are of public interest and require protection or special management. Each area is part of a basic category, which will be managed similarly. Management direction for each group as well as for individual sites is provided below. The more restrictive suitable use table would apply to areas having dual SIA designations.

Ten Lakes and Northwest Peak SIAs will have management plans developed at a later date. These areas are scenic and/or recreation SIAs and suitable uses identified below are applicable.

**“Generally” Suitable Activities and Uses for Aquatic, Botanical, Ecological, & Zoological SIAs**

<b>Management Activities &amp; Uses</b>	<b>Suitable</b>	<b>Exceptions/Comments</b>
Wildland Fire Use	Yes	MIMT would be used to manage Wildland Fire Use.
Prescribed Burning	Yes	This activity is allowed to enhance, maintain, or further the values of why the SIA was established.
Timber Harvest	No	This activity is allowed only to enhance or further the values of why the SIA was established. Timber harvest is unregulated.
Special Forest Products and Firewood	No	
Integrated Pest Management	Yes	Low impact techniques used to protect specific values for which the SIA was selected.
Invasive Species Management	Yes	Low impact techniques used to protect specific values for which the SIA was selected.
Grazing	No	The Forest will work with existing permittees to exclude grazing from these areas.
Motorized (Summer)	No	
Motorized (Winter)	No	
Non-motorized (Summer)	Yes	Wheeled vehicles are limited to existing routes.
Non-motorized (Winter)	Yes	
Motorized Tools	Yes	
Road Construction/Maintenance (Permanent and Temporary)	No	
Trail Construction/Maintenance	Yes	
Building Construction/Maintenance	No	Existing facilities may be maintained.
Special Use Authorization	Yes	Special Use Permits may be allowed if the activity will not degrade the SIA values. Long term or permanent Special Use Permits would be discouraged within this area.
Minerals Locatable Leasable Salable	No No No	Locatables are subject to valid existing rights.
Utility Transmission Corridors	No	
Aircraft Operations	No	Emergency and administrative use allowed.

\*MIMT= Minimum Impact Management Techniques.

**“Generally” Suitable Activities and Uses for Heritage Resource and Traditional/Cultural SIAs**

<b>Management Activities &amp; Uses</b>	<b>Suitable</b>	<b>Exceptions/Comments</b>
Wildland Fire Use	Yes	This activity is allowed only to enhance or further the values of why the SIA was established or is within the management plan for the SIA.
Prescribed Burning	Yes	This activity is allowed only to enhance or further the values of why the SIA was established or is within the management plan for the SIA.
Timber Harvest	No	This activity is allowed only to enhance or further the values of why the SIA was established. Timber harvest is unregulated.
Special Forest Products and Firewood	No	Personal use only allowed if the activity will not degrade the SIA values; no commercial use.

Management Activities & Uses	Suitable	Exceptions/Comments
Integrated Pest Management	Yes	This activity allowed only if approved in the SIA Management Plan
Invasive Species Management	Yes	This activity allowed only if approved in the SIA Management Plan
Grazing	No	Existing permits will be honored, but management actions will be taken to exclude grazing from the SIA.
Motorized (Summer)	No	May be allowed if identified in the SIA Management Plan.
Motorized (Winter)	No	May be allowed if identified in the SIA Management Plan.
Non-motorized (Summer)	Yes	Wheeled vehicles allowed on routes only unless otherwise designated in the SIA Management Plan.
Non-motorized (Winter)	Yes	
Motorized Tools	Yes	
Road Construction/Maintenance (Permanent and Temporary)	No	Maintain existing.
Trail Construction/Maintenance	No	Maintain existing.
Building Construction/Maintenance	No	Maintain existing.
Special Use Authorization	No	Existing permits will be allowed if the activity will not degrade the SIA values.
Minerals Locatable Leasable Salable	No No No	Locatables are subject to valid existing rights.
Utility Transmission Corridors	No	New corridors will not be permitted. Existing corridors will be allowed if the activity will not degrade the SIA values.
Aircraft Operations	No	Emergency use allowed and administrative use allowed if identified in the SIA Management Plan.

