

Public Workshop Information Packet

Introduction

Your parks at Lake Estes, Mary's Lake, East Portal and Common Point are about to get a new management plan. Estes Valley Recreation and Park District (EVRPD) and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) are developing a new Resource Management Plan (RMP) for these parks to better meet growing recreational needs and we want to hear from you! Over the course of this fall and into the beginning of next year, we will work with the public and other agencies to update this plan. This is an opportunity to share your insight and participate in improving your public lands.

Federal Review: The Resource Management Plan and Environmental Assessment

Reclamation owns Lake Estes, Mary's Lake, East Portal and Common Point as part of its Colorado-Big Thompson water diversion and storage project. EVRPD has been the recreation management partner at these four parks since 1954.

An RMP is a continuation of Reclamation's authorities, policies, and guidelines developed through public input. RMPs are typically revised every ten years. The Lake Estes, Mary's Lake, East Portal and Common Point RMP was last revised in 1996. The updated RMP will serve as a basis for future resource decisions. It will provide the guidelines for how EVRPD will administer the use at, and development, improvement, management, operation, and maintenance of these properties for recreation opportunities. EVRPD will use the RMP within the context of its broader park system, Reclamation oversight, and other private and public lands in the area.

Because the parks and reservoirs are federally owned, any major actions at these sites must be given a proper level of environmental review under the National.

Environmental Policy Act

As a result, while EVRPD is receiving public comment on what sort of recreation improvements park users would like to see, Reclamation will be asking for comments on what sort of environmental impacts (traffic, noise pollution, endangered species, etc.) the public believes the recreation improvements might cause.

Under NEPA, Reclamation will prepare a final environmental report called an Environmental Assessment, or "EA." The public may track the progress of this EA and its corresponding studies by visiting: <http://www.usbr.gov/gp/nepa/quarterly.cfm#ecao>.

Public comments can be submitted in writing through the email address provided on this webpage or by mailing the comments to the address provided. The public will also be invited to comment at the two public workshops that will be held.

Contributors

EVRPD and Reclamation have partnered to prepare the combined RMP and EA. A project Work Group made up of collaborating agencies has been created to assist in the development and evaluation of the plans. EDAW, a local planning and landscape architecture firm, has been hired to assist with the process and plan preparation. The public, park visitors, park neighbors, government agencies, and other organizations will be invited to comment and contribute at meetings, interviews, or in writing.

Project Schedule

Meeting/ Milestone	Date
Project Initiation	May 2007
Inventory and Analysis	June – August 2007
Public Workshop for Issue Identification	4 -8 PM Tuesday August 28 Town Hall Estes Park
Public Workshop Alternatives Evaluation	4 -8 Pm Thursday December 6 Town Hall Estes Park
Public Review of the Draft Plan & EA	February 2008
Plan Completion and Adoption	March 2008

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of this Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) is to provide formal program and policy guidelines, enabling the orderly use, development, enhancement and management of the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) properties in Estes Valley. The RMP/EA will promote the following Reclamation and Estes Valley Recreation and Park District (EVRPD) management goals:

- Provide appropriate opportunities for recreation in a natural setting, while balancing natural resource considerations and accounting for future recreation demand.
- Manage and protect water quality and related natural and cultural resources.
- Promote active outreach efforts that celebrate park resources.
- Manage park resources in an efficient and economically sustainable manner.

NEED STATEMENT

The current RMP and EA were completed in 1996 and were intended to provide management direction until 2006. This integrated RMP/EA will replace the 1996 documents and will establish a 10-year plan detailing the management framework for the conservation, protection, development, and enhancement of the properties.

GUIDING STATEMENTS

Park Purpose Statements Help Us Understand the Parks were Established

- Lake Estes, Marys Lake, East Portal and Common Point were purchased as part of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project to provide water for irrigation as well as to generate electricity. The 1992 Bureau of Reclamation Recreation Management Act authorizes the use of the properties for recreation purposes.
- A management agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Estes Valley Recreation and Park District (through 2032) authorizes the District to manage the properties for recreation purposes.

