

Gallatin Forest Plan

MANAGEMENT AREAS

Each management area on the Gallatin National Forest has a multiple use prescription which consists of goals, management practices, standards and guidelines for that area. A partial description of the 25 management areas follows. The prescriptions for the areas are found in Chapter III of the Forest Plan.

- 1** Includes all developed campgrounds, picnic areas, boat ramps, and visitor information sites. Some areas have future potential for developed recreation.
- 2** Includes portions of current or proposed ski areas on National Forest land and under special permit. Includes ski runs, lift facilities, and lodges.
- 3** Areas of nonforest, noncommercial forest, and forested areas currently unsuitable for timber production. These are unroaded areas and have low resource values.
- 3A** These are areas of high sensitive soils where no management activities are planned.
- 4** Includes the Abarok-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wilderness on the Gallatin National Forest as well as two areas recommended for wilderness.
- 5** These areas receive heavy public use because of ready accessibility from highways plus high quality recreation opportunities (fishing, picnicking, camping, etc.).
- 6** These areas consist of land with no timber management. There is generally a trail system but few roads. These areas provide a wide variety of dispersed recreation opportunities in a variety of physical settings.
- 7** Includes areas, baskings, lakes, streams, or springs that support a moisture-loving vegetation. The vegetation in riparian areas is distinctly different from vegetation growing in drier areas nearby.
- 8** Lands of varying physical environments which are classified as suitable for timber production, and which are managed for sustained timber production.
- 9** Lands with high dispersed recreation value, especially for roaded types of recreation, and often with high visual quality. These lands are either roaded or will be roaded. Management will be for a variety of dispersed recreation uses with regulated timber harvest on suitable timberlands.
- 10** Areas of whitebark highbush in a mosaic pattern, interspersed with open grasslands which provide forage for livestock grazing. These lands are generally of less than 40 percent slopes, and are often valley bottoms.
- 11** Areas of key big game habitat in a forested environment. They include productive forest lands that are available for timber harvest, provided that big game habitat objectives are met.
- 12** Includes big game summer and winter range and other key wildlife areas in a variety of settings. These lands also offer dispersed recreation opportunities.
- 13** Consists of productive forest lands which occur in occupied grizzly bear habitat. These will be managed to provide for suitable grizzly bear habitat and regulated timber harvest.
- 14** These areas, located in the Upper Yellowstone River drainage, provide key big game winter habitat. They are located in either open grasslands or in a mosaic of grasslands and forested areas. They are within occupied grizzly habitat.
- 15** Areas within occupied grizzly habitat which provide for dispersed recreation interspersed with suitable livestock range. Areas contain open grasslands or a mosaic of grassland and unproductive timber.
- 16** Areas of open grasslands and interspersed nonproductive timber, generally on slopes less than 40 percent.
- 17** Consists of nonforested or nonproductive forest areas with slope less than 40 percent which are suitable for both livestock grazing and wildlife. These areas contain important big game summer and winter range, security areas, and calving areas.
- 18** Consists of the high mountain peaks and valleys within the part of the Hyalite-Corral Horn Montana Wilderness Study Area which will be managed for recreation.
- 19** This management area is part of the Hyalite-Corral Horn Study Area. It is presently undeveloped except for a trail system and a few primitive roads. Management will emphasize wildlife and recreation.
- 20** This area is a portion of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness and Management Act of 1983. It is specifically designed in the act as a nonroaded recreation and wildlife management area.
- 21** These areas are proposed to be set aside for research purposes as examples of various ecosystems in southwestern Montana.
- 22-23** This includes all trails that are part of the National Recreation Trails system as well as proposed additions to that system.
- 24** This management area consists of active or recently active mineral extraction, processing, and exploratory operations.
- 25** Includes all electrical transmission lines and pipelines that cross National Forest land, plus unclassified electronic sites.
- 26** Includes Ranger Stations and work centers located within the Forest boundaries.

FOREST PLAN LEGEND

- Gallatin National Forest Land
- Lands Other Than Gallatin National Forest
- National Forest Boundary
- Management Area Boundary
- Wilderness Boundary
- Occupied Grizzly Bear Habitat
- MS1 Grizzly Management Situation
- General Areas of Access Needs

- Primary Transportation
- Interstate Highway
- U.S. Highway
- Road
- Primitive Road
- Trail
- Electronic Site or Snow Course

