

## PLANNING CRITERIA

- The principles of multiple use and sustained yield as set forth in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act will be applied in the RMP.
- The RMP will comply with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.
- The RMP will be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will comply with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) standards.
- RMP decisions will apply to lands in Beaverhead and Madison County under jurisdiction of the Dillon Field Office. This includes split estate, where the surface is owned or managed by another entity other than the Forest Service, but subsurface minerals are Federal. This does not include public lands in Beaverhead County that lie south of the Big Hole River between Wisdom and Divide. These lands are under jurisdiction of the Butte Field Office.
- The RMP will primarily rely on available inventories of public lands and their resources.
- Boundaries and recommendations on Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) identified as a result of inventory conducted under Section 603 of FLPMA and awaiting action by Congress will not be changed by the RMP.
- Additional inventory for wilderness characteristics will be completed for public lands that have not been reviewed, or where new information is provided that shows additional inventory is necessary.
- Information from the landscape analyses conducted for the Gravelly and Pioneer Mountains will be used in development of the RMP.
- The RMP will incorporate the Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing as set out by the Resource Advisory Council (RAC).
- The RMP will incorporate the Montana/Dakotas Statewide Fire Management Plan and associated Dillon Fire Management Plan update.
- The RMP will adopt the provisions of The Montana Weed Management Plan approved in January 2001.
- The RMP will incorporate decisions approved in January 2001 regarding travel management in the southern portion of the Centennial Valley.
- The RMP will consider the existing recovery plans and management strategies and guidelines in place for federally listed threatened and endangered species which utilize the planning area, including whooping crane, bald eagle, grizzly bear, wolf, and lynx. State management plans will be considered for delisted species. The RMP will incorporate by reference decisions resulting from the Statewide Programmatic Lynx Amendment/Environmental Assessment.

- The RMP will consider conservation and management strategies developed for protection, conservation, and restoration of westslope cutthroat trout, fluvial arctic grayling and sage grouse.
- The RMP will recognize the State of Montana's responsibility to manage fish and wildlife populations, including hunting and fishing uses.
- The RMP will recognize the State of Montana's authority regarding Montana water law and water rights.
- RMP decisions will be compatible to the extent possible with the plans and mandates of other agencies and governments that share jurisdiction in the region.
- The RMP will recognize federal land management agency obligations under applicable tribal treaties and laws or executive orders relating to Native American reserved rights, religious freedoms, and traditional use areas.
- The RMP will consider and integrate local, Statewide and national interests.
- Actions proposed by the RMP must be achievable given technological, budget and staffing limits.