Park Significance Statements Help Us Understand why the Parks are Unique and Interesting

Lake Estes, Marys Lake, East Portal and Common Point share these qualities:

- Have interesting reservoirs and/or infrastructure from the 1940s that was created as part of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project.
- Add to the scenic quality and character of Estes Valley.
- Provide a very good opportunity to view Rocky Mountain wildlife close to the Town of Estes Park.
- Provide the only open water boating and fishing opportunities in the Estes Valley.
- Provide recreation opportunities in a natural setting adjacent to the Town of Estes Park.
- Have state-significant bird habitat around Lake Estes.
- Make an important contribution to the visitor experience and therefore the economy of Estes Valley.
- Common Point provides a shooting range experience in a natural setting close to Estes Valley.

Planning Constraints

- Bureau of Reclamation requires NEPA compliance for Federal land management actions
- Dam and facility security is required
- Changing water levels at reservoirs
- No net loss of water storage is allowed
- Federal land must provide equal public access
- Seasonal closures for wildlife
- Easements/ Permits
 - Dannels Fire Station
 - Upper Thompson Sanitation District
 - Marys Lake Water Treatment Plant (city)
 - Utility and road
 - Other easements or permits

Desired Visitor Experiences

Estes Valley Recreation and Park District will strive to provide opportunities for high quality, diverse recreational experiences in a natural and scenic mountain setting that encourage repeat and year-round visitation from a wide range of park visitors. Camping opportunities will range from highly developed, full service and social, to less developed with more opportunity for solitude. Day use opportunities will vary from passive recreation such as nature appreciation, wildlife viewing, and picnicking, to active recreation such as walking, bicycling, target practice, bow hunting, fishing, golfing, bouldering, and no-wake boating. Potential conflicts between these different types of recreational activities will be limited through planning, management, and safety, which will be of the highest importance in all the parks. The infrastructure and facilities to support the recreational activities will be concentrated in high-use areas, high quality, have a unique rustic mountain style, be accessible to all persons, and provide multiple services to visitors.

Visitors will learn about interesting and important themes through interpretation of:

- The story of water in Colorado and the Colorado-Big Thompson Project (CBT)
- Local wildlife, particularly elk, and their habitat
- Migration and habitat of birds at Lake Estes
- The geography of the Estes Valley and the Rocky Mountains
- Other parks and recreation lands and opportunities in the Estes Valley

Desired Resource Conditions

Estes Valley Recreation and Park District will strive to ensure that the physical, natural, and cultural elements of the parks are protected and managed for their own intrinsic value, as well as

for the benefit of park users, the citizens of the Estes Valley and the United States. For example, most of the land and water areas will remain in a natural state and, where feasible, ecological processes will be maintained or promoted. Soil erosion will be controlled to protect water quality, natural resources, and property values. Water quality will be maintained that is suitable for water supplies and healthy aquatic life. Vegetation and wildlife will be managed to promote healthy native populations and habitats. Pine bark beetles and wildfire risk will be controlled in the interest of safety, as well as park and community resources. And lastly, cultural resources will be protected and preserved.

Desired Management Conditions

Estes Valley Recreation and Park District will, above all, be customer-service oriented and will strive to meet desired visitor experiences. For example, the district will provide adequate levels of staff presence at high use facilities to ensure good service, safety, and security. Higher use areas and roads will have a higher level of maintenance to ensure all areas are clean and well kept. The district will only permit recreation in and on water at Lake Estes and the Big Thompson River due to dangerous water undercurrents at the other reservoirs. Visitors will be ensured equal access to recreation facilities through Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. The District will strive to manage the parks in an economically responsible manner.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal: Provide appropriate opportunities for recreation in a natural setting, while balancing natural resource considerations and accounting for future recreation demand.

Objectives

1. Provide access and recreational opportunities for people with a wide range of abilities and incomes.
2. Permit public access to all recreation facilities and areas to prohibit the establishment of exclusive use of public resources. Exclusive use is defined by Bureau of Reclamation as land or water areas that are limited to use by private groups or individuals.
3. Maintain and improve existing facilities and/or develop new facilities for high quality, multipurpose, and safe recreational experiences that provide access to all visitors.
4. Use Bureau of Reclamation design guidelines that ensure the provision of properly designed amenities in reasonable proximity to areas of concentrated use.
5. Limit development of facilities to concentrated use areas and preserve undeveloped areas for recreational opportunities that are not facility dependent.
6. Maintain and improve existing trails and develop additional trails that provide access to recreational opportunities within the parks and to adjacent public lands.
7. Improve visitor access and use of shoreline areas by rehabilitating existing development and minimizing development of new parking areas, roads, and facilities in these areas.
8. Redevelop campgrounds to improve circulation, delineate use areas, provide more efficient visitor service areas, and possibly extend the camping season.
9. Encourage and further improve day use and overnight recreational opportunities that emphasize the natural setting.
10. Educate and manage visitors to minimize user conflicts and improve personal safety.
11. Monitor visitor satisfaction and adapt to changing recreation trends to meet new visitor desires within the framework of this plan.
12. Partner and coordinate with other programs and agencies to manage park resources and provide complementary recreational opportunities in the area.

