

**Table 1. Comparison of alternatives by management area acres<sup>a</sup> and percent allocation (single designation based upon established hierarchy)**

Management Area	Alt A acres <sup>b</sup> (percent)	Alt B acres (percent)	Alt C acres (percent)	Alt D acres (percent)
1a Designated Wilderness	1,072,040 (45%)	1,072,040 (45%)	1,072,040 (45%)	1,072,040 (45%)
1b Recommended wilderness	98,388 (4%)	187,741 (8%)	506,919 (21%)	0
2a Designated wild and scenic rivers	17,605 (1%)	17,605 (1%)	17,605 (1%)	17,605 (1%)
2b Eligible wild and scenic rivers	0 <sup>c</sup>	19,259 (1%)	15,701 (1%)	31,615 (1%)
3a Administrative areas	1,919 (<1%)	435 (<1%)	435 (<1%)	435 (<1%)
3b Special areas	226	1,579 (<1%)	1,579 (<1%)	14,787 (1%)
4a Research natural areas	9870 (<1%)	7,820 (<1%)	2,423 (<1%)	8,544 (<1%)
4b Experimental and demonstration forests	6,602 (<1%) <sup>d</sup>	11,544 (<1%)	11,544 (<1%)	11,544 (<1%)
5a Backcountry non-motorized year-round	--	156,104 (7%)	61,052 (3%)	291,071 (12%)
5b Backcountry motorized year-round, wheeled vehicle use only on designated routes/areas	--	50,374 (2%)	441 (<1%)	50,365 (2%)
5c Backcountry: motorized over-snow vehicle use	--	99,196 (4%)	73,426 (3%)	117,650 (5%)
5d Backcountry: wheeled motorized vehicle use only on designated routes/areas	--	9,855 (<1%)	0	9,855 (<1%)
<b>5a-d Backcountry Total</b>	<b>401,018<sup>e</sup> (17%)</b>	<b>315,529 (13%)</b>	<b>134,919 (6%)</b>	<b>468,942 (20%)</b>
6a General forest low	74,381 (3%)	119,944 (5%)	214,603 (9%)	116,657 (5%)
6b General forest medium	208,304 (9%)	437,617 (18%)	258,056 (11%)	292,939 (12%)
6c General forest high	496,898 (21%)	169,080 (7%)	125,946 (5%)	297,095 (12%)
<b>6a-c General forest Total</b>	<b>779,583 (33%)</b>	<b>726,641 (30%)</b>	<b>598,605 (25%)</b>	<b>706,691 (30%)</b>
7 Focused recreation areas	5,557 (<1%) <sup>f</sup>	32,615 (1%)	31,037 (1%)	60,903 (3%)
<b>Total Forest Acres</b>	<b>2,392,807</b>	<b>2,392,807</b>	<b>2,392,807</b>	<b>2,392,807</b>

a. Acres and percentage from GIS dataset. The official acres for NFS lands and wilderness areas can be found in the land area report, <http://www.fs.fed.us/land/staff/lar-index.shtml>.

b. Alternative A, the no-action alternative, is included even though it does not use the management areas shown in the draft forest plan. See table 3 for a crosswalk of the 1986 plan management areas to those used in the draft forest plan and the action alternatives.

c. Acres of eligible wild and scenic rivers in the existing plan are the same as in the action alternatives (see Table 5). However, they were not assigned a MA in the existing 1986 forest plan, and were not mapped for the DEIS.

d. Miller Creek Demonstration Forest (4942 acres) was not assigned a management area in the existing 1986 plan.

e. The existing plan does not differentiate backcountry areas like the action alternatives; thus all backcountry acres are combined.

f. There is no MA in the existing 1986 forest plan equivalent to Focused Recreation Areas. These acres are the Round Meadow and Essex cross country ski areas and the mapped developed recreation sites.