

TABLE 1 - CPW Wildlife Emphasis Areas and USFS Wilderness Evaluation

CPW Wildlife Emphasis Area	USFS District	Major Community Type	Priority (Primary or Secondary)	CH 70 Wilderness ID	CH 70 Wilderness Value	Contains Roadless Designation	Elk Prod Value	Deer Prod Value	Deer/ Elk Winter Range Value	Wildlife Corridor Value	Rocky Mtn Bighorn Value	Canada Lynx Value	GuSG Value	Native Cthroat Value	Boreal Toad Value	Other Species of Interest	Management Recommendations
West Elk Alpine	Gunnison	Alpine	Secondary	West Elk Wilderness	Established Wilderness		High	High	Low	Low	High	Low	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, White-tailed ptarmigan, boreal owl, brown-capped rosy finch	Increased non-mechanized recreation pressures in this area over the last 10 years may be impacting existing wildlife populations and highlights the need to limit access to existing routes and consider other limitations on use to protect these resources if recreational pressure continues to increase.
Ruby Range Alpine	Paonia	Alpine	Secondary	Raggeds Wilderness	Established Wilderness		High	High	Low	Low	Low	Mod	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Mountain Goat, Moose, White-tailed ptarmigan,brown-capped rosy finch	Increased non-mechanized recreation pressures in this area over the last 10 years may be impacting existing wildlife populations and highlights the need to limit access to existing routes and consider other limitations on use to protect these resources if recreational pressure continues to increase.
Taylor Park Alpine	Gunnison	Alpine	Secondary	Collegiate Peaks Wilderness	Established Wilderness		High	High	Low	Low	High	High	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Mountain Goat, Moose, White-tailed ptarmigan,brown-capped rosy finch	Increased non-mechanized recreation pressures in this area over the last 10 years from the Colorado Continental Divide Trail may be impacting existing wildlife populations and highlights the need to limit access to existing routes and consider other limitations on use of recreational pressure continues to increase. The adjacent sub-alpine to this area serves as a Canada lynx corridor between the northern and southern core populations in Colorado.
Tincup Alpine	Gunnison	Alpine	Secondary	G13	Moderate	Yes	High	High	Low	Low	High	High	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Mountain Goat, Moose, White-tailed ptarmigan,brown-capped rosy finch	Increased non-mechanized recreation pressures in this area over the last 10 years from the Colorado Continental Divide Trail may be impacting existing wildlife populations and highlights the need to limit access to existing routes and consider other limitations on use of recreational pressure continues to increase. The adjacent sub-alpine to this area serves as a Canada lynx corridor between the northern and southern core populations in Colorado.

Fossil Ridge Alpine	Gunnison	Alpine	Secondary	Partially Fossil Ridge Wilderness	Established Wilderness	No	High	High	Low	Low	High	Mod	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Mountain Goat, Moose, White-tailed ptarmigan,brown-capped rosy finch	Increased motorized recreational pressures neighboring/bordering this area need to be considered in how it influences the wilderness value of the Fossil Ridge Wilderness. CPW recommends that unauthorized trails on the alpine areas adjacent (east) of the current designated wilderness be removed. The current system of authorized trails in the alpine need to be monitored closer to ensure user compliance. CPW recommends no additional trails in this alpine area to maintain existing wildlife use.
Tomichi Alpine	Gunnison	Alpine	Secondary	G16	Moderate	Yes	High	High	Low	Low	High	Mod	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Mountain Goat, Moose, White-tailed ptarmigan,brown-capped rosy finch	The current system of authorized trails in the alpine need to be monitored closer to ensure user compliance with travel management rules. CPW recommends no additional trails in this alpine area to maintain existing wildlife use. The adjacent sub-alpine to this area serves as a Canada lynx corridor between the northern and southern core populations in Colorado.
Marshal Pass Alpine	Gunnison	Alpine	Secondary	G17	Moderate	Yes	High	High	Low	Low	Mod	High	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Mountain Goat, Moose, White-tailed ptarmigan,brown-capped rosy finch	The current system of authorized trails in the alpine need to be monitored closer to ensure user compliance with travel management rules. CPW recommends no additional trails in this alpine area to maintain existing wildlife use. The adjacent sub-alpine to this area serves as a Canada lynx corridor between the northern and southern core populations in Colorado.
La Garita Alpine	Gunnison	Alpine	Secondary	La Garita Wilderness	Established Wilderness		High	High	Low	Low	High	High	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, White-tailed ptarmigan,brown-capped rosy finch	The current system of authorized trails in the alpine need to be monitored closer to ensure user compliance with existing travel management rules. CPW recommends no additional trails in this alpine area to maintain existing wildlife use.