Goal: Manage and protect water quality and related natural and cultural resources.

Objectives

1. Partner and coordinate with Colorado Division of Wildlife to manage for healthy wildlife populations.
2. Protect and/or improve key riparian, wetland, and native vegetation habitats through the use of signs, fences, and/or altered irrigation regimes.
3. Control exotic vegetation and rehabilitate impacted areas with native vegetation.
4. Minimize the use of non-native species in landscaping and restoration efforts.
5. Limit Pine Bark Beetle infestation and wildfire risk.
6. Control soil erosion through proper design of facilities and storm water management.
7. Maintain water quality by limiting soil erosion and control of pollution sources.
8. Monitor the park's natural environment and adapt management techniques to meet deficiencies within the framework of this plan.
9. Protect ecological connectivity through the preservation of key habitats and collaboration with managers of adjacent lands.
10. Protect cultural resources to ensure their preservation.

Goal: Promote active outreach efforts that celebrate park resources.

Objectives

1. Promote active outreach and communication efforts with stakeholders, community leaders, and the public to successfully implement plan recommendations.
2. Facilitate citizen-led initiatives, volunteers, and other community-based programs to implement the plan.
3. Actively promote and disseminate information about the parks, including recreational and natural/ cultural interpretive opportunities.

Goal: Manage park resources in an efficient and economically sustainable manner.

Objectives

1. Use sound business practices in the operation and management of recreation facilities and concessions.
2. Exercise appropriate approval authority and oversight of managing partners and concessions to ensure the full implementation of these practices.
3. Provide appropriate resources such as funding, staff, training, administrative facilities, and equipment to support district responsibilities of park operations and meeting visitor needs.
4. Obtain a fair market return for services provided; and set fees commensurate with amenities and level of service provided.
5. Account for market conditions and the real costs of developing and maintaining facilities to set fee policies that ensure the park system is mostly self-supporting.
6. Seek adequate funding to develop, operate, and maintain recreation resources and staff at a level to manage the parks and provide quality visitor experiences.
7. Leverage resources through partnerships with federal and state agencies, cities and counties, and private organizations.

Proposed Elements	Alternatives	
	Alt A	Alt B
	No Action	Proposed Action
Marys Lake		
Overall		
Provide a trail with interpretive signs or cell phone tower around the lake, to day use areas and along the campground. Connect with future local trail system (Prospect Mtn, etc.)		X
Improve fencing to control trespassing on private property		X
Manage forest/trees to reduce Pine Beetle damage and wildfire risk through thinning, fuel burning, spraying		X
Restore natural vegetation in areas affected by trampling or erosion		X
Install bear-proof trash and recycling containers and place signs on picnic tables about correct food storage and disposal		X
Survey and control exotic vegetation	X	X
Encourage CDOW to take elk management action and facilitate general wildlife management activities		X
Day Use Areas		
Improve vehicle circulation and parking		X
Provide trails to the lake to improve pedestrian circulation and reduce trampling of vegetation		X
Install new vault toilets in existing locations that are ADA compliant	X	X
Provide one ADA compliant shoreline fishing location		X
Relocate and define picnic areas; one to be ADA compliant		X
Establish a new day use area on the east side of the lake to accommodate fishing and bouldering activities. This day use area will have designated parking, a vaulted toilet, and trails.		X
Provide signs to reduce littering and prevent swimming in the lake that has dangerous undercurrents		X
Clearly sign day use areas with information about on-going hunting activities		X
Protect and allow the recovery wetlands and associated vegetation	X	X
Keep undeveloped space as wildlife and native vegetation	X	X
Reduce soil erosion by providing trails and organized parking		X
Marys Lake Campground		
Improve the campground entrance through landscaping, defined parking and better vehicle circulation		X
Improve vehicle circulation with better turning radiuses, better hierarchy of roads and signs		X
Improve pedestrian circulation by providing signs and paths in the campground and to joining trails		X
Improve campsites with new furnishings and better design of space to meet Bureau of Reclamation Guidelines. Some campsites will be ADA compliant		X
Move campsites away from private properties and provide vegetative screening		X
Provide small cabins to diversify the camping opportunities		X
Organize some campsites to accommodate groups.		X
Provide a shelter for group gatherings, interpretive talks, etc.		X
Improve RV camping by providing full service larger site paved parking pad and more landscaping		X
Provide a new campground office/store/laundry/showers/ bathrooms that is ADA compliant		X
Provide new ADA compliant restrooms at key locations throughout the campground	X	X
Provide a new playground and maintain the existing swimming pool		X
Relocate & screen the campground maintenance area		X
Control storm water to reduce erosion and control water flow		X
Reduce risk of wildfires and smoke from campsite fires by providing smaller fire rings		X
Store all flammables in fire safe containers and locations		X
Replace overhead lighting with low down-lighting		X
Protect and allow the recovery wetlands and associated vegetation	X	X
Provide more landscaping with native plants throughout the campground to make the campground more attractive and natural; as well as to provide more shade		X

