

	Measure	No Action	Alt W	Alt X	Alt Y	Alt Z
Habitat/Air/Water/Economy						
	Clean water	2	4	5	3	2
	Clean air	4	1	5	3	2
	Wood products	1	4	5	3	2
	Forage	1	4	5	3	2
	Flood control	2	4	5	3	2
	Soil stabilization and landslide protection	2	4	5	3	2
	Category Avg.	2.00	3.50	5.00	3.00	2.00
Hunting/wildlife						
		Varies by species				
	Elk, Mule Deer, Moose, Wolf, Cougar, Grouse, Turkey, Weasel, Badger, some birds	2	4	5	3	2
	bighorn sheep, snowshoe hare, chukar, river otter, red fox, mink, skunk, raccoon, and aquatic birds	5	5	5	5	5
	American Beaver	4	4	4	4	4
	Forest birds	5	3	2	4	5
	Mountain Goat	3	5	1	3	2
	Black Bear	4	3	3	5	4
	American Marten	4	4	2	3	4
	Bobcat	3	4	5	3	3
	Fish	2	4	5	3	2
	Cultural values (inspiration and health)	5	3	2	4	4
	Cultural values (historic resources)	4	4	2	3	5
	Cultural values (mining - preserving negative history)	-4	-1	-5	-3	-2
	Aesthetics (scenery)	2	5	1	3	3
	Category Avg.	3.00	3.62	2.46	3.08	3.15
Recreation						
		Vary by type of preferred recreation opportunity				
	Motorized recreation (this is a negative when additional to extant)	-1	-3	-5	-3	-3
	Mechanized recreation (this is a negative when additional to extant)	-3	-1	-5	-2	-3
	Quiet recreation (i.e. non-motorized or mechanized)	5	3	2	4	4
	Category Avg.	0.333	-0.333	-2.667	-0.333	-0.667
	Overall Score	2.36	3.05	2.45	2.59	2.32

We need clarification on these scores. Why would Alt. X lead to cleaner air/water than Alt. W? A combination could be used to satisfy clean Air/Water needs, Flood/Soil stabilization, using both Wilderness Designation AND Timber Practices.

Motorized and mechanized recreation are available in high abundance across Idaho and USFS/BLM in general. We are not at risk of running out of places that allow mechanized/motorized travel and recreation. Non-mechanized/non-motorized areas are not only ecologically important, but the LIMITED resources of solitude and silence are growing more elusive every year. Increased "opportunities" for mechanized/motorized recreation will continue to take away from "quiet" recreation opportunities and the experiences of nature. Increased motorized access in the backcountry does not have to be "inevitable", and does not have to happen for the motorized users to have their experience. It is not right to provide one group with "more" while taking from other groups. We are not getting more roadless or backcountry areas every day. We are losing them.

"Quiet" recreation is certainly a limited resource, but can also be very renewable and enjoyed by many people. A complicated example of quiet recreation is permitted river floats as on the Selway and Salmon rivers. For many reasons, it's clear that this opportunity and resource is not unlimited, but permits allow it to be available in a fair distribution and allow the experience to be renewable for many rafters every year. A caveat to this would be permissance of motorized "jet boats" up and down rivers such as the Middle Fork Salmon in the Frank Church Wilderness. The intention of allowing these motorized craft up the river seems to have been to more easily enable people to experience the river and perhaps avoid taking away "traditional use" (although I'm not sure what jet boats were around in the 1960's). However, the result is an experience very unike that of a Wilderness or Wild and Scenic River. The once-available opportunity for quiet and challenging rafting experiences is thus stolen from even those trying to do it the "quiet" way and the tourism built around the rafting creates a feeling closer to something in an amusement park.

From "my" perspective and grading, Alt. W seems to be the "best" option, but it is certainly imperfect like each of the others. Clearly, a combination of various aspects from the different alternatives is the "fair" and "practical" approach. It is highly likely that the Forest Planners will pick from various aspects, and it's important that we provide as much detail about what "we" want as possible.