

PROPOSED ACTION (Continued)

Appropriate signing and traffic control measures would be installed at the trailheads. Each trailhead could include such amenities as: a) a vault toilet; b) post and pole fencing; c) an information kiosk emphasizing trail etiquette; d) picnic tables and grills; and e) a hand-pump water well.

If implemented as proposed, the FTS on Laramie Ranger District's portion of the Snowy Range would include 624.9 miles of NFSRs open to motorized use, 147.4 miles of gated system roads, 68.3 miles of single-track motorcycle trails, and 38.1 miles of ATV trails.

If approved, the Laramie Ranger District would like to begin implementing the Proposed Action in 2007.

ALTERNATIVE 2: Expanded Motorized Trail System

Alternative 2 proposes to expand motorized recreation opportunities by designating additional ATV and motorcycle trails, some of which are located in Inventoried Roadless Areas (IRAs) and non-motorized management area prescriptions. This alternative responds to Issue 1: Impacts to Streams, Wetlands, and Riparian Areas, Issue 4: Loss of Motorized Recreation Opportunities, and Issue 5: Designating Motorized Trails in Inventoried Roadless Areas.

Specific activities associated with Alternative 2 include:

- Closing approximately 232 miles of unauthorized roads, 27.1 miles of unauthorized trails, and 4.3 miles of NFSRs to motorized use (see Table 4, EA page 32). Roughly 2.7 miles of the NFSRs proposed for closure are located within Management Area 1.31 – Backcountry Recreation, Year-round Nonmotorized;
- Designating approximately 16.5 miles of unauthorized roads as part of the FTS;
- Designating approximately 73.1 miles of single-track motorcycle trails as part of the FTS. This would be accomplished by: a) designating 55.4 miles of unauthorized motorcycle trails; b) converting 0.2 mile of NFSRs to motorcycle trails; c) converting 0.8 miles of unauthorized roads to motorcycle trails; d) converting 0.4 miles of unauthorized ATV trail to motorcycle trail; and e) constructing 16.4 miles of new motorcycle trail segments. Due to the narrowness of these trails, ATV use would be prohibited;
- Designating approximately 54.4 miles of ATV trails as part of the FTS. This would be accomplished by: a) designating 9.9 miles of unauthorized ATV trails; b) converting 22.0 miles of system roads to ATV trails; c) converting 15.4 miles of unauthorized roads to ATV trails; d) converting 1.5 miles of unauthorized motorcycle trails to ATV trails; and e) constructing 5.6 miles of new ATV trail segments. Both ATVs and motorcycles would be allowed to travel on these trails.

Trailhead construction, as described under the Proposed Action, would occur under Alternative 2 – Expanded Motorized Trail System (see Maps 6 and 7). Bridge construction to accommodate motorcycles over Douglas Creek below the dam at Rob Roy Reservoir would not occur.

If implemented as proposed, the FTS on Laramie Ranger District's portion of the Snowy Range would include 620.6 miles of NFSRs open to motorized use, 146.1 miles of gated system roads, 73.1 miles of single-track motorcycle trails, and 54.4 miles of ATV trails.