Proposed Elements	Alternatives	
	Alt A	Alt B
	No Action	Proposed Action
East Portal		
Overall		
Provide a newly constructed trail from the trailhead day use area on Spur 66 to the reservoir. The trail will split at the reservoir and provide access to the campground and reservoir. The trail will also provide access to the Wind River Trail and the Emerald Mountain Trail which are located in Rocky Mountain National Park.		X
Close and revegetate social trails		X
Improve signs to reduce littering and prevent swimming in the reservoir that has dangerous undercurrents		X
Manage forest/trees to reduce Pine Beetle damage and wildfire risk through thinning, fuel burning, spraying		X
Survey and Control exotic weeds		X
Keep undeveloped areas as natural vegetation and wildlife habitat		X
Restore natural vegetation in areas affected by trampling or erosion		X
Install bear-proof trash and recycling containers and place signs on picnic tables about correct food storage and disposal		X
Encourage CDOW to take elk management action and facilitate general wildlife management activities		X
Day Use Area		
Improve vehicle circulation and parking		X
Relocate and define picnic areas; one to be ADA compliant		X
Discuss with town and RMNP whether shuttle to East Portal is necessary/ well utilized to make it worth the traffic/disturbance. If the stop is needed, convert the current parking area to a shuttle stop at the day use area. If not needed, work with Larimer County to abandon and rehabilitate the current parking area.		X
Provide a trailhead kiosk and well defined trail to the reservoir		X
Install new vaulted toilet that is ADA compliant		X
Clearly sign day use areas with information about on-going hunting activities.		X
Reduce soil erosion by providing trails, organized parking and picnic areas		X
Estes Park Campground		
Improve the campground entrance through landscaping, defined parking and better vehicle circulation		X
Improve vehicle circulation with better turning radiuses, better hierarchy of roads and signs		X
Improve pedestrian circulation by providing signs, paths in the campground and to joining trails		X
Provide more landscaping with native plants in the entrance area to make the campground more attractive and natural		X
Improve campsites with new furnishings and better design of space to meet Bureau of Reclamation Guidelines. Some campsites will be ADA compliant		X
Provide walk-in campsites to diversify camping opportunities		X
Organize some campsites to accommodate groups.		X
Provide a shelter for group gatherings and interpretive talks, etc.		X
Provide a new campground office/store/laundry/showers/ bathrooms that is ADA compliant		X
Provide new ADA compliant restrooms at key locations throughout the campground	X	X
Control storm water to reduce erosion and control water flow		X
Move campsites away from private properties and provide vegetative screening		X
Reduce risk of wildfires and smoke from campsite fires by providing smaller fire rings		X
Store all flammables in fire safe containers and locations		X
Replace overhead lighting with low down-lighting		X
Improve fencing to prevent trespassing on private property		X

