

SUBLETTE COUNTY FOREST COLLABORATIVE
OPTIONS GENERATED DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2021
AND RESULTING DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Options by Location	Objective	Draft Recommendation
Upper Green/Union Pass		Upper Green/Union Pass
Farm Bill CE	Timber harvest	We recommend the USDA Forest Service implement timber harvests/fuels reduction as a Categorical Exclusion under NEPA to improve forest health at Union Pass and the surrounding area.
Cow Camp Sale	Timber harvest	Implement a timber harvest under the Good Neighbor Authority at Cow Camp to improve forest health.
Improve access to Upper Green, boat launches; rivers and high elevation lakes	Recreational Access	Improve recreational access in the Upper Green watershed by seeking opportunities to improve road and trail systems. Additionally, seek opportunities to establish boat launch sites along the green river.
East Rim		
WUI/Fuels	WUI	Conduct a fuels reduction treatment on the East Rim from the Rim Station to
Fire prevention / WUI	WUI	



		Kendall Valley to achieve fuels mitigation and forest health in identified WUI areas.
Trails for recreation and grazers	Access	Maintain and improve trails for recreational and grazing purposes to reduce erosion and increase longevity of trails.
Blowdown		
Trails Clearing	Access	Address impacts related to the blowdown on trails and roads.
Roads Clearing	Access	
Trail opening - 2021 –	Recreational Access	
Chainsaws to reduce impact	Access	Recommend the USDA Forest Service enable the use of chainsaws where appropriate to clear trails in Wilderness in the Blowdown area.
Chainsaws in wilderness to maximize efficiency	Access	
Chainsaws in wilderness – Regional Forester can assist with this issue.	Access	
USFS Concentration on system trails VS non-system trails - balance	Recreational Access	
Use trails as fuel breaks		
Fuels reduction - long term	WUI	Conduct a fuels reduction treatment in the Blowdown area where appropriate to achieve fuels mitigation and forest health in areas with heavy fuel loading.

Possible timber sales associated with blowdown salvage	Timber harvest	Use mechanical timber harvesting to salvage blowdown trees to recover economic and resource benefits and reduce fuels in Blowdown areas.
Grazer permit trails	Access	Recommend the USDA Forest Service coordinate and collaborate with partners to clear trails to improve access for grazing permittees and outfitters.
Boundary Fence issues	Grazing Fencing	Need help to repair and replace fencing where necessary in the Blowdown area.
Invasive Species Issues caused by disturbance or equipment	Invasive spp.	Ensure funding to be able to monitor, prevent and treat invasive species post blowdown clearing and other operations.
Adding weed prevention and monitoring	Invasive spp.	
Reserving treatments funds	Invasive spp.	
Opportunities in Previously Burned areas.		
Logging treatments- if there is enough timber sales and is profitable in size, timber sale improvement funds can help to fund recreation efforts.	Timber harvest	Use contracting methods for mechanical treatments that generate funds for other resource benefits.
Pursue industry options like in Evanston; firewood processing plant (or other).	Timber harvest	
Salvage projects	Timber harvest	
Overlap to address wildlife values	Wildlife Habitat	When planning projects in these areas, seek opportunities to improve terrestrial and aquatic habitat by addressing management options outlined in the WGFD Statewide Habitat Plan and the



		Wyoming Range Mule Deer Habitat Plan.
Muddy Ridge		
Bridge Replacement	Access	Replace Big Sandy bridge on state trust lands and improve roads on Muddy Ridge.
Muddy Ridge Bridge and Roads	Access	
Pre-identified sales and potential GNA	Timber harvest	Conduct cross boundary forest treatments through timber harvested fuels mitigation using Good Neighbor Authority
Big Sandy Opening		
Temple Summer Homes	WUI	Conduct a vegetation treatment around Temple Summer Homes and Big Sandy Lodge to reduce fuels.
Big Sandy Lodge	WUI	
Potential Salvage	Timber harvest	Use mechanical treatments to improve forest health.
Bridge	Access	Widen and improve the Big Sandy Opening Road and improve bridges to allow large trucks and visitors.
Road	Access	
Trailhead and Parking area	Access	Improve conditions at the Big Sandy Trailhead and Parking Area to reduce congestion and accommodate visitors.
Invasive Species		

Wilderness	Invasive Species	?
WSA EA	Invasive Species	Develop an Environmental Assessment for the(name).... Wilderness Study Area in order to reduce(invasive spp.).
Continued funding for maintenance	Invasive Species	?
Various		
Improve native winter range habitat for elk.	Wildlife Habitat	Seek opportunities to improve native winter range habitat for elk, particularly in areas that are associated with FGs.
Overall Wildlife Habitat	Wildlife Habitat	Consider wildlife values and implement restoration techniques in conjunction with additional projects types when possible (Fuels reduction, timber harvests, etc.) to improve terrestrial and aquatic habitat in crucial and restoration areas as described in the WGFD Statewide Habitat Plan.
Wildlife Habitat Restoration (Terrestrial & Aquatic)	Wildlife Habitat	<p>Seek opportunities to restore/improve habitat for wildlife, including both aquatic and terrestrial species. Options may include a variety of treatment scenarios that best fit project objectives with priority given to mechanical and/or prescribed fire in late successional aspen and mixed mountain shrub communities. Treatments to benefit aquatic systems may include, but not limited to, stream restoration, installment of BDAs, riparian vegetation enhancements (such as willow plantings), etc.</p> <p>In areas of the Upper Green, there are migration bottlenecks for pronghorn created</p>

		by encroachment of conifers – mechanical treatments to open these areas would be beneficial.
Elk Feedgrounds - need for enhanced access hunters, anglers and winter range for elk	Recreational Access	Improve winter native range for elk. Seek opportunities to improve winter range areas associated with elk feedgrounds. See Troy's additional language.
Timber Mgmt – roadway corridors, egress corridors, migration corridors, weed mgmt.	Timber Management	Part of the strategy below?
CWPP – important lever in the County unified support	CWPP	Recommend the County pursue sources of funding as means to update the CWPP.
Collaborative provide seed money to push the CWPP forward?	CWPP	
Sublette County Long Term Strategy		Add Recommendation regarding a 10-year strategy.
		Add recommendation to open things up e.g. around trails and roads outside Wilderness to create effective fuel breaks.
		List is not finite.
Strategic and tactical plan to deal with the slowdown.	Comprehensive Strategy	Recommend the Collaborative support creation of a long-term forest management strategy for the benefit of private enterprise for recommendation



		to the Bridger Teton National Forest, the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Forestry Division and State Lands and other landowners to create economic, recreational, forest resilience and wildlife habitat benefits.
Recon Flights with land managers and key collaborative members prior to spring	Comprehensive Strategy	
List of designated trails to evaluate access	Comprehensive Strategy	
Big Sandy and Elkhart Park – find a strategy to reduce/minimize impact in these areas	Comprehensive Strategy	Consider a public recreation permit for the future? Explore impacts of too many people in Wilderness?
Trails and recreation being a part of this effort.	Comprehensive Strategy	
Create a “task force” to determine priorities within & systematic approach	Comprehensive Strategy	
Blowdown areas (Forestwide)	Comprehensive Strategy	
Trail maintenance and recreation: Projects/ Coordination Subcommittee of the Collaborative?	Comprehensive Strategy	

