

GROUP CONCERNS CAPTURED ON FLIPCHARTS
DURING MARCH 19, 2002, MEETING
OF THE UNCOMPAHGRE WORKING GROUP,
THE RED ARROW BEST WESTERN MOTOR INN,
1702 E. MAIN, MONTROSE, CO.,
6:30 PM TO 9:30 PM, CO-HOSTED BY UP AND GMUG

[Each table had 5 or 6 participants. A representative from each table presented their table's top 6 to 9 concerns to the larger group and these concerns were written onto flipcharts by facilitators under broad categories (wildlife, timber management, etc.). Then, all participants were given 7 dots to use to indicate their top concerns on the large group lists; a person could use 1 dot on seven different concerns, or use all 7 dots on a single concern, or anything in between]

WILDLIFE

of dots

ORIGINAL GROUP ISSUES

2

Maintain elk, increase deer

7

Predator control

0

Maintain more variety of hunting

2

Winter range (mule deer) decreasing in quantity and quality

8

Avoid habitat fragmentation

11

Maintain large core areas with corridors

0

Private land subdivisions fragments habitat

0

Maintain or improve mule deer populations

5

More thorough habitat studies

3

Elk herds competing with deer

8

Loss of species diversity and predator dominated wildlife

1

Cleanup deadfall for wildlife purposes

1

- Road and wildlife interaction
- 2 Maintain as one management unit to address decline in mule deer

WATER
of dots

ORIGINAL GROUP ISSUES
5

Soil capping (puffing/shrinking), water quality issues (reduce disturbance)
14

Water production (watershed management)
0

FS mismanagement
5

Multiple use

ECONOMICS
of dots

ORIGINAL GROUP ISSUES
5

7 Local input, issues weighted for decision making

1 Lost effectiveness; maximize area improved / money spent

2 FS mismanagement

8 Balance commercial activities, hunting, timber, water, recreation

3 No buying or selling of BLM land to protect FS lands

0 Maintain multiple-use management

Sustainability of uses, community stability

OTHER ISSUES

of dots

ORIGINAL GROUP ISSUES

0

Increased development on private land without adequate infrastructure provided

1

Process used for analysis and decision making use best science

0

Brining people together to mutually solve overall issues

0

Use collaboration vs. current regulation and control

0

Discuss scientific issues

1

FS mismanagement in all areas

0

More fire planning efforts next to private lands

2

Education campaign ATV

5

Fire mitigation measures inadequate

1

Resource management politically and economically driven. Not adequately account for public input and concerns.

4

Resource vulnerability to population growth

17

Maintain multiple use

0

Using a collaborative process to eliminate the restrictions of current regulations to creative solutions (The Huge Book)

FOREST VEGETATION / ECOSYSTEM HEALTH

of dots

ORIGINAL GROUP ISSUES

7

Timber management, grazing, logging, range, wildlife & water

5

Pinyon / Juniper sagebrush area diversity and productivity declining / monoculture

- 1 Loss of habitat diversity
- 9 Invasive species, noxious weeds (range, water)
- 0 Ecosystem fragmentation related to development, i.e., 35 acres
- 0 One size fits all approach to fire and fuel management does not apply in Colorado
- 3 Use a landscape approach to address ecosystem issues

RECREATION

of dots

ORIGINAL GROUP ISSUES

- 8 Campground (no fees) better maintenance, water, sewage, trash, more designated campgrounds with hosts
- 1 Semi-primitive (no more extremes, i.e., wilderness)
- 1 Get a handle on recreation impacts
- 2 Distribute increasing use while protecting resource
- 0 FS mismanagement caused poor conditions
- 4 Demand for all uses is exceeding capability to sustain and recover from use (loved to death)
- 1 Multiple uses (need to manage for)
- 1 Access fees used to support maintenance, facilities
- 18 Provide for OHV uses

RANGE MANAGEMENT

of dots

ORIGINAL GROUP ISSUES

- 7 Grazing management
- 2 FS mismanagement has caused poor conditions
- 16 Control of noxious weeds
- 12 Sustainable forest, plants and streams

TIMBER MANAGEMENT

of dots

ORIGINAL GROUP ISSUES

- 1 Deficit timber sales
- 2 Timber management logging
- 4 Sustainable silviculture management (beetle control)
- 4 FS mismanagement caused poor condition
- 14 Selective timber harvest to remove old growth aspen, Pinyon / Juniper and oak
- 9 Clean up deadfall and thick growth to improve wildlife habitat and reduce fire and insect hazards
- 6 Biomass removal for forest health and manufactured wood products
- 3 Loss of biodiversity
- 1 Landscape restoration is not a panacea for impaired disturbance regimes (i.e., NFP)
- 3 Restore pinyon - juniper zone
- 5 Sustainable forest and plants and streams
- 6 Use of good science for management
- 0 Regenerate 1954-1955 insect control project with lodgepole pine

ACCESS/TRAVEL

of dots

ORIGINAL GROUP ISSUES

- 1 More maintenance on existing roads and trails
- 18 Allow existing uses to continue
- 7 Manage travel to avoid fragmentation of habitat
- 3 Trails systems managed for multi users
- 3 Unauthorized roads becoming authorized (overall plan road management)
- 10 Road maintenance levels to keep 4 wheel drive roads
- 0 Education campaign to reduce OHV impacts
- 0 Access fees could be used to do maintenance of facilities improvements
- 7 Too much closing of access
- 0 Limitations of road and travel routes
- 0 Sale of public lands blocking access
- 1 Unauthorized trails and roads
- 18 Maintain some roadless and wilderness areas
- 2 No cross country travel but maintain present uses

ROADLESS, WILDERNESS & OTHER SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS

of dots

ORIGINAL GROUP ISSUES

0

- 22 No more extremes, but maintain some semi-primitive areas
- 2 No additional designations that reduce multiple use options
- 2 Unauthorized roads becoming authorized without overall plan
- 2 For small areas for specific designation could be used