Proposed Elements	Alternatives	
	Alt A	Alt B
	No Action	Proposed Action
Lake Estes		
Overall		
Provide interpretive kiosks and/or cell phone tour along the trail		X
Make benches and bridges along Lake Estes Trail ADA compliant	X	X
Use closures to protect human and elk safety	X	X
Fence some vegetation in the Matthews-Reeser Bird Sanctuary to protect bird habitat from over-grazing by elk		X
Install osprey nesting boxes		X
Survey and control exotic weeds	X	X
Keep undeveloped areas as natural vegetation and wildlife habitat		X
Restore natural vegetation in areas affected by trampling or erosion		X
Encourage CDOW to take elk management action and facilitate general wildlife management activities		X
Marina		
Make minor improvements to store, group shelters, parking lot, docks, and bathrooms to be ADA compliant	X	X
Dredge under the docks to provide deeper water for boat access and parking		X
Cherokee Draw Day Use Area		
Provide new ADA compliant restrooms at key locations throughout the day use area	X	X
Improve vehicle circulation by defining driveways, providing regulatory signs and defined parking spaces.		X
Provide ADA compliant entry fee stations.		X
Provide more pedestrian space along the lake shoreline		X
Provide an open lawn area for soccer games and other types of recreation		X
Relocate the Lake Estes Trail as necessary to accommodate new locations for facilities		X
Wapiti Meadows Day Use Area		
Provide a new ADA compliant entry fee station and parking lot.		X
Provide a new ADA compliant vaulted toilet	X	X
Provide new picnic shelters and one that is ADA compliant	X	X
Provide an interpretive sign about Wapiti Meadows and trail/boardwalk to the wetlands.		X
Golf Course and Clubhouse		
Install a new and more efficient irrigation system. Areas that do not need to be irrigated will be allowed to revert back to native vegetation		X
Make minor improvements to clubhouse and parking lot; and replace drinking fountain at 4th hole, toilet and trail to toilet on course to be ADA compliant	X	X
Fisherman's Nook Day Use Area		
Make minor improvements to parking lot, and shelters to be ADA compliant	X	X

Proposed Elements	Alternatives	
	Alt A	Alt B
	No Action	Proposed Action
Common Point		
Install ADA compliant vault toilet(s)	X	X
Provide ADA access to all shooting ranges	X	X
Realign road to the rifle range to improve safety		X
Provide a new indoor 50 yard shooting range		X
Provide a new 50 yard archery range		X
Provide a new group shelter		X
Provide signs at intervals around and through the range safety zone to warn the public and private ingress/egress		X
Provide more opportunities for the public to use the range with an associated fee such as through open use times, special events and educational programs		X
Construct a lead detention pond		X
Construct backstops and sand traps	X	X
Regularly remove lead and clean-up range	X	X
Prepare and adopt a list of range rules and fees	X	X
Relocate pistol range allowing non-conflicted use of trap range		X
Manage forest/trees to reduce Pine Beetle damage and wildfire risk through thinning, fuel burning, spraying		X
Survey and control exotic weeds	X	X
Keep undeveloped spaces as natural vegetation and wildlife habitat	X	X
Restore natural vegetation in areas affected by trampling or erosion		X
Encourage CDOW to take elk management action and facilitate general wildlife management activities		X

MANAGEMENT ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

Management zones have been defined and delimited for the four parks. Each management zone is defined by the physical, social, and managerial setting. Management zoning is a planning tool used to make decisions about what is and is not appropriate, and what can and cannot occur in different areas of the parks in terms of resource management, visitor use, and future development. Regulations are flexible and can be adopted that are specific to one zone; however, these zones and their associated regulations can be modified through the adoption of revisions by the EVRPD Board and the Bureau of Reclamation.

The management zones defined for the parks include the following:

The **Sensitive Resource Protection Zone** contains important sensitive resources that could easily be disturbed. In general, the public is not encouraged to visit this zone or public use is limited to carefully designed trails and shoreline/river fishing. The zone is dominated by nature and only receives the management necessary to preserve its natural state and quality.

The **Backcountry Zone** provides a sense of being immersed in a natural landscape, and feels further away from comforts and conveniences. Visitors primarily participate in hiking and hunting activities within this zone. Vehicle access for maintenance purposes is limited as much as possible. The only facilities present are unpaved, low-maintenance trails. The zone is dominated by nature and only receives the management necessary to preserve its natural state and quality.

The **Frontcountry Zone** is in an area that is predominantly natural, but with much evidence of the sights and sounds of people. Most land-based park recreation occurs in this zone. Visitors can see, smell, and touch park natural resources, but not feel like they are too far from transportation or developed facilities. Facilities include well-maintained trails, signs, interpretation, benches, scenic overlooks, and service roads. The zone is mostly natural and receives the management necessary to preserve its natural state and quality, while providing well maintained facilities.

The **Developed Zone** is an area with developed visitor facilities and where experiences are often facility dependent (parking, marina, campgrounds, golf course, trailheads, signs, restrooms, etc.). The sights and sounds of people and vehicles are prominent. The zone is dominated by man-made landscapes and buildings, and receives a high level of management to maintain facilities and limit environmental impacts such as soil erosion, vegetation trampling, wildfire risk, noise, and light pollution.

