

**Tri-County Commissioners Meeting
Colville National Forest Plan Revision
Three Rivers Ranger District Office
September 11, 2015**

Present:

Mike Blankenship (Ferry County Commissioners)
Steve Kiss (Pend Oreille County Commissioners)
Don Dashiell (Stevens County Commissioners)
Sheila Stalp (local representative for Cathy McMorris-Rogers' office)
Debbie Hollen (Assistant Director for Natural Resources, R6 Regional Office)
Rodney Smoldon (Acting Colville National Forest Supervisor), Amy Dillon (CNF Plan Revision Team Lead), Debbie Kelly (Plan Revision Public Affairs Specialist), Travis Fletcher (CNF Range & Invasive Plants Program Manager), Craig Newman (CNF RELM Staff Officer), Alicia Beat (CNF Archaeologist & Heritage Program Manager), Eric McQuay (CNF Recreation Staff/Acting Republic District Ranger), Marcy Rumelhart (note taker).

All agreed the first meeting on September 10 went well. It was a productive day with good questions, concerns shared, good solutions, and overall good dialogue.

The Commissioners addressed regional representative Debbie Hollen. Their position is to help in the plan revision process and want to be taken seriously. They were happy she was able to be at the meeting.

Debbie agreed and stated we absolutely want their help. That is why she is here and wants to work with the counties and forest to get this plan to print.

Agenda topics were provided by the commissioners (items that need follow-up are in *italicized text*):

Livestock Grazing – Travis

Commissioner Dashiell stated he would like to ensure the proposed plan maintains what we have (economic opportunities like grazing allotments) and have a chance for enhancements. There is a concern that some things in the proposed plan appear to be more like standards than guidelines. Concerned that we are putting a standard on grazing that can't be achieved. Of particular concern is the MA-GDL-RMA-09. Permitted Grazing Management - Greenline Vegetation Areas, and the stubble height number. The commissioners would feel better if there was *no stubble height number in the plan*.

Travis agreed that being too descriptive in the standards and guidelines (S&G) is not good and would be better left to project level planning. He discussed grazing S&Gs and what is appropriate to include in the proposed plan. He is concerned it is too restrictive.

Rodney stated if the permittees are doing things correctly then what's in the new plan won't be a problem. The WA cattlemen's association supports that. If something is found with site specific analysis at the project level, then a change could be made with a FP amendment.

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Amy – ultimately we need to show we are meeting the desired condition (DC). There will be numbers associated with the guidelines, with the caveat that it is reevaluated with project level NEPA. A number is needed to address the aquatic issues at hand, and consulting and regulatory agencies we answer to. *We will look at how it is worded in the plan and possibly make changes to that. We may incorporate the footnote (that has greater detail) into the main text. That might help it not look like a standard.*

All agreed this subject will need further discussion.

A GIS map was displayed with different layers for each alternative and grazing allotment boundaries on the forest. The map showed both active and vacant allotments. Travis explained the process for completing NEPA on the active allotments before reviewing the vacant allotments. Travis explained that some of the allotments are vacant due to some things like low capability (permitted number of head would be less than 20) or physical features make livestock management not feasible.

Discussion covered how the preferred alternative (P) will affect grazing and recommended wilderness. Grazing is a compatible use in wilderness. Under Alternative P would still be able to maintain access for the permittee such as using mechanical tools to cut out trails for getting stock in and out until Congress designated the area as wilderness. If designated by Congress, grazing would still be permitted, but non-mechanical means would be required for cattle management. (per phone call with Commissioner McCart [9/29/15]: *the commissioners would like more detail/clarification on how designation as wilderness could affect management of cattle allotments*)

Amy mentioned the discussion at yesterday's meeting regarding the special interest area (SIA) and what that would mean if we took recommended wilderness off and added the SIA. What would that mean for the allotments?

Travis – think it would be similar to what we have today. Would maintain the roadless character while not adding restrictions, would fit well.

Minerals/Lands & Special Uses – Craig

Minerals discussion covered areas of the forest that would be restricted from mineral entry, specifically the corridor created by the national scenic trail. If the trail corridor is withdrawn, will that create a barrier to mineral extraction?

Craig – in the trail corridor there would be no mineral entry, but if there is a resource under the trail that could be located and mined without surface disturbance, would be ok.

Eric's interpretation is this may be a holdover from the Pacific Crest Trail when we were still combined with the Okanogan-Wenatchee. *If so, we could move this to the "may authorize" section in the table.* Established mining claims would remain after the new plan is in place, regardless of recommended wilderness.

Special uses: there are some DCs but nothing that precludes what is already available. Craig stated the forest has the flