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Alternative A: No Action Theme: Current Management	Alternative B Theme: Mixed Emphasis	Alternative C Theme: Conservation	Alternative D Theme: Resource Use
		North Sand Hills ACEC.	Sand Hills SRMA. (
Action: No similar Action in current RMP.	Action: If Congress releases the Platte River Contiguous WSA or the Troublesome WSA from wilderness consideration, manage the lands under the following prescriptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• protect the non-motorized and non-mechanized recreation activity opportunities, primitive (undeveloped) physical recreation setting character, and scenic values;• close the areas to mechanized and motorized travel under Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management requirements; and• close these areas to mineral leasing.		
Wild and Scenic Rivers			
GOAL: No similar Goal in current RMP.	GOAL: Manage suitable river segments and identify suitable segments for inclusion in the NWSRS, protecting outstandingly remarkable resource values (ORVs) in accordance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (WSRA), and with applicable laws, rules, regulations, policies, standards, and guidelines. .		GOAL: No similar Goal.
Desired Outcome: No similar Desired Outcome in current RMP.	Desired Outcome: Manage all eligible segments to protect the free-flowing nature, ORVs, and tentative classification, pending congressional action or for the duration of the Approved RMP.		Desired Outcome: No similar Desired Outcome.
Action: Identify the following 15 river segments as eligible, and manage them under interim protection in order to preserve the free-flowing nature, ORVs, and tentative classification: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue River segment 2 (Recreational);• Blue River segment 3 (Recreational);• Colorado River segment 1 (Recreational);• Colorado River segment 2	Action: Alternative B1 -- Determine the following 2 eligible river segments as suitable: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colorado River (segment 4,	Action: Alternative B2 -- Defer a WSR suitability determination, and adopt and implement the Stakeholder Management Plan in order to	Action: Determine the following 15 eligible river segments as not suitable, and release them from interim management protections afforded eligible segments. This concludes the suitability study phase for these segments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue River segment 2 (Recreational);• Blue River segment 3
		Determine the following 15 eligible river segments as suitable, and apply interim protective management: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue River segment 2 (Recreational);• Blue River segment 3 (Recreational);• Colorado River segment 1 (Recreational);	

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<p>(Recreational);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado River segment 3 • Colorado River segment 4 • Colorado River segment 5 • Kinney Creek; • Muddy Creek; • North Platte River; • Piney River; • Rabbit Ears Creek; • Spruce Creek; • Sulphur Gulch; and • Troublesome Creek. <p>[See Maps 1-2 through 1-7). (See Table 2-3, Summary of Wild and Scenic River Eligible Segment Lengths and Corridor Acreages, for total segment lengths and segment study corridor acreages, as well as segment lengths on BLM-managed public lands, and segment study corridor acreages on BLM-managed public lands.) (See Appendix T.)</p>	<p>Recreational); and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado River (segment 5, Recreational) <p>Same as under Alternative D for the 13 eligible segments not determined to be suitable for inclusion in the NWSRS. Apply management prescriptions in order to protect the free-flowing nature, ORVs, and tentative classifications of the above river segments. (See Appendix T and Map 2-54 in Appendix A.)</p>	<p>protect the free-flowing nature, ORVs, and tentative classifications of Colorado River segments 4 (Recreational) and 5 (Recreational). If monitoring indicates the Stakeholder Management Plan is not adequately protecting the free-flowing nature, ORVs, and tentative classification, the BLM would initiate a process to evaluate suitability and determine if river segment 4 and segment 5 are suitable for inclusion in the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado River segment 2 • Colorado River segment 3 • Colorado River segment 4 • Colorado River segment 5 • Kinney Creek (Scenic); • Muddy Creek (Recreational); • North Platte River (Recreational); • Piney River (Recreational); • Rabbit Ears Creek (Wild); • Spruce Creek (Recreational); • Sulphur Gulch (Recreational); and • Troublesome Creek (Recreational). <p>(See Appendix T and Map 2-55 in Appendix A.)</p>	<p>(Recreational);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado River segment 1 • Colorado River segment 2 • Colorado River segment 3 • Colorado River segment 4 • Colorado River segment 5 • Kinney Creek; • Muddy Creek; • North Platte River; • Piney River; • Rabbit Ears Creek; • Spruce Creek; • Sulphur Gulch; and • Troublesome Creek. <p>(See Appendix T.)</p>

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		NWSRS. Apply management prescriptions in order to protect the free-flowing nature, ORVs, and tentative classifications of the above river segments. (See Appendix T and Map 2-54 in Appendix A.)	
(NOTE: Blue River segment 1 is on National Forest System lands and, due to mapping inconsistencies, was inadvertently analyzed for eligibility by the BLM. As a result, segment 1 is not being further considered in the BLM's suitability analysis.			
Action: No similar Action in current RMP.	Action: Close 2 segments that are suitable for inclusion in the NWSRS to oil and gas leasing. (See Maps 2-44 and 2-54 in Appendix A.)	Action: Close 15 segments that are suitable for inclusion in the NWSRS to oil and gas leasing. (See Maps 2-13 and 2-55 in Appendix A.)	Action: No similar Action.
Action: Establish the following interim protective management guidelines for all eligible segments: • approve no actions altering the free-flowing nature of the eligible stream segments through impoundments, channeling, or rip-rapping;	Action: Apply the interim protective management guidelines identified under Alternative A until designated or released to multiple use by Congress. In addition: • apply land use authorization avoidance on suitable stream segments classified as Scenic or	Action: Apply the interim protective management guidelines identified under Alternative A until designated or released to multiple use by Congress. In addition: • apply land use authorization exclusions (including solar	Action: No similar Action.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approve no actions that would measurably diminish a stream segment's identified ORV(s) affecting its potential suitability; and • approve no actions that would modify the setting or level of development of an eligible river segment to a degree that would change its tentative classification. 	Recreational; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply COAs, BMPs, and SOPs. (See Appendix D and Appendix E.) 	and wind development) on suitable stream segments classified as Wild; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply land use authorization avoidance on suitable stream segments classified as Scenic or Recreational; and • apply COAs, BMPs, and SOPs. (See Appendix D and Appendix E.) 	
Action: Interim protective management would be subject to valid existing rights.			Action: No similar Action
Restriction on Use: STIPULATION CO-CSU-28: Wild and Scenic River Segments -- Restrict surface occupancy or use within one-quarter mile of all rivers that are eligible or suitable for WSR designation in order to preserve their ORVs, free-flowing nature, and water quality; and their consequent recreational, social, economic, and environmental significance. [See Maps 2-4 (Alternative A), 2-5 and 2-54 (Alternative B), 2-6 and 2-55 (Alternative C), and 2-7 (Alternative D) in Appendix A.]			
Continental Divide National Scenic Trail			
GOAL: No similar Goal in current RMP.	GOAL: Establish a trail alignment in the Muddy Pass area, and identify resources to enhance the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST).		
Desired Outcome: No similar Desired Outcome in current RMP.	Desired Outcome: Protect resources associated with potential trail alignments in order to support current and future efforts to establish a connecting trail segment in the Muddy Pass area.		
Action: No similar Action in current RMP.	Action: Manage public lands in the Muddy Pass area in order to retain their natural settings for the establishment of a one-quarter-mile-wide trail alignment for the CDNST, and a viewshed corridor of up to 5 miles wide along the trail alignment. The width of the viewshed corridor could be reduced by topographic or vegetation features that provide screening.		