

Little Snake Resource District:

Please accept these scoping comments on behalf of the Trappers Lake Group of the Sierra Club.

The BLM's multiple use mandate requires the agency to look beyond the borders of this resource area throughout the widespread development rapidly consuming the landscapes to the north and south.

WILDERNESS IS A RESOURCE should be recognized throughout the planning process. This has been severely lacking throughout the scoping process to date. Many of our members look forward to the ability to enjoy wilderness type activities within the LSRD.

Designated Wilderness though not a direct revenue producer for the BLM does have a positive economic impact. The attraction of designated wilderness lures numerous recreationists to new areas.

Citizens across the nation have stated that even though they may not visit designated wilderness, its presence is a resource that they cherish.

Designated wilderness is missing from this part of the country. People from all regions deserve the opportunity to enjoy solitude and nature in a primitive setting.

Economic opportunities for outfitter/guides are extensive. The existence of Big Game “Trophy” units and other hunting opportunities can provide supplemental income for struggling ranchers in NW Colorado.

Opportunities for guided recreation (river, wilderness, cultural) in addition to hunting should be considered before being precluded by intrusive uses.

Ensure that ACEC’s maintain ecologically viable.

The BLM should pursue Land Tenure activities by utilizing exchanges of small isolated parcels for more contiguous units.

The BLM should develop plans to maintain native vegetation communities

The BLM must put into action measures to mitigate and/or eliminate non-native invasive species.

The BLM should consider management plans to support the viewing and hunting of our world class wildlife.

The BLM should create a non-motorized recreation plan/network. The LSRD is deficient in designated non-motorized recreation trails. This shortage fails to provide a needed opportunity for hikers, horse riders, and mountain bikers.

The BLM needs to consider Wildlife migration patterns and habitat connectivity in its use plans.