Mesa Seco Alpine	Gunnison	Alpine	Primary	G25	High	Yes	High	High	Low	Low	Mod	High	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, White-tailed ptarmigan,brown-capped rosy finch, Uncompahgre fritillary butterfly	This area currently has a a seasonal motorized route closure on a trail that covers a large swath of alpine tundra. Currently, there is no way to prevent the incursion of motorists into the adjacent Powderhorn Wilderness. CPW recommends additional monitoring and enforcement efforts to ensure that future expansion of user-created off-road trails onto the alpine does not occur. Local CPW staff support G25 being managed to preserve its high wilderness values consistent with the adjacent Powderhorn and La Garita Wilderness Areas.
Crystal Peak Montane/Alpine	Gunnison	Alpine/Montane Mix	Secondary	G27	Moderate	Yes	High	High	Low	Low	Mod	High	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, White-tailed ptarmigan,brown-capped rosy finch, Uncompahgre fritillary butterfly, boreal toad, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	Local CPW staff recommend managing this area consistent with the adjacent Uncompahgre Wilderness to increase its wilderness values to value to wildlife.
Lerous Creek/ Green Mtn/ Crater Peak	Paonia	Montane	Primary	GVP1	Moderate	Yes	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, Wild Turkey, , red-naped sapsuckerpine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	The current low density of trails in portions of this area serves as a wildlife refuge from heavy recreational and anthropogenic resource extraction on all sides. CPW recommends that no new routes of travel (motorized or non-motorized) be placed in this area.

Ravens Mesa Montane	Paonia	Montane	Secondary	P4-71	Low	Yes	High	High	Mod	High	Low	Low	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, Wild Turkey, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	This area already has a high density of mapped and unmapped user-created trails. An increase in traffic volume on these routes will cause wildlife disturbances. CPW recommends inventorying existing trails, removing and rehabilitating redundant trials, and limiting trail-based recreation to the existing network.
Lands End - Lamborn Montane	Paonia	Montane	Pimary	P7	High	Yes	High	High	Mod	High	Low	Low	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, Wild Turkey, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	The upper reaches of this area hold a perennial source of water for wildlife that CPW recommends protecting from future trail/route development. CPW recommends maintaining the current level of recreation in this area with out expansion.
Kebler Pass Rd Montane	Paonia	Montane	Secondary	P4-82	High	Yes	High	High	Low	Mod	Low	Mod	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, Wild Turkey, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	CPW recommends maintaining the current level of recreation use in this area without expansion.

Brush Crk Montane	Gunnison	Montane	Secondary	G9	Moderate	Yes	High	High	Low	Mod	Mod	Mod	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	CPW recommends maintaining the current level of recreation in this area without expansion.
Forest Hill Montane	Gunnison	Montane	Primary	G10	Moderate	Yes	High	High	Low	Mod	Low	High	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	Except for Star Trail (FS 411) which bisects this relatively intact parcel, this area is relatively free of human influence, recreation pressure, and is fairly untrammelled. CPW requests that the USFS evaluate the value this area provides for wildlife and the need for motorized vs. non-motorized access to this area. Converting the mode of travel of the Star Trail to mechanized single track, foot, and horseback only would create one of the largest contiguous blocks of non-motorized wildlife habitat in northeast Gunnison County and significantly increase the value of this area to wildlife.
Matchless Montane	Gunnison	Montane	Secondary	G10	Moderate	Yes	High	High	Low	High	High	Mod	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-	This is adjacent to the busiest motorized recreation system of trails in the GMUG, but still has some viable habitat that is important for local wildlife populations. The remaining viable habitat is at risk from increased numbers and intensity of recreational users and the creation of non-authorized trails. CPW recommends an evaluation of this area to determine if the route density can be strategically reduced. CPW recommends no additional routes in this area.
Sanford Montane	Gunnison	Montane	Primary	G13	Moderate	Yes	High	High	Low	Low	Low	High	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	This is adjacent to the busiest motorized recreation system of trails in the GMUG, but still has some viable habitat that is important for local wildlife populations. The remaining viable habitat is at risk from increased numbers and intensity of recreational users and the creation of non-authorized trails. CPW recommends an evaluation of this area to determine if the route density can be strategically reduced. CPW recommends no additional routes in this area.

