

**Utah Roadless Rule Petition**  
**Proposed Management Area Categories**

**Management Areas – Most Restrictive to Least Restrictive**

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1. Primitive Areas
2. Forest Restoration Areas
3. Forest Stewardship Areas
4. Re-Inventory/Boundary Adjustment Areas

**Brief Summary of Management Areas**

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1. Primitive Areas – the most restrictive
  - a. road construction is prohibited, timber management is for personal use only, mineral development (beyond valid existing rights) is prohibited, motorized travel limited to existing routes
2. Forest Restoration Areas – moderately restrictive
  - a. Preference toward temporary road construction with mitigation, commercial timber harvest allowed for forest health reasons only, mineral extraction allowed, motorized travel limited to existing routes
3. Forest Stewardship Areas – least restrictive
  - a. Permanent road construction is allowed (although temporary roads are preferred) full range of silviculture techniques allowed, mineral extraction allowed, motorized travel allowed subject to Forest Travel Plan
4. Re-Inventory/Boundary Adjustment Areas – to be removed from Roadless Rule
  - a. These areas should be removed entirely from the Roadless Rule (or have existing boundaries adjusted) due to high presence of roads, motorized trails, energy infrastructure, and other features that disrupt roadless values. Also areas that are smaller than 5,000 acres and thus do not meet the Roadless Area size threshold

## Comparison Table of Suitable Uses in Management Areas

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Suitable Use/Activity	Primitive Area	Forest Restoration Area	Forest Stewardship Area	Re-Inventory/ Boundary Adjustment Area
Fire Management	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	
Forest Health	Yes	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Yes <sup>3</sup>	
Intensive Timber Management	No <sup>4</sup>	No <sup>5</sup>	Yes <sup>3</sup>	
Grazing	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Motorized Travel	Yes <sup>6</sup>	Yes <sup>7</sup>	Yes <sup>8</sup>	
Minerals	No	Yes	Yes	
Recreation	Yes <sup>9</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>10</sup>	
Road Construction and/or Reconstruction	No <sup>11</sup>	Yes <sup>12</sup>	Yes <sup>13</sup>	
Trail Construction and/or Reconstruction	Yes <sup>14</sup>	Yes	Yes	
Weed/Pest Management	Yes	Yes	Yes	

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<sup>1</sup> Prescribed fire

<sup>2</sup> Vegetation treatments

<sup>3</sup> Full range of silviculture techniques

<sup>4</sup> Personal use only

<sup>5</sup> Commercial use allowed for forest health reasons only

<sup>6</sup> Currently existing routes

<sup>7</sup> Preference toward temporary road construction with mitigation; however, permanent road construction

<sup>8</sup> Subject to Forest Travel Plan

<sup>9</sup> Dispersed

<sup>10</sup> Dispersed and/or developed

<sup>11</sup> No roads

<sup>12</sup> Preference toward temporary road construction with mitigation; however, permanent road construction permissible based on long-term ecological need

<sup>13</sup> New temporary roads are preferred, but permanent roads are compatible

<sup>14</sup> Permissible if under 50 inches wide

Mechanized Equipment Use	Yes <sup>15</sup>	Yes	Yes	
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## **Detailed Description of Management Areas**

### **Management Area 1: Primitive Areas**

Current Condition: Areas managed as Primitive Areas show little evidence of historical or human use. Natural processes are predominant. People visiting these areas can find outstanding opportunities for recreation, including exploration, solitude, risk, and challenge.

Desired Future Condition: Areas managed as Primitive Areas will continue to show little evidence of historical or human use. As such, the natural processes of the area will continue to predominate, which will allow visitors to enjoy the same type of primitive recreation opportunities they found in the past.

Management Focus: These areas shall be managed to protect the primitive recreation opportunities of the area. Only activities and management actions not deemed an irretrievable commitment of resources will be considered suitable uses.

Watershed and Vegetative Restoration: Watershed and vegetative restoration shall be accomplished strictly through passive, natural ecological processes.

Mechanized Uses: Mechanized uses (e.g. chainsaws, helicopters etc.) shall be allowed in these areas unless said use constitutes an irretrievable commitment of resources.

### **Primitive Area Suitable Uses and Activities**

<b>Available Use/Activity</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Fire Management	X		Prescribed fire
Forest Health	X		
Timber Cutting		X	Personal use only
Grazing	X		
Motorized Travel	X		Currently existing routes
Minerals		X	
Recreation	X		Dispersed
Road Construction and/or Reconstruction		X	No Roads
Trail Construction and/or Reconstruction	X		Permissible if under 50 inches wide
Weed/Pest Management	X		
Mechanized Equipment Use	X		Chainsaws, helicopters, etc.

### **IRAs Recommended for Management as Primitive Areas:**

<sup>15</sup> Chainsaws, helicopters, etc.

