

CHAPTER TWO - ALTERNATIVES

Introduction

The regulations governing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) call the alternatives the “heart” of an environmental analysis. The alternatives are described in comparative form to establish a clear basis among them.

Four alternatives were analyzed in the draft CMP. Based on the analysis of comments from the draft CMP, Alternative 4 has been modified to include a boat ramp at Wilson Farm and selective harvesting on State land pending the development of a forest management plan. All other aspects of Alternative 4 remain intact. Alternative 4 represents BLM’s and the State’s “Proposed Plan” or preferred alternative. All alternatives are described below and analyzed in Chapter Four.

Each alternative seeks in some way to meet the goals and objectives for the entire plan, while featuring some differences in resource use and focus, as well as management strategies. Because the Federal land at Douglas Point was acquired with Land and Water Conservation Funds, the range of uses for that tract is narrower when compared to some other BLM lands.

Alternatives

Table 1. Summary of Alternatives on page 2-7 describes in general terms the activities that would be allowed under each alternative. References to specific numbers or levels of use are for comparison purposes only. More specific analysis of some program activities would require the preparation of implementation plans and additional environmental assessments.

The table describes activities that are reasonably expected to occur based on site limitations and other factors, including the comments gathered through public scoping. Under BLM’s planning system these analytical assumptions help us analyze the environmental, economic and social impacts of each alternative.

Actions Common to All Alternatives

Regardless of the alternative, the following activities share the following criteria:

1. The structures at Maryland Point will be removed subject to availability of funding. BLM may determine that some of the structures may be kept and/or moved to support on the ground activities.
2. Hunting and fishing will be regulated on Federal land by the State of Maryland. Maryland Point will remain closed to hunting until the structures are removed and the property is deemed safe for public access.
3. Collection of fossils on Federal and State lands shall only be allowed below the mean high water mark on the Potomac River, which only may include exposed fossils that are on the surface of the beach. All fossil collection activities elsewhere on Federal and State lands are prohibited. Scientific collection may be permitted based on site-specific analysis for qualified research or educational institutions.
4. A permit is required from the Maryland Historical Trust for any disturbance of State land surfaces, including caves and submerged lands.

5. No Federal land purchased with Land and Water Conservation Act funding will be made available for mineral leasing. In addition, no other Federal land will be considered for mineral leasing to be consistent with State law that restricts fluid mineral extraction within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
6. The plan may determine if any or all the Federal properties will become Fee Demonstration Areas. State law will determine which if any fees can be imposed for use of its properties.
7. The plan will designate all Federal properties as Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMA).
8. Proposed uses will be evaluated for their potential to release hazardous materials into the environment. Use of hazardous materials/chemicals must comply with the Resource Conservation Recovery Act. Disposal of hazardous materials/chemicals is prohibited. The discovery of illegal dumping will be handled in accordance with the reporting, identification, and remediation requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.
9. All future management actions will include evaluation of environmental impacts within NEPA compliance and the State's project review processes.
10. All future management actions will be conducted in manner, which conforms to the objectives of the Maryland Air Quality Implementation Plan.
11. All wildland and structural fires in the planning area will be suppressed in an aggressive and safe manner. Applicable fire management practices will emphasize fire prevention, hazardous fuel reduction, rapid response and use of appropriate suppression techniques.
12. Management actions will be conducted in a manner conforming to the water quality management objectives that have been developed by the State of Maryland.
13. Measures for minimizing soil erosion will be made on a site-specific basis through evaluation of management actions and implementation of best management practices.
14. The terms, "high", "moderate", and "minimal" have been used in the CMP to provide reviewers with relative rates of use and development predicted under each alternative. The planning team did not establish specific numbers as these will developed during implementation planning. In general, use and development would be highest under Alternative 3 followed by Alternative 4 and 2. Use and development under The Proposed Plan would be "moderate".

In addition, the following section describes procedural determinations required by BLM planning guidance.