Union Park	Gunnison	Montane	Secondary	G14	Moderate	Yes	High	High	Low	High	Mod	Mod	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, Mountain Goat, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	This area is popular with recreational trail users and bears a bulk of the Gunnison District's recreational impacts. Most of the habitat within this area is in a borderline functional state for wildlife due to the intensity of recreational trail use. CPW recommends that the impacts of any new development in this area be carefully weighted against the value the area provides for wildlife.
Dawson Gulch Montane	Gunnison	Montane	Secondary	G18	Moderate	No	High	High	High	High	Low	Mod	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Mountain Lion, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	This area is important to ungulates throughout the year and as an ungulate migration corridor. CPW supports the 2010 USFS Decision Record for reduced motorized use in this area and recommends that the travel and recreational use in this area be kept at the current standard as both hunter and recreation access is sufficient in this area.
Eddiesville Montane	Gunnison	Montane	Primary	G21-E	High	Yes	High	High	Low	Mod	Low	High	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, Pronghorn, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	The Eddiesville area is a very popular location for individuals utilizing the Colorado Trail and hiking peaks in the area; however, it is also an important area that is utilized by all ungulate species. Increased traffic in this area is changing the distribution of wildlife - causing animals to move out of this area and into adjacent areas that may be less suitable. This is an important travel corridor for ungulates in the winter and a provides excellent angling opportunities for fishermen in the summer months. CPW recommends that the existing wilderness values of this area be maintained, and that the intensity of non-motorized recreational use in the area be monitored to ensure that impacts to wildlife do not exceed current levels.

Sawtooth Montane	Gunnison	Montane/Alpine	Primary	G20-N	High	Yes	High	High	Mod	Mod	Mod	Mod	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, Pronghorn, , boreal owl, pygmy shrew, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, pika, red-naped sapsucker, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	The Sawtooth Mountain and Agency Peak complex is the only non-wilderness designated area south of Gunnison that is still virtually unroaded. This area has significant value for wildlife. Any increased route density or recreational pressure could compromise the value of this area to wildlife, as well as the opportunity it provides to hunters. User created trails are beginning to show up in this area and work is needed to be done to stop future damage to the area. CPW recommends inventorying and rehabilitating user created trails in the area to maintain its high wilderness values and existing uses.
Cathedral South Montane	Gunnison	Montane	Secondary	G23 & La Garita Wilderness	High	Yes	High	High	Mod	High	High	High	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, Mountain Lion, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	This area serves as a migration corridor between the S52 and S22 bighorn herds. CPW recommends managing this area consistent with the adjacent La Garita Wilderness to protect its existing wilderness values and and the high quality wildlife habitat it contains.
Wager Crk West	Gunnison	Montane/Alpine	Secondary	G26	High	Yes	High	High	Low	High	High	High	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, pika, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	The road and trail system neighboring this area is limiting the distribution of wildlife on all sides. This area serves as a bighorn sheep migration corridor between the south and northern portions of the S33 herd. It served as one fo the first known occupied lynx and denning habitats. CPW recommends managing this area to limit access to existing routes and increase monitoring and enforcement so that no unauthorized trails are constructed.

Big Blue Montane	Gunnison	Montane	Secondary	OG1	Moderate	Yes	High	High	Low	High	Low	Mod	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	Wildlife in this area has been significantly impacted by a motorized single-track trail that runs from the Big Blue Drainage into the Little Cimmaron drainage. CPW recommends evaluating possible conversion of this trail to non-motorized use to increase its habitat value for wildlife.
Almont Triangle Corridor	Gunnison	Montane/Sagebrush	Primary	G10	Moderate	Yes	Mod	High	High	High	High	Low	High			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Mountain Lion, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	The Almont Triangle and surrounding areas to the North, East, and South, not only provide deer, elk, and bighorn sheep habitat throughout the year, it provides one of the most critical wildlife migration corridors for deer, elk, and bighorn sheep in the Gunnison Basin. Adjacent developments and highway traffic is constricting the movements of these ungulates. This area serves as a documented pinchpoint for ungulate movements to critical winter ranges to the south. Future increases in recreational and other off-highway traffic in the Almont area threaten the longterm viability of large populations of elk and deer, an important bighorn sheep population, and the federally listed Gunnison sage-grouse. Due to the significance of this area, CPW recommends no additional routes of any kind be constructed, and that access be limited to existing routes.

