

Alternative III - Alternative Action

This alternative would treat 491 acres through density management thinning. This alternative would not treat any Riparian Reserves. By not treating the Riparian Reserves, some upland areas would also not be treated (as compared to Alternative II) due to these areas being infeasible to treat.

Density management thinning (on the 491 acres) would remove a portion of the stands to provide room for the remaining trees to maintain or increase diameter growth. Trees cut but surplus to habitat needs would be removed for commercial use (see Appendix 5). Stand densities would average 60-155 trees per acre after treatment. Treatments would be accomplished using ground-based, skyline cable, and helicopter systems. The proposed projects would include renovation/improvement of 2.3 miles of existing roads (all of which would be decommissioned after use) and decommissioning/closing an additional 2.4 miles of existing roads. This alternative would enhance structural diversity through density management and begin to restore some late-successional habitat lost through previous management activities. Design features include retaining existing snags and down logs, leaving additional down trees after treatment, creation of snags, and releasing selected dominant trees. This alternative would set the stage for subsequent treatments (except within Riparian Reserves) that would maintain desired overstory and understory growth rates, initiate additional understory vegetation, and create snags and CWD when and where necessary.

This alternative could be accomplished by timber sale contracts sold in Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 and FY 2003, and/or service contracts, depending on funding. Appendix 2 contains detailed unit descriptions, Appendix 3 contains maps showing roads to be renovated and harvest system areas, and Appendix 4 contains the road decommissioning and closure details.

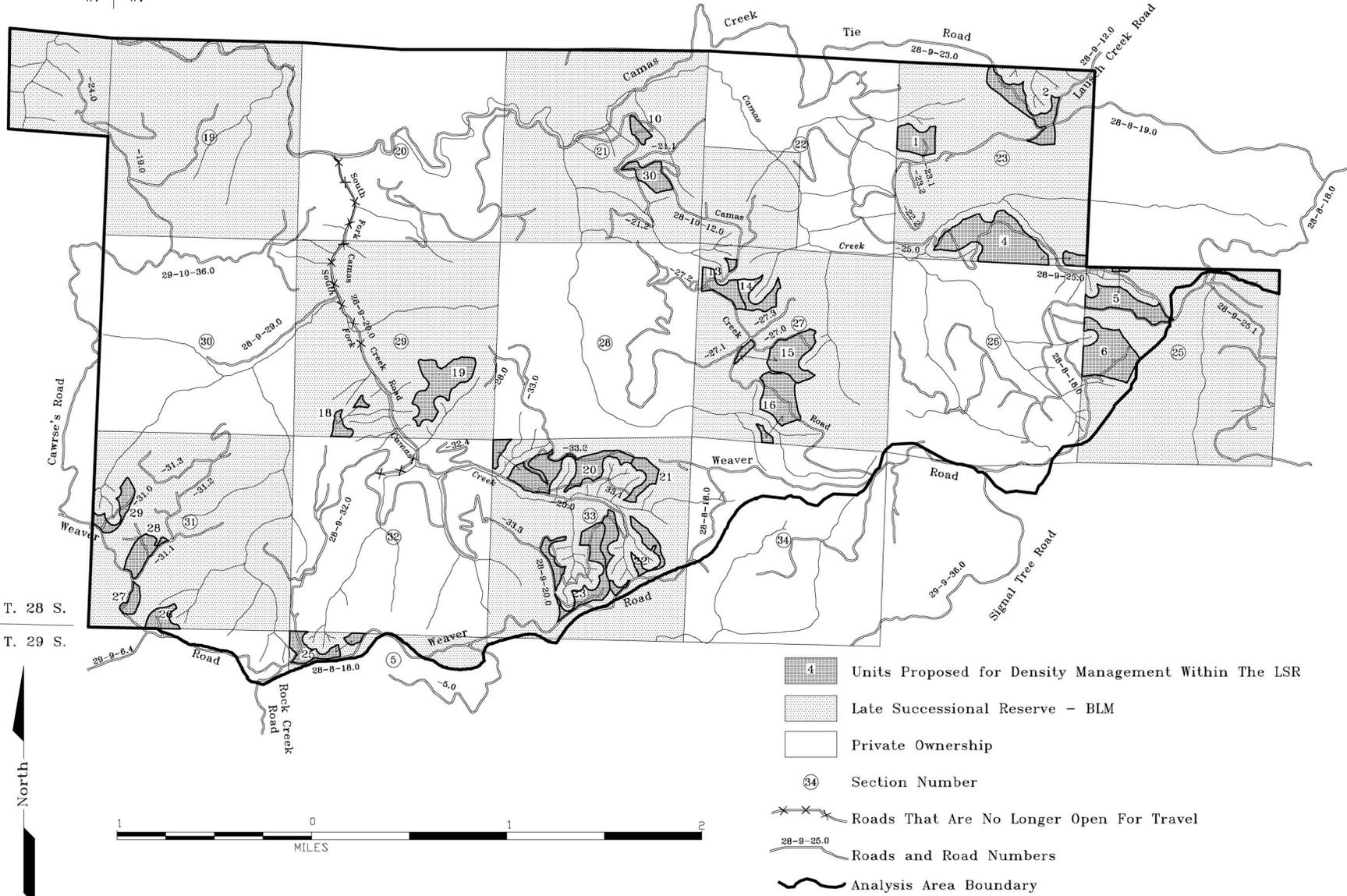
Design Features for Action Alternatives and Monitoring

Design features and monitoring can be found in Appendix 1.

Camas Analysis Area – LSR EA Alternative III – Alternative Action

R. 10
W. 10

R. 9
W. 9



- Units Proposed for Density Management Within The LSR
- Late Successional Reserve - BLM
- Private Ownership
- Section Number
- Roads That Are No Longer Open For Travel
- Roads and Road Numbers
- Analysis Area Boundary