Air Quality

Prescribed burns, if any, must comply with the State Implementation Plan requirements from smoke (particulates). This procedure requires a burning permit from the State prior to conducting a prescribed burn.

Archaeology/Paleontology

Prior to authorizing any ground disturbing activities on Federal land, BLM will conduct an inventory under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

No BLM lands will be designated as an ACEC.

Land Acquisition

All land acquisitions, fee or less than fee, will be through exchange, purchase or donation. Acquisitions will be from willing sellers. The power of eminent domain will not be used to acquire Federal land. While the boundaries of the planning area encompass private lands, no particular tract is targeted for acquisition in the future. If only part of a property is identified for acquisition and the remainder would leave the owner with an uneconomic remnant, the BLM will acquire the entire property as required by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisitions Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646, 84 Stat. 1904 Sec. 301(9)). It may be in such cases that lands outside of the planning area could be acquired.

Land Use Authorizations

Rights-of-way, leases and permits will be issued on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with the decisions established in the coordinated management plan.

Livestock Grazing

Grazing will not be authorized on any BLM lands affected by the coordinated management plan.

Locatable Minerals

The Mining Law of 1872 is not in effect in the State of Maryland.

Mineral Leasing

No BLM lands will be open to fluid or solid mineral leasing. Mineral leasing is considered an incompatible use of the lands acquired because of the congressional mandate set forth in the appropriations act.

Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP)

Under the R&PP Act, BLM has the authority to lease or patent public land to governmental or not-for-profit entities for public parks, building sites and other public purposes. R&PP leases and patents will be issued in accordance with the decisions set forth in the coordinated management plan and will be processed under the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Rights-of-way

One existing communications tower located in the southern portion of Parcel A on Douglas Point tract is currently leased to the State of Maryland for use by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems and Charles County for transmission of emergency radio signals. BLM will honor these existing leases and issue a right-of-way (ROW) grant to the lessees when the plan is completed. If the lessees wish to consider subleasing space for commercial purposes on the existing tower, BLM would impose fees per its authorities and rent schedule. The remainder of Parcel A (BLM's tract) will be a ROW avoidance area.

The Maryland Point tract will be open to ROW applications, pending site-specific analysis and conformance with other plan goals for the tract.

The Chesapeake Bay Critical Area is an avoidance area for rights-of-way, except for the existing communications tower at Douglas Point.

Special Status Species

Prior to undertaking any implementation activities, all requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, will be fulfilled.

Utility Corridors

Presently, the planning area has no designated utility corridors on the BLM-owned tracts at Douglas Point or Maryland Point. Because of the scattered nature of the BLM lands in the planning area no corridors will be designated beyond the power line to the communications site on Parcel A at Douglas Point.

Rights-of-way will be issued to promote the maximum utilization of any current utility lines and include joint use wherever possible.

Alternatives Considered but Eliminated from Consideration

No specific alternatives were eliminated from consideration. However, specific activities or specific locations for certain activities cannot be considered because of geographic limitations or legal restrictions. For example, motorized boat access at Maryland Point, Douglas Point and Purse State Park was examined, but not considered viable options because these locations are exposed to large fetches of the Potomac River, adjacent to steep bluffs and/or are forested. It would consequently be cost prohibitive to use any of these locations for motorized boat ramps, as well complying with the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Act.

Motorized vehicle use at the Douglas Point tract was determined to be incompatible under the terms of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

Livestock grazing will not be considered for BLM land.

Linear rights-of-way corridors will not be considered for BLM land. The plan does analyze the impacts of the construction of emergency services communication towers.

Based on the planning criteria approved by the BLM State Director, no major facilities will be considered for the Federal portion of the Douglas Point tract. The State of Maryland may consider locating facilities and other amenities on its portion of the tract focusing on the area east of State Highway 224 and on the two Ben Doane Road tracts to the north.