Flat Top West and Flat Top East Corridors	Gunnison	Sagebrush	Primary	G6-136	Moderate	Yes	Low	Mod	High	High	Low	Low	High			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Mountain Lion, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, olive-sided flycatcher	This is one of the most important habitat areas for Gunnison sage-grouse within the species' range, which includes numerous active leks, nesting, brood-rearing, and winter range habitats for sage-grouse. Due to the sheer number of grouse in this area it has been a source area for trap and transplant efforts. CPW also continues to quantify the significance of this area as critical winter range, and as a key migration route for elk and mule deer in the Gunnison Basin and surrounding Game Management Units. CPW has worked collaboratively with the USFS over the last several decades to protect and enhance the wildlife values in this area; travel management decisions, habitat enhancements, and seasonal motorized travel restrictions are examples of that collaboration. CPW strongly recommends that any future land-use decisions, particularly in terms of expanded recreational uses, access, or infrastructure, protect or enhance the current conditions for wildlife in this area.
Carbon Creek and Red Mountain Corridors	Gunnison	Sagebrush/Montane	Primary	G6-128 & G6-136	Moderate	Yes	High	High	Mod	High	Low	Low	Mod			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Mountain Lion, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, olive-sided flycatcher	These corridors are an extension of the Flat Top ungulate migration corridor to the south. CPW continues to document the significance of this area as a key migration route for elk and mule deer in the Gunnison Basin and surrounding Game Management Units. The area has traditionally been a very popular destination for big game hunters in Gunnison County. CPW is especially concerned with elk distribution in the Ohio Creek drainage, based on the burgeoning use by elk of private lands that may be partially a result of pressures on public lands in this area. CPW encourages the USFS to maintain minimally fragmented elk habitat on public land adjacent to private lands in the Red Mountain, Carbon Creek, and Ohio Creek areas by maintaining the current route system with no additional new routes.

Signal Peak Critical Sage Brush	Gunnison	Sagebrush	Primary	None	None	No	Low	Mod	High	High	Low	Low	Mod			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Mountain Lion, Brewer's sparrow, red- naped sapsucker, sage sparrow, northern harrier, logger-head shrike, olive-sided flycatcher	This area is critical Gunnison sage-grouse habitat providing all of the seasonal habitats required throughout their annual life-cycle. It is important ungulate habitat year-round and provides areas for rearing young. Bighorn sheep from the Taylor River make excursions into the canyons of this area, as it overlaps with the Almont Triangle Ungulate Migration Corridor. Desires to develop this block of land for high-density year-round human recreation threatens the ability of these sagebrush dependent species to survive these harsh winters. If winter (December 15th to May 15th) recreation (skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling) increases, some wildlife may be forced into less optimal habitats, resulting in reduced over-winter survival. CPW recommends that recreation in this habitat be limited to the summer seasons, avoiding the December 15th to May 15th time period when big game are dependent on winter and transition ranges to survive, and avoid the March 15 to June 30th time period when Gunnison sage-grouse are breeding, nesting, and rearing young.
Soap Creek Corridor	Gunnison	Montane	Primary	GP1	High	Yes	High	High	Mod	High	High	Mod	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Wild Turkey, Mountain Lion, pine marten, northern goshawk, flamulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, olive- sided flycatcher	Recent studies have corroborated the significance of this area as a migratory corridor for elk and mule deer across the West Elk region. Based partially on the high wildlife values of this area, the 2010 USFS Decision Record for travel management reduced motorized trail density in Soap Creek, while continuing to afford reasonable access to the West Elk Wilderness and public lands outside of Wilderness. For future planning purposes, CPW recommends management for this area that retain a wildlife emphasis, maintain its wilderness values, and has a more primitive ROS designation.
Ohio City Corridor	Gunnison	Montane	Secondary	G32	Moderate	No	Mod	High	Mod	High	Mod	Low	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Mountain Lion, pine marten, northern goshawk, flamulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-	The Ohio City Corridor is important for migrating animals from montane to winter ranges surrounding the Quartz Creek Drainage. Both elk, and more importantly, mule deer utilize this area for migration in the fall to their wintering range. The creation of new trails or re-opening of roads in this area would impact animals in this area as they are dealing with challenging winter conditions. CPW recommends maintain the existing designations, levels of access, and recreational use in this area.

