

The cross-country ski trail system will be expanded to meet anticipated demand. The proposed expansion of the White Pass Ski Area is expected to provide additional opportunities for downhill skiing.

**FIGURE IV-3
MILES OF TRAIL BY USER TYPE--WINTER**

User	Miles		
	Existing	Planned	Total
Snowmobile only	69	0	69
Snowmobile/ XC	95	19	114
XC Ski Only	49	43	92

Information and Education

Information

Public information services will be expanded in the first decade of the Plan to respond to demand. Expansion will encompass staffing as well as facilities, equipment, and written materials. The emphasis will continue toward sharing information services with other agencies and private outlets where possible. The Forest's public outreach programs will be intensified to allow certain segments of the public to become more familiar with recreational opportunities on the National Forest.

Education

Environmental education will focus on natural processes, human interaction with the natural environment, and cultural values. Key areas of the Forest for environmental education include Research Natural Areas, the NVM and the Cispus Learning Center.

The Cispus Learning Center will continue to be managed under permit as an outdoor education facility serving a broad spectrum of patrons, mainly public school students, as part of the Association of Washington School Principals and Educational Service

District No. 113. As an integral part of the Forest Plan, the following broad direction is applicable:

1. The Cispus Center Use Area of about 4,000 acres is recognized. The use area extends southward from the center to include the upper slopes of Burley Mountain. While the use area is not a formal land allocation, it does serve to identify those lands of greatest concern to the Center's administrators.
2. Within the use area are several Management Area Categories, including Wild/Scenic River, Administrative Site, Visual Emphasis, and Roded Recreation. In addition, an area of about 250 acres of mature/old growth is assigned to Special Interest, set aside at the request of the Center administration. Except for the Special Interest Area and the Administrative Site, Forest Service activities will occur normally, as governed by the Standards/Guidelines and other management direction. No additional reduction in timber harvest or other activities is expected in the use areas because of the Cispus Center.
3. The Burley Mountain and Covel Creek Trails No. 256 and 223 will be managed as Level I trails.
4. The Randle District Ranger will coordinate proposed activities within the use area with the Center Administration. Coordination includes providing advance notice, information and education, and possibly some agreement on the timing of Forest Service activities.

Special Interest Areas

Eight Special Interest Areas (under 36 CFR 294.1) amounting to 31,750 acres (Figure IV-4) will be managed to maintain the special features in a substantially natural condition and provide for an appropriate level of public access and enjoyment. An implementation schedule will be prepared for each of these areas within 10 years after approval of the Forest Plan.

Area Name	Prescription	Acres
Big Lava Bed	Geologic	14,540
Deadhorse Cave	Geologic	20
Dog Mountain	Scenic	*4,910
Falls Creek Lava Tubes	Geologic	520
Grassy Knoll	Botanic	2,070
Quartz Creek Big Trees	Botanic	90
Silver Star	Scenic	9,320
Weigle Hill	Botanic	280
TOTAL		31,750
* Included in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.		

In addition to the areas identified in Figure IV-4, there is a long list of special features identified by the Management Direction Code 9L which are also deserving of special management (see Appendix C). They include a wide range of features, such as waterfalls, scenic spots, caves, and botanical, historical, and geological sites. They differ from the above areas (Codes SD, GD, GL, and BL) in two respects. First, they are relatively small in size; they range from one to 1,250 acres. The second and biggest difference in these latter areas, however, is that they are not significant enough to qualify for classification under CFR-294.1.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

The following four river segments (113 miles) are recommended to Congress for designation as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Until Congress has taken action, values which make them eligible and suitable for Wild and Scenic Rivers designation will be protected on National Forest lands (except for approximately 1 mile of the Cispus River crossing private land).

Stream	Classification	Miles Within N.F.	Miles Total
Lewis River	Wild	4.0	4.0
	Scenic	29.0	29.0
	Recreational	0.0	1.5
Cispus River	Wild	6.8	6.8
	Scenic	39.7	*45.2
Muddy Fork	Wild	5.0	10.0
Cowlitz River	Scenic	1.0	1.5
Clear Fork	Wild	5.0	5.0
Cowlitz River	Scenic	10.0	10.0
TOTAL		100.5	113.0
* Does not include proposed Cowlitz Falls Dam backwater of 1 1/2 miles.			

Additional river segments (132 miles on 12 rivers) will require further study in order to determine suitability. This will require a separate environmental analysis, including documentation, for each river, and coordination with state and local governments and adjacent private landowners. Until these analyses are completed, the values contributing to their particular classification will be protected on National Forest lands.