Implementation and Monitoring

A key aspect of planning is the continual monitoring of implementation actions and analysis of environmental and other on-the-ground changes. This plan considers implementation of activities on several currently owned federal and state land management units (e.g., Douglas Point, Maryland Point and Purse State Park and Wilson Farm). It also considers future acquisitions and the potential activities associated with those properties. Therefore, implementation and monitoring will focus on both “real” and “hypothetical” actions and impacts.

When a land use plan is approved, many planning decisions are effective immediately. Examples include: desired outcomes and resource conditions, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), Visual Resource Management (VRM) class and off-road vehicle route designations and

areas open or closed to mineral leasing. These proposals are those that can be protested to the Director (See Dear Reader letter).

Other proposals are considered “implementation” level that can only be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) under the Title 43 Subpart 4 regulations. Examples of implementation decisions in the CMP have been identified as:

- Vegetation treatment practices, including weed control;
- Recreation facilities, including trails;
- Permitted use levels.

It should be noted that only proposals affecting the Federal properties can be appealed to IBLA. In addition, the environmental analysis is appealable to IBLA. Table 1 identifies the planning and implementation proposals.

Effect of the Plan Alternatives on State Lands

The BLM and Maryland DNR have developed the plan cooperatively. It is intended to provide management guidance on allowable uses for public lands within the planning area. However, given the plan has been developed under BLM’s planning rules, it is not required to make the same determinations or fulfill any Federal planning and management actions on State owned lands. Therefore at the conclusion of the planning process, BLM will make decisions affecting its federally owned lands and DNR will make decisions on State owned lands based on agency mandates and policies.

The Alternatives

The following section and Table 1 printed below describe the allowable uses under each alternative. Alternative 4 has been identified as the preferred alternative and, under BLM’s planning process, becomes the *Proposed Plan* in this document.

The alternatives have been designed to be distinct and flexible (See Table 1. Summary of Alternatives on page 2-7. They provide decisionmakers with a reasoned choice and the public a clear idea of what is being proposed. The alternatives, however, are not so prescriptive to preclude adjustments during implementation based on site-specific analysis or changed on-the-ground conditions.

Alternative 1 or the “no action” alternative would be a continuation of current management. This alternative, required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), provides a baseline to which other alternatives can be compared. Essentially, it consists of currently authorized activities. The BLM portion of the Douglas Point tract would be open to casual use only and the former-Maryland Point Naval Observatory would remain closed to the public (removal of the structures and other remediation can go forward without land use planning). No additional Federal land acquisitions would be authorized under this alternative.

State law will guide interim uses at Wilson Farm and its portion of Douglas Point until the plan is completed. Pursue State Park will continue to be managed as it is currently.

Alternative 2 emphasizes the area's cultural and historic resources and includes low intensity recreational use of the public land. Limited construction of new facilities, small campgrounds and trails would be allowed. Federal land acquisitions would be allowed, but would focus on protecting cultural resources at risk. No motorized vehicles would be allowed on the Douglas Point tract.

Alternative 3 considers a moderate level of recreation use. This alternative would allow the construction of boat ramps, interpretative signage and small- to moderate-sized campgrounds. Acquisition of new properties would be allowed based on the State's Green Infrastructure initiative, consistent with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

New facilities could include a visitor center to interpret the region's cultural and historical heritage, diversity and abundance of natural resource values and for other purposes. Construction of one or more parking lots would be considered; the exact location and size would be determined in future implementation planning. New trails could be built to connect public lands and consideration would be given to acquiring easements or purchasing land to construct the trails. Trails would be open to a variety of recreational pursuits, including hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. No Federal or State lands would be opened to off-road vehicle use.

Alternative 4 (Proposed Plan) evaluates the natural, heritage, and recreational opportunities recommendations from the "Nanjemoy Naturally" community vision plan. Potential activities would include the prohibition of siting facilities on the west side of MD State Route 224 on the Douglas Point tract. Trails and trail enhancements would be considered after the completion of site-specific assessments. This would be necessary to avoid sensitive resources and implement appropriate mitigation when necessary. No motorized vehicles would be allowed on the Douglas Point tract. Future uses for the Maryland Point property would be considered in a site-specific recreation implementation plan. Activities could include the construction of a campground and other visitor services and reforestation of much of the site.

