

# Lewistown Field Office Special Designations

## Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

- To be designated as an ACEC, an area must meet **relevance** and **importance**
- **Relevance** (Must contain one or more of the following):
  - A significant historic, cultural, or scenic value
- **Importance** (Characterized by one or more of the following):
  - Has more than locally significant qualities
  - Has qualities or circumstances that make it fragile, sensitive, rare, irreplaceable, exemplary, unique, endangered, threatened, or vulnerable to adverse change
  - Has been recognized as warranting protection in order to satisfy national priority concerns or to carry out the mandates of FLPMA
  - Has qualities which warrant highlighting in order to satisfy public or management concerns about safety and public welfare
  - Poses a significant threat to human life and safety or to property

## Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)

- Distinct, primary recreation market
- An administrative unit where the existing or proposed recreation opportunities and recreation setting characteristics are recognized for their unique value, importance, and/or distinctiveness, especially as compared to other areas used for recreation.
- 3 types of SRMAs:
  - **Destination:** This SRMA is a recreation destination (such as a hiking trail, ski resort, wilderness) to which people travel from afar for a specific opportunity/experience. This market is usually national or regional.
  - **Community:** This SRMA is integral to the economy and identity of a local constituency, municipality, entity (such as an area a town considers its "own" or a local landmark). The market is usually local.
  - **Undeveloped:** This SRMA is valued for its wide open, vast, remote feel and the opportunities for "freedom" offered by undeveloped landscapes.

## Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA)

- No distinct recreation market
- An administrative unit that requires specific management consideration in order to address recreation use, demand, or Recreation and Visitor Services program investments.
- Recreation is one of several resources that are considered equally in the multiple-use, sustained yield approach to public land management.
- Not the same as an Undeveloped SRMA where BLM specifically plans to maintain an undeveloped character.

### Legend

- City
- Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail
- Nez Perce National Historic Trail
- Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
- Major River
- Interstate
- Highway
- County
- Outstanding Natural Area
- ACEC
- ERMA
- SRMA
- Wilderness Study Areas
- BIA - Indian Lands
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Private
- State Lands
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Forest Service
- National Park Service

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