<b>National Forest</b>	<b>IRA Name</b>	<b>Approx. Acres</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Consistent W/ Current Forest Plan</b>

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## **Management Area 2: Forest Restoration Areas**

**Current Condition:** Forest Restoration Areas includes areas where evidence of human use may or may not be present. Generally, few constructed features exist with the exception of trails and lookouts. These areas may also show some evidence of vegetative manipulation. Like the primitive areas, Forest Restoration Areas include a broad range of terrain and vegetative types.

**Desired Future Condition:** While areas managed as Forest Restoration Areas may display increased evidence of management activities, these areas will generally retain their roadless character.

**Management Focus:** Forest Restoration Areas will be managed to provide a variety of recreation opportunities, while also ensuring adequate flexibility to maintain forest health. These areas may include trailheads and recreational sites (developed and dispersed). Depending on specific National Forest Travel Plans, these areas may be managed for summer and/or winter motorized recreation opportunities. Lastly, due to the increased management flexibility afforded to these areas, fish and game can potentially benefit from carefully conducted habitat manipulation.

**Watershed and Vegetative Restoration:** Watershed and vegetative restoration will be accomplished through a combination of active management and natural processes. Both active and passive management restoration activities (and in some cases use restrictions) may occur to address specific habitat needs of fish and wildlife.

### **Forest Management Area Suitable Uses and Activities**

<b>Available Use/Activity</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Fire Management	X		Prescribed Fire/Hazardous fuels reduction
Forest Health	X		Vegetation Treatments
Timber Cutting		X	Commercial use allowed for forest health reasons only
Grazing	X		
Motorized Travel	X		Preference toward temporary road construction with mitigation; however, permanent road construction is permissible
Minerals	X		
Recreation	X		

Road Construction and/or Reconstruction	X		Preference toward temporary road construction with mitigation; however, permanent road construction permissible based on long-term ecological need
Trail Construction and/or Reconstruction	X		
Weed/Pest Management	X		
Mechanized Equipment Use	X		

**IRAs Recommended for Management as Forest Restoration Areas:**

<b>National Forest</b>	<b>IRA Name</b>	<b>Approx. Acres</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Consistent W/ Current Forest Plan</b>

**Management Area 3: Forest Stewardship Areas**

Current Condition: Forest Stewardship areas include locations that may display high levels of human use including roads, facilities, evidence of vegetative manipulation (e.g. silvicultural treatments, grazing) and mineral exploration/extraction. These areas also encompass a broad range of terrain and vegetative types, and may be comprised of forest, grasslands, rangelands, or a combination thereof.

Desired Future Condition: These areas may over time display increased levels of human use including roads, facilities, and evidence of vegetative manipulation. Forest Stewardship areas will also include evidence of watershed restoration and/or mitigation activities. Despite higher levels of human use than Forest Restoration Areas, Forest Stewardship Areas will still retain some of their roadless qualities. In other words, an area designated as “Forest Stewardship” will not necessarily reflect all the characteristics of non-roadless forest lands.

Management Focus: Forest Stewardship areas will be managed to provide a variety of goods and services, broad range of recreational opportunities including both motorized and non-motorized, while also ensuring adequate flexibility to maintain forest, rangeland, and/or grassland health.

Watershed and Vegetative Restoration: Watershed and vegetative restoration shall be accomplished primarily through active management, including timber harvest, salvage, fuels reduction, projects, and grazing.

**Forest Stewardship Area Suitable Uses and Activities**

Available Use/Activity	Yes	No	Notes
Fire Management	X		Prescribed fire/Hazardous Fuels Reduction
Forest Health	X		Full range of silviculture techniques
Timber Cutting	X		Full range of silviculture techniques
Grazing	X		
Motorized Travel	X		Subject to Forest Travel Plan
Minerals	X		
Recreation	X		Dispersed and/or developed
Road Construction and/or Reconstruction	X		New temporary roads are preferred, but permanent roads are compatible
Trail Construction and/or Reconstruction	X		
Weed/Pest Management	X		
Mechanized Equipment Use	X		

**IRAs Recommended for Management as Forest Stewardship Areas:**

National Forest	IRA Name	Approx. Acres	Recommendation	Acreage	Consistent W/ Current Forest Plan

**Management Area 4: Areas Recommended for Re-inventory or Boundary Adjustments**

The State requests a re-inventory of those areas found not in conformity with the requirements for “roadless” designation as defined in the FEIS Nov. 2002, Volume 1 (i.e. “Undeveloped areas typically exceeding 5,000 acres that met the minimum criteria for wilderness consideration under the Wilderness Act . . .”) and/or areas which necessitate boundary correction based on new information. If the Forest Service finds after re-inventory that certain areas are not in conformity with the requirements for roadless designations, such areas should be managed in accordance with the relevant forest plan.

**IRAs Recommended for Re-inventory or Boundary Adjustments:**

National Forest	IRA Name	Approx. Acres	Recommendation	Rationale