This alternative proposes the construction of a boat ramp at Wilson Farm, near or at the existing location of the ramp. Prior to construction of the ramp and associated infrastructure, additional studies and project review will be conducted by the State to identify and mitigate possible impacts. It also includes selective harvesting on State land pending the development of a forest management plan. All other aspects of Alternative 4 from the draft CMP remain intact.

The plan will make decisions affecting all State and Federal land within the planning area boundaries. That includes the state-owned Wilson Farm, part of the Douglas Point tract, and Purse State Park, and BLM's Douglas Point property and former-Maryland Point Naval Observatory. Because each tract was acquired under a different authority, permissible activities may vary. Also, geographic constraints may limit uses, such as the critical area, wetlands, shorelines and other sensitive lands.

Maps depicting general direction for the affected parcels by alternative can be found in Appendix 16. The following table summarizes allowable uses for each parcel under each alternative. The table has been modified from the Draft CMP for Alternative 4 to include the boat ramp.

Table 1. Summary of Alternatives

Program Area	Alt No.	Douglas Point (State/Federal)	Maryland Pt. (Federal)	Wilson Farm (State)	Purse State Park (State)
Facilities and Use Management					
Parking area/trailhead construction Implementation Proposals	1	BLM/State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new parking sites at Douglas Point property Existing Parking by gate off Rte 224 No trailhead construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No developed parking No trailhead construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No trailhead or parking construction Parking by gate off Rte 224 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking would occur on existing lot off Rte. 224. Existing trailhead and main trail would be improved to reduce erosion problems
	2	BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed trailhead and small parking lot at each of three access points (gated) Maintain and sign 2 existing trails State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed parking sites (e.g. gravel or paved, lots 10-15 cars ea.) and trailhead construction-parking access would focus on perimeter of property off Rte 224. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small parking lot (gravel or paved) No trailhead construction; recreation non-structured and dispersed (e.g., picnicking, wildlife observation, beachcombing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed parking sites (e.g. gravel or paved 10-15 cars ea.) and trailhead construction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor improvements to existing parking site and improve trail and trail head to reduce erosion.
	3	BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2 State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed parking sites (Same as Alt. 2, except lots 10-40 cars ea. and trailhead construction parking sites would be situated within property to support other facilities or amenities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large parking lot (gravel or paved) Assess need for trailhead construction in connection with uses developed by implementation plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed parking sites (Same as Alt. 2, except 10- 30 cars each). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2: Minor improvements to existing parking site and improve trail and trail head to reduce erosion.

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	4	BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2 State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed parking sites (Same as Alt 3, except lots 10-30 cars ea.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium parking lot (gravel or paved) Assess need for trailhead construction in connection with uses developed by implementation plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed parking sites (Same as Alt. 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2: Minor improvements to existing parking site and improve trail and trail head to reduce erosion.
Signing Implementation Proposals	1	BLM/State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed for boundary, safety and other resource protection purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed for boundary, regulatory and safety purposes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed for safety and regulatory purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed for safety and regulatory purposes.
	2	BLM/State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal level of directional and interpretative signs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal level of directional and interpretative signs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signing for safety and regulatory purposes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signing for safety and regulatory purposes.
	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher level of directional and interpretative signs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher level of directional and interpretative signs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2
	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate level of directional and interpretative signs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal level of directional and interpretative signs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2
Interpretive sites Implementation Proposals	1	BLM/State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No interpretative facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No interpretative facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No interpretative facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No interpretative facilities
	2	BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide minimal level of sites to interpret area's cultural and other resources. No developed picnic areas. State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpretive trails-signs; kiosks; self-guided trails. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide minimal level of sites to interpret area's cultural and other resources. Developed picnic areas as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combination admin. office/visitor contact building (e.g. 1500 sq. ft.); interpretive trails-signs; kiosks; self-guided trails. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpretive trails-signs; kiosks; self-guided trails.