**“Generally” Suitable Activities/Uses for Geological, Recreational, Scenic and Pioneer Areas**

Management Activities	Suitable	Exceptions/Comments
Wildland Fire Use	Yes	
Prescribed Burning	Yes	
Timber Harvest	No	This activity is allowed only to enhance or further the values of why the SIA was established. Timber harvest is unregulated.
Special Forest Products and Firewood	Yes	Personal use allowed, but no commercial use
Integrated Pest Management	Yes	
Invasive Species Management	Yes	
Grazing	No	Existing permits will be honored, but management actions will be taken to exclude grazing from the SIA.
Motorized (Summer)	Yes – G,R No- S,P	Allowed in Geological & Recreation Not allowed in Scenic & Pioneer SIAs
Motorized (Winter)	Yes – G,R,S No- P	Allowed in Geological & Recreation & Scenic Not allowed in Pioneer SIAs

Management Activities	Suitable	Exceptions/Comments
Non-motorized (Summer)	Yes	
Non-motorized (Winter)	Yes	
Motorized Tools	Yes	
Road Construction/Maintenance (Permanent and Temporary)	Yes – G,R No- S,P	Allowed in Geological & Recreation Not allowed in Scenic & Pioneer SIAs
Trail Construction/Maintenance	Yes	
Building Construction/Maintenance	Yes-G,R, No- S,P	Allowed in Geological and Recreational SIAs. Existing structures may be maintained or reconstructed in Scenic and Pioneer SIAs.
Special Use Authorization	Yes	Special Use Permits may be allowed if the permitted activity will not degrade the SIA values.
Minerals Locatable Leasable Salable	No No No	Locatables are subject to valid existing rights
Utility Transmission Corridors	No	New corridors will not be permitted. Existing corridors will be allowed.
Aircraft Operations	Yes	

#### **4a – Established and Proposed Research Natural Areas**

##### **Description**

Research Natural Areas (RNAs) form a long-term network of ecological reserves designated for non-manipulative research, education, and the maintenance of biodiversity. Most of these areas protect late successional or climax vegetative conditions.

##### **“Generally” Suitable Activities/Uses for Proposed and Established Research Natural Areas**

Management Activities & Uses	Suitable	Exceptions/Comments
Wildland Fire Use	No	Not allowed because criteria in Fire Management Plans does not cover this for specific SIA objectives.
Prescribed Burning	Yes	This activity is allowed only if approved in the RNA management plan.
Timber Harvest	No	
Special Forest Products and Firewood	No	
Integrated Pest Management	Yes	This activity is allowed only if approved in the RNA management plan
Invasive Species Management	Yes	This activity is allowed only if approved in the RNA management plan
Grazing	No	
Motorized (Summer)	No	
Motorized (Winter)	No	
Non-motorized (Summer)	Yes	Day use is allowed, overnight use is discouraged.
Non-motorized (Winter)	Yes	
Motorized Tools	No	Motorized equipment is allowed only if approved in the RNA management plan and for trail maintenance.

Management Activities & Uses	Suitable	Exceptions/Comments
Mechanized (Mountain Bikes)	No	
Road Construction/Maintenance (Permanent and Temporary)	No	
Trail Construction/Maintenance	No	Maintain existing.
Building Construction/Maintenance	No	
Special Use Authorization	No	Some uses may be allowed such as research and monitoring stations.
Minerals Locatable	No	
Leasable	No	
Salable	No	
Utility Transmission Corridors	No	
Aircraft Operations	No	Emergency and administrative use allowed.

## **Management Areas 5a, 5b, and 5c – Backcountry**

### **Description**

Most of this MA consists of relatively large areas without roads. This MA provides a variety of recreation opportunities, both motorized and non-motorized. MA 5a provides non-motorized recreation year-round; MA 5b provides motorized and non-motorized recreation year-round; and MA 5c provides motorized recreation in the winter and non-motorized recreation year-round. Current travel management restrictions will remain in place throughout these management areas until site-specific travel management plans are completed. Watershed and vegetative restoration is accomplished predominantly through natural ecological processes and through limited active restoration activities. Diverse vegetation composition and structure provides habitat security and connective corridors for native and desired nonnative plant, wildlife, and aquatic species. Few constructed features exist within these areas, other than trails and lookouts.

### **“Generally” Suitable Activities and Uses for Backcountry**

Management Activities & Uses	Suitable	Exceptions/Comments
Wildland Fire Use	Yes	
Prescribed Burning	Yes	
Timber Harvest	Yes	Timber harvest is unregulated and may be used as a tool to achieve multiple use objectives. Timber harvest will be allowed under specific circumstances detailed below.
Special Forest Products and Firewood	Yes	
Integrated Pest Management	Yes	Low impact techniques would be emphasized.
Invasive Species Management	Yes	Low impact techniques would be emphasized.
Grazing	Yes	
Motorized (Summer)	5a – No 5b – Yes 5c – No	
Motorized (Winter)	5a – No 5b – Yes 5c – Yes	
Non-motorized (Summer)	Yes	
Non-motorized (Winter)	Yes	