The **Limited Access Zone** is in an area that has safety and/or security risks, but allows limited recreation. This zone can include areas such as dams, dikes, or other water management infrastructure safety/security areas. While access through the zone is allowed, it is limited to trail and road corridors. No shoreline fishing is allowed in this zone.

The **No Access Zone** is in an area (land or water) that has safety and/or security risks and does NOT allow public access. This zone can include areas such as dams, dikes, water areas with dangerous undercurrents, electrical generation infrastructure, other water management infrastructure safety/security areas, or shooting range safety areas. Managing authorities actively enforce closure regulations for these areas. Where a no access water zone is adjacent to another zone that allows recreational use, park visitors are allowed to fish from the shoreline into the no access zone without physically entering the water.

The **Calm Water Zone** is a water area with much evidence of the sights and sounds of people. Most water-based park recreation occurs in this zone and water safety is emphasized. Boats are limited to no wake speeds with limited times for water skiing activities. Water quality is maintained by limiting erosion and contamination from boat fuels.

The **Passive Water Zone** is a water area with limited sights and sounds of people. Some water-based park recreation occurs in this zone and water safety is emphasized. Water craft are non-motorized only. Water quality is maintained by limiting erosion.

Potential Management Zones
 Lake Estes, Marys Lake, East Portal, Common Point

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Zone/ Descriptors	Sensitive Resource Protection	Backcountry	Frontcountry	Developed	Limited Access	No Access	Passive Water	Calm Water
Management Definitions and Notes	Controlled or no access to protect wetlands, riparian areas, key wildlife habitat, etc.	Natural area somewhat difficult to access	Somewhat developed natural area with easy access	Campgrounds, picnic areas, marina, major visitor facility areas	Controlled public access for hazard or security reasons (land or water)	No public access for hazard or security reasons (land or water)	Moderate Use Boating and Limited Water Skiing Area on Lake Estes	Non-motorized boating area on Lake Estes
Examples	Wetland in Marys Lake CG, wetland in Wapiti Meadows	Area southwest of Marys Lake	Trail areas around Lake Estes that are not Developed, East Portal Campground	Lake Estes Marina, Marys Lake Campground, Day Use Areas	Trails near or across some dams	East Portal Reservoir, Marys Lake, Lake Estes Dam	Eastern end of Lake Estes	Western end of Lake Estes
Challenge and Adventure of Experience	Low	Moderate	Low	Very Low	Very Low	NA	Low	Low
Dependence on Roads, Trails, and other Facilities	High	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	NA	NA	NA
Visitor-Visitor Encounter Expectations	Moderate	Low	High	Very High	High	NA	High	Moderate
Park Staff-Visitor Encounter Expectations	Moderate	Very Low	Moderate	High	Moderate	NA	Moderate	Low
Identified Corridors - Highest Standards for Roads/Trails	Rock/ Wood	Dirt/ Rock	Dirt/ Rock	Asphalt/ Rock	Asphalt/ Rock	NA	NA	NA
Management Action for Resource Protection	Very High	Low	Moderate	Very High	Low	Low	Moderate	Low
Management Action for Visitor Safety	Low	Low	Moderate	Very High	High	NA	High	Moderate
Level of Maintenance	Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Very High	Moderate	Low
Tolerance for Resource Damage	None	Low	Moderate	High	Moderate	NA	Low	Low
Opportunities for Solitude	Moderate	High	Low	Very Low	Low	NA	Low	Moderate
Noise Level	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High	NA	Moderate	Low
Appropriateness of On-Site Interpretation	Low	Low	High	Very High	Low	NA	NA	NA
Appropriateness of Off-Site Interpretation	High	High	Moderate	Low	Low	NA	Moderate	Moderate
Diversity of Types of Trail Experience	Low	High	High	Low	Low	NA	NA	NA
Acres								
Lake Estes (305 total acres)	33.5	0	24.7	68.7	2.7	38.8	99.1	37.3
Marys Lake (181 total acres)	3.5	43.7	51.8	25.2	7.1	49.4	0	0
East Portal (74 total acres)	3.4	29.4	23.5	11.7	2.8	3.4	0	0
Common Point (62 total acres)	0	0	9.1	8.9	0	43.7	0	0