Program Area	Alt No.	Douglas Point (State/Federal)	Maryland Pt. (Federal)	Wilson Farm (State)	Purse State Park (State)
	3	BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide high level of sites to interpret area’s cultural and other resources. • No developed picnic areas. State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretive trails-signs; kiosks; self-guided trails; visitor and/or heritage interpretive center. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide high level of sites to interpret area’s cultural and other resources. • Developed picnic areas as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor-Heritage Center and contact station (e.g. 5,000 sq. ft.); interpretive trails-signs; kiosks; self-guided trails. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretive trails-signs; kiosks; self-guided trails.
	4	BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide moderate level of sites to interpret area’s cultural and other resources. • No developed picnic areas. State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretive trails-signs; kiosks; self-guided trails. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide moderate level of sites to interpret area’s cultural and other resources • Developed picnic areas as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as Alt. 3: Visitor-Heritage Center and contact station (e.g. 5,000 sq. ft.); interpretive trails-signs; kiosks; self-guided trails. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretive trails-signs; kiosks; self-guided trails.
Day Use Facilities (picnic tables and/or group picnic shelters (e.g. 10-50 people per shelter)) Implementation Proposals	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLM/State: No facilities-informal use for picnicking etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No facilities. Closed to public use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No facilities-informal use for picnicking etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No facilities-informal use for picnicking etc.
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State: No facilities-informal use for picnicking only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic tables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic tables only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No facilities-informal use for picnicking etc.
	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State: Picnic tables and shelters e.g. 20-50 people ea. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small picnic area, tables, grills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic tables, picnic shelters e.g. 20-50 people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No facilities-informal use for picnicking etc.
	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State: Picnic tables and shelters e.g. 20-50 people. ea. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as Alt. 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic table, picnic shelters e.g. 20-50 people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No facilities-informal use for picnicking etc.
Toilets Implementation Proposals	1	BLM/State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No
	2	BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide adequate sanitation facilities (pit toilets) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pit only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No

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	3	BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install pit toilets at one of the three trailhead/parking lot complexes. State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clivus or Pit; may require water for picnic group shelters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes (Clivus, pit and/or rest rooms with water) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No
	4	BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install pit toilets at one of the three trailhead/parking lot complexes. State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No
Implementation Proposals	1	BLM/State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No camping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No camping
	2	BLM/State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No camping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible site for small rustic campground. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No camping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No camping
	3	BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No developed campgrounds State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes (e.g. group camping, 10-30 people and/or 30+ individual sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible site for moderate size developed campground. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes (e.g. group and/or 30+ individual sites) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No camping
	4	BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No developed campgrounds State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes (e.g. group and/or 30 individual sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible site for moderate size developed campground. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No camping

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Off-road vehicles Planning Proposal	1	BLM • Closed to all motorized vehicles, except govt. personnel on official business or communication site lessees to operate and maintain comm. site. State • Closed to all motorized vehicles.	• Closed to all motorized vehicles except government personnel on official business.		
	2	BLM • Same as Alt 1 State • Closed to all motorized vehicles			
	3	BLM/State • Same as Alt. 1			
	4	BLM/State • Same as Alt. 1			
Competitive & special events Planning Proposals	1	• Not allowed	• Not allowed	• No	• No
	2	BLM • Field trips of students, professional groups and organized special interest groups. State • Subject to DNR project review and consistency with the plan.	BLM • Field trips of students, professional groups and organized special interest groups.	• Yes. Subject to DNR project review and consistency with the plan.	• Yes. Subject to DNR project review and consistency with the plan.
	3	BLM/State • Same as Alt 2	• Allowed by permit, subj. to project review.	• Same as Alt 2	• Same as Alt 2
	4	BLM/State • Same as Alt 2	• Same as Alt. 3	• Same as Alt 2	• Same as Alt 2
Filming	1	BLM/State • No commercial film permits	• No commercial film permits	• No commercial film permits	• Permits subject to DNR Project Review