Cochetopa Hills Corridor	Gunnison	Montane	Secondary	G30	Moderate	No	Mod	Mod	Mod	High	Low	High	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Pronghorn, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	This area is an important migration corridor between the two major Canada lynx populations in Colorado. If canopy cover is opened up through natural or managed fire, this relatively low elevation area may also serve as a potential migration corridor for pronghorn between the San Luis Valley and Gunnison Basin. The relatively low elevation of the Cochetopa and North Pass allow elk and deer easily cross this pass while on seasonal migrations and even in extreme winters when the Gunnison Basin is impacted by deep snows. If increases in hiking activities (i.e., Colorado Trail or Continental Divide Trail) or motorized recreation travel were to expand in these areas, these wildlife migration corridors could be impacted. CPW recommends management that maintains the existing intensity and distribution of recreational uses in this area.
Kannah Creek Drainage	Grand Mesa	Montane	Primary	GV5	Moderate	Yes	High	High	Mod	Mod	Mod	Low	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	The area is critical for aquatic and terrestrial wildlife and also provides a unique roadless area in the otherwise heavily roaded Grand Mesa. In order maintain the unique characteristics of this area on the Grand Mesa and its existing wilderness values and value to wildlife, CPW recommends that access to the entire Kannah Creek drainage below the rim of the Grand Mesa be managed for foot and horseback travel only, and that all mechanized and motorized travel be restricted in this area.
Grand Mesa Divide North	Grand Mesa	Montane	Primary	GV6 & GV7	Moderate	Yes	High	High	Low	Mod	Low	Low	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	This area has significant value for wildlife. CPW recommends management that emphasizes existing wilderness values and no increase in the number or density of motorize or mechanized routes in this area.

Battlements	Grand Mesa	Montane	Primary	GV9-28 & GV9-49	Moderate	Yes	High	High	High	Mod	High	Low	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	The Battlement bighorn sheep herd is one of only five native, low-elevation herds in Colorado and is a unique and important resource in the Grand Mesa National Forest. The Battlements provide critical sanctuaries for ungulate offspring rearing. CPW recommends management that emphasizes existing wilderness values and no increase in the number or density of motorize or mechanized routes in this area.
Lizard Head Alpine/	Ouray	Alpine/Montane Mix	Primary	N5, N6, N4, N12	Moderate/High	Yes	High	High	Low	Low	Low	High	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, White-tailed ptarmigan, brown-capped rosy finch, pine marten, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	This area has significant habitat value for wildlife. CPW recommends that this area be managed to maintain or increase its wilderness values consistent with the adjacent Lizard Head Wilderness, and that future management limits motorized and mechanized travel to existing routes.
Yellow Mountain	Norwood	Alpine/Montane Mix	Secondary	N4	Moderate	yes	high	High	low	low	low	High	low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, White-tailed ptarmigan, brown-capped rosy finch, pine marten, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	This area has significant habitat value for wildlife. CPW recommends that this area be managed to maintain or increase its wilderness values consistent with the adjacent Lizard Head Wilderness, and that future management limits motorized and mechanized travel to existing routes.