Management Activities & Uses	Suitable	Exceptions/Comments
Motorized Tools (Hand-held)	Yes	
Mechanized (Mountain Bikes)	Yes	
Road Construction/Maintenance (Permanent and Temporary)	Yes	Road construction will be allowed under specific circumstances detailed below. Most road construction will be <i>temporary</i> .
Trail Construction/Maintenance	Yes	
Building Construction/Maintenance	Yes	
Special Use Authorization	Yes	
Minerals		
Locatable	Yes	
Leasable	Yes	
Salable	No	
Utility Transmission Corridors	No	Existing corridors will be allowed to continue.
Aircraft Operations	Yes	

**Timber harvest would be allowed under the following circumstances:**

- To improve wildlife habitat.
- To maintain or restore desirable characteristics or ecosystem composition and structure.
- Where it is incidental to the implementation of a management activity or for administrative use.

**Limited road construction (temporary or permanent) would be allowed under the following circumstances:**

- A road is needed to protect public health and safety in cases of an imminent threat of flood, fire, or other catastrophic event, that without intervention would cause the loss of life or property.
- A road is needed for critical resource restoration and protection activities.
- A road is needed to conduct a response action under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) or to conduct a natural restoration action under CERCLA, section 311 of the Clean Water Act, or Oil Pollution Act.
- A road is needed in conjunction with any mineral lease, license, permit, or approval issued for mineral leasing operations.
- Road access is needed pursuant to reserved or valid existing rights or as provided by statute or treaty.
- Road realignment is needed to prevent resource damage by an existing road that is deemed essential for public or private access, management, or public health or safety, and where such damage cannot be corrected by maintenance.

## **Management Area 6 – General Forest**

### **Description**

These areas provide for watershed and vegetative restoration and a variety of goods and services, including timber and other forest products, visual quality, and recreational opportunities. Watershed and vegetative restoration are accomplished predominantly through active management that emulates natural processes. These areas provide a variety of wildlife habitats. These lands often display high levels of investment, use, roads, and evidence of vegetation manipulation. Users expect to see other people, facilities, and evidence of human activities. Management activities and use levels vary, depending on location, accessibility, terrain, economics, and resource conditions.

**“Generally” Suitable Activities and Uses for General Forest**

<b>Management Activities &amp; Uses</b>	<b>Suitable</b>	<b>Exceptions/Comments</b>
Wildland Fire Use	Yes	
Prescribed Burning	Yes	
Timber Harvest	Yes	Timber harvest is regulated and may be used as a tool to achieve multiple use objectives and for timber production.
Special Forest Products and Firewood	Yes	
Integrated Pest Management	Yes	
Invasive Species Management	Yes	
Grazing	Yes	
Motorized (Summer)	Yes	
Motorized (Winter)	Yes	
Non-motorized (Summer)	Yes	
Non-motorized (Winter)	Yes	
Motorized Tools	Yes	
Mechanized (Mountain Bikes)	Yes	
Road Construction/Maintenance (Permanent and Temporary)	Yes	
Trail Construction/Maintenance	Yes	
Building Construction/Maintenance	Yes	
Special Use Authorization	Yes	
Minerals		
Locatable	Yes	
Leasable	Yes	
Salable	Yes	
Utility Transmission Corridors	Yes	
Aircraft Operation	Yes	

**Management Area 7 – Primary Recreation Areas**

**Description**

This management area contains a wide variety of recreation sites and areas that provide an array of recreational opportunities and experiences in a forested environment. The management emphasis within this MA is to provide a variety of recreation opportunities for the public while protecting other resource values. These areas contain a heavy investment in recreational infrastructure designed, built, and managed for the national forest visitor.

**“Generally” Suitable Activities and Uses for Primary Recreation Areas**

<b>Management Activities &amp; Uses</b>	<b>Suitable</b>	<b>Exceptions/Comments</b>
Wildland Fire Use	No	
Prescribed Burning	Yes	
Timber Harvest	Yes	Timber harvest is regulated and may be used as a tool to achieve multiple use objectives and for timber production.
Special Forest Products and	Yes	

Management Activities & Uses	Suitable	Exceptions/Comments
Firewood		
Integrated Pest Management	Yes	
Invasive Species Management	Yes	
Grazing	No	
Motorized (Summer)	Yes	
Motorized (Winter)	Yes	
Non-motorized (Summer)	Yes	
Non-motorized (Winter)	Yes	
Motorized Tools	Yes	
Mechanized (Mountain Bikes)	Yes	
Road Construction/Maintenance (Permanent and Temporary)	Yes	
Trail Construction/Maintenance	Yes	
Building Construction/Maintenance	Yes	
Special Use Authorization	Yes	
Minerals		
Locatable	No	
Leasable	No	
Salable	Yes	
Utility Transmission Corridors	Yes	
Aircraft Operations	Yes	

**Definitions:**

**Aircraft Operations:** Aircraft Operation in the context of the Forest Plan refers to any takeoff, landing, or taxiing an aircraft on national forest lands.