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Planning Proposals	2	BLM/State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit minimal impact activities subject to project review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit minimal impact activities subject to project review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit minimal impact activities subject to project review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit minimal impact activities subject to project review.
	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2
	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2
Transportation and Access					
General Public Access Planning Proposals	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to casual use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to casual use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to hiking, wildlife observation, fishing and hunting by permit.
	2	BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to biking-existing trails. Open to equestrian use-existing trails. Open to hiking wildlife observation, fishing, beachcombing-not limited to existing trails. Equestrian use on existing trails. State. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to hiking, wildlife observation, and hunting by permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to camping, hiking and biking on trails. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to hiking, wildlife observation, fishing and hunting by permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to hiking, wildlife observation, fishing and hunting by permit.
	3	BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2 State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2, except also allows mountain biking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to camping, hiking and biking on trails. Widen access road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to hiking, wildlife observation, fishing and hunting by permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to hiking, wildlife observation, fishing and hunting by permit.
	4	BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 2 State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt. 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to hiking, wildlife observation, fishing and hunting by permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to hiking, wildlife observation, fishing and hunting by permit.
Trail construction	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new trails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing road/rail system only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing trail system only

Program Area	Alt No.	Douglas Point (State/Federal)	Maryland Pt. (Federal)	Wilson Farm (State)	Purse State Park (State)		
Planning Proposals	2	BLM/State • Develop primitive trail system focused on cultural and historic site interpretation (subj. to further planning).	• Develop trail system (subject to further planning).	• Signed primitive trail system.	• Signed primitive trail system.		
	3	BLM/State • Same as Alt. 2	• Same as Alt. 2	• Signed primitive and improved (e.g. ADA) trail system	• Same as Alt 2		
	4	BLM/State • Maintain and sign existing trails (N-S trail and E-W trail), assess possibility of developing new trails to connect BLM land with trails on State land.	• Same as Alt. 2	• Same as Alt 3	• Same as Alt 2		
Motorized Boat Ramps	1	BLM/State • No	• No	• No	• No		
Planning Proposals (Federal land only. Wilson Farm proposal cannot be protested)	2			BLM/State • No		• No	• Yes, subj. to project review
	3						
	4						
Non-motorized boat put-in	1	BLM/State • No	• No	• No	• No		
Planning Proposals	2	BLM • Yes State • NA	• Yes	• Yes			
	3	BLM/State					
	4	• Yes State • Yes					
Minerals							
Leasing	1	• Closed					
Planning Proposal	2						
	3						
	4						

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Forestry/Fire Management/Invasive Weeds					
Timber sales Planning Proposal (Federal land only. State proposals cannot be protested)	1	BLM/State • No commercial harvesting	• No commercial harvesting	• No commercial harvesting	• No commercial harvesting
	2	BLM/State • Same as Alt. 1	• Same as Alt. 1		
	3	BLM • No State • Selective commercial sales through state approved timber management plan			
	4	BLM • No State • Selective commercial sales through state approved timber management plan			
Invasive Weeds Planning Proposals	1	BLM/State • No herbicidal removal	• No herbicidal removal	• Removal by permit only	• Removal by permit only
	2	BLM/State • Removal in coordination w/ DNR (including use of herbicide)	• Yes, subject to environmental assessment		
	3		• Same as Alt. 2		
	4		• Same as Alt. 2		
Vegetation manipulation Planning Proposals	1	BLM/State • No fire treatment	• No fire treatment	• Per-fire management plan	• Per-fire mgmt. plan
	2	BLM/State • Per -fire mgmt. plan	• Per fire mgmt plan		
	3				
	4				
Realty					
Land acquisitions Planning Proposal	1	BLM • No additional fee acquisitions • Possible acquisition of other Federal land by transfer			