Lone Cone	Norwood	Montane	Secondary	N7	Moderate	no	High	High	Mod	High	low	low	low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Mountain Lion, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	This area has significant habitat value for wildlife and is very popular with sportsmen. In order to maintain its value for wildlife and sportsment, CPW recommends maintaining the current mix and intensity of recreational use in this area without expansion.
Little Cimarron	Ouray/ Gunnison	Montane	Primary	OG1/O1NW	moderate	yes	High	High	low	high	Mod	Mod	low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	This area has significant habitat value for wildlife. CPW recommends that this area be managed to maintain or increase its wilderness values consistent with the adjacent Uncompahgre Wilderness, and that future management limits motorized and mechanized travel to existing routes.
Turret Ridge	Ouray	Montane/Alpine	Primary	O1E	High	yes	High	High	low	Mod	High	Mod	low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, white tailed ptarmigan, lynx, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew, olive-sided flycatcher	This area has significant habitat value for wildlife. CPW recommends that this area be managed to maintain its existing high wilderness values consistent with the adjacent Uncompahgre Wilderness, and that future management limits motorized and mechanized travel to existing routes.

Upper Tabeguache/ Cottonwood	Norwood	Montane/Mountain Shrub	Primary	Tabeguache/ N10/none	Special/Low /None	yes/no	High	High	High	High	low	low	low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew	N10 to the east of 25 Mesa Road is an important elk calving and roadless area. It is ranked as low for wilderness characteristics on GMUG Wilderness Evaluation, likely due to size, shape and presence of nearby private lands, but the Tabeguache Area received Special Area designation by Congress in 1993. Upper Cottonwood (West side of Plateau) between N10 and County Road 90 is not ranked for the wilderness evaluation, likely due to old, closed roads, and other manmade disturbances. CPW recommends that the closed roads in the area should be maintained status quo as it is an important elk calving, summering and transition area.
Roubideau	Ouray	Montane/Mountain Shrub	Secondary	O8	Special	yes	Mod	Mod	Mod	High	Low	Low	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew	This area borders a BLM Wilderness Study Area (Camel Back), and is presently managed roadless and non motorized with Special Area designation. It provides one of the very few places for a backcountry experience on the Uncompahgre Plateau, with quality year round deer, elk and bear habitat and hunting opportunity. There are numerous natural ponds and water sources in this area. In order to maintain this unique habitat on the Ucompahgre Plateau, CPW recommends that this area be managed to maintain or increase its existing wilderness values, and that future management limits motorized and mechanized travel to existing routes.
Long Canyon/ Deep Canyon/ Beaver Dam/ Campbell	Grand Valley	Montane/Mountain Shrub	Primary	GV2	moderate	yes	high	high	high	High	low	low	low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew	There is a seasonal use motorcycle trail that runs through this area, but otherwise it is all nonmotorized. CPW recommends limiting motorized and mechanized travel to existing routes in order to maintain the wildlife values in this area.

Kelso Mesa/ Middle Point	Grand Valley	Montane/M ountain Shrub	Primary	GV01	high	yes	High	High	High	High	Low	Low	Low	high		Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew	This are contains a roadless area running from the North Bench of Love Mesa to Kelso Creek. It is the only place on the north end of GMU 62 for those looking for a backcountry experience and the only undesignated place in the area with high wilderness characteristics. The only wheeled or mechanized use of the area has traditionally been horse drawn carts from one outfitter with private land access to Kelso Mesa. Quality year round elk, deer, bear and turkey habitats exist on the mesas and extend from lower elevation pinyon-juiper forests all the way up to oak/aspen mixes. There are numerous natural ponds and water sources. CPW recommends maintaining the existing high wilderness values of this area and the current level of recreation without expansion.
Naturita Canyon	Norwood	Montane/M ountain Shrub	Secondary	N8	moderate	yes	Mod	Mod	High	High	Low	Low	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew	This area contains important deer and elk winter range and a migration corridor. It contains ponderosa pine and oakbrush habitat with a quality water sources during dry years. CPW recommends maintaining the current level of recreation in this area without expansion.
Horsefly	Norwood	Montane/M ountain Shrub	Primary	N9	low	yes/no	High	High	High	High	Low	Low	Low			Dusky Grouse, Black Bear, Moose, pine marten, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, red-naped sapsucker, boreal owl, pygmy shrew	There is a large amount of authorized motorized single track traffic in the area. Even with this traffic the area supports calving areas and is heavily used by elk and deer in the spring, summer, and fall depending upon the weather. In drought conditions, the springs in the upper reaches of the creeks are the primary water sources. In order to maintian existing wildlife use of the area, CPW recommends limiting motorized and non-motorized access to existing routes and no increase in motorized or non-motorized travel.