**Generally Suitable:** National Forest System lands are generally suitable for a variety of multiple uses, such as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, timber production, fisheries and wildlife, cultural and heritage resource interpretation, and watershed purposes. Identification of areas generally suitable for various land uses, as another important part of the plan strategy, involves social, economic, and ecological considerations.

**Integrated Pest Management:** Integrated pest management (IPM) is an ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on long-term prevention of pests or their damage through a combination of techniques such as biological control, habitat manipulation, modification of cultural practices, and use of resistant varieties. Pesticides are used only after monitoring indicates they are needed according to established guidelines, and treatments are made with the goal of removing only the target organism.

**Invasive Species Management:** Preventing the spread of invasive species from areas where they are present and taking steps such as restoration of native species and habitats to reduce the effects of invasive species and to prevent further invasions. Invasive species are an alien species whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. Alien species are any species, including its seeds, eggs, spores, or other biological material capable of propagating that species, that is not native to that ecosystem (with respect to a particular ecosystem).

**Minerals (Locatable, Leasable, Salable):**

- **Locatable Minerals:** Those hardrock minerals which are mined and processed for the recovery of metals. They also may include certain nonmetallic minerals and uncommon varieties of mineral materials, such as valuable and distinctive deposits of limestone or silica.
- **Leasable Minerals:** These are coal, oil, gas, phosphate, sodium, potassium, oil shale, sulphur, and geothermal resources.

- **Mineral Materials (Salable):** A collective term to describe common varieties of sand, gravel, stone, pumice, pumicite, cinders, clay, and other similar materials. Common varieties do not include deposits of those materials which may be locatable.

**Special Forest Products:** Products derived from non-timber biological resources that are used for subsistence, personal, spiritual, educational, commercial, or scientific use. Special forest products include, but are not limited to: mushrooms, boughs, Christmas trees, bark, ferns, moss, burls, berries, cones, conks, herbs, roots, and wildflowers. Also included are cuttings (such as of willow used for restoration) and transplants (as for landscaping purposes).

**Temporary Road Construction:** Road authorized by contract, permit, lease, other written authorization, or emergency operation not intended to be a part of the forest transportation system and not necessary for long-term resource management.

**Timber harvest:** The removal of trees for wood fiber utilization and other multiple use purposes. This occurs on lands generally suitable for timber harvest where irreversible damage is not likely and timber harvest is compatible with desired conditions. Of these lands, some (where timber production is an objective – see below) will have regulated, scheduled timber harvest and are lands generally suitable for timber production.

- 1) **Timber Production “is not” one of the management objectives, but where timber harvest could occur for other multiple use purposes.** Management Areas that this would include are: MA 2b (just scenic and recreational rivers), a few MA3’s, MA4b, MA5a, MA5b, MA5c, and MA7.
- 2) **Timber Production “is” one of the management objectives and has regulated, scheduled timber harvest. These lands are generally suitable for timber production.** They are compatible with the other management objectives of the area. The only Management Area where we have Regulated Timber Production is in MA6.
  - A) Timber production is defined as the purposeful growing, tending, harvesting, and regeneration of stands of trees to be cut into logs, bolts, or other round sections for industrial or consumer use. Timber production only occurs on lands:
    - a) determined to be generally suitable for timber production;
    - b) where compatible with other management objectives;
    - c) managed for commercial timber products; and
    - d) where stocking, harvests, growth and yields are controlled through planned and scheduled entries.

**Wildland Fire Use (WFU):** The Forest Plan will permit the use of wildland fire use for resource benefit on all National Forest System (NFS) lands with exceptions for research natural areas and specific areas within the wildland urban interface that pose a direct threat to humans and structures. Wildland fire use is only permitted for naturally-ignited wildland fires.

An annual Fire Management Plans (FMP) will determine correct management/suppression responses to all wildland fires (including wildland fire use) following the evaluation of public and firefighter safety, fire behavior, values at risk, potential suppression damage, and the availability of fire management resources. This FMP will outline when, where, and how this management strategy will be used. Wildland fires managed for resource benefits with wildland fire use will initially undergo much greater assessment and evaluation than wildland fires receiving other suppression responses.