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(Federal authority to acquire only)	2	BLM • Focus on heritage resources at risk State • Yes			
	3	BLM • Acquisition of parcels within planning area to meet recreation or conservation goals through fee acquisition or easements. Acquisition criteria include State of Maryland’s GreenPrint program, BLM’s Land and Water Conservation Act ranking criteria and the goals developed in the CMP. State • Yes			
	4	BLM/State • Same as Alt. 3			
Land exchanges Planning Proposal (Federal authority to exchange only)	1	BLM • No			
	2				
	3				
	4				
Rights-of-Way (Communication sites, easements) Planning Proposal (Federal authority to grant ROWs only)	1	BLM • One existing comm. site (grandfathered) • No new sites State •	• No comm. sites	• Easements/ROWs submitted to DNR project review for consistency-conflicts with the plan. • Right of Entry for NVFD.	• Easements/ROWs submitted to DNR project review for consistency-conflicts with the plan.
	2	BLM • No additional surface disturbance, possible right-of-way grants on existing tower.	• Allow comm. sites, buried and aerial lines. • Where no reasonable alt. Exists. • Facilities must blend with landscape.	• Easements/ROWs submitted to DNR project review for consistency-conflicts with the plan.	• Easements/ROWs considered by Project Review for consistency –conflicts with plan.
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	4				
R+PP sales/leases Planning Proposal (Federal authority to issue R+PP sales/leases only)	1	• No	• No	• Not applicable	
	2		• Subject to project review and plan conformance		
	3	• No	• Same as Alt. 2		
	4		• Same as Alt. 2		

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Commercial permits/Leases (e.g., concessions, outfitters) Planning Proposals	1	BLM • No State • OK if consistent with plan.	• No	• -No	• -No
	2	BLM/State • OK if consistent with plan.	• Yes	• OK if consistent with plan.	• OK if consistent with plan.
	3	• Same as Alt. 2			
	4				
Land withdrawals Planning Proposal (Federal authority to withdraw land only)	1	BLM Only			
	2	• No			
	3				
	4				
Recreation Management					
Special Use Permits e.g. research, public-private events Planning Proposals	1	• No	• No	• No	• Yes-Through DNR project review only: e.g. research, local programs.
	2	BLM/State • Subject to review and consistency with plan.	• Subject to review and consistency with plan.	• Yes if consistent with plan.	• Yes if consistent with plan .
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	4				
Hunting Planning Proposal	1	BLM/State • Open to hunting, subject to State regulation.	• Closed to hunting	• Open to hunting	• Open to hunting
	2	• Same as Alt. 1	• Open to hunting subject to State regulation (subject to removal of buildings and clean up).		
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	4				
Other Program Activities/Designations					
ACECs (BLM land only) Planning Proposal (Federal authority to designate ACECs)	1	• No		• NA	• NA
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	3				
	4				
Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Category	1	• Not designated	• Not designated	• N/A	• N/A
	2	• Semi-primitive non-	• Rural		

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Planning Proposal	3	motorized.			
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Special Management Area	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not designated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not designated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Planning Proposal	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designated Special Recreation Mgmt Area (SRMA). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRMA 		
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	4				
Air Quality	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevention of Significant Deterioration Class 1. 			
Planning Proposal	2				
	3				
	4				
Livestock Grazing	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 			
Planning Proposal	2				
	3				
	4				
Endangered Species	1	BLM/DNR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain/protect bald eagle nest sites and territories. Conduct inventories for special status species (priority spp.-sensitive joint-vetch, dwarf wedge mussel). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct inventories for special status species (priority spp.-sensitive joint-vetch, dwarf wedge mussel). 		
Planning Proposal	2				
	3				
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Visual Resource Management class	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class IV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Planning Proposal (Federal authority to designate VRM class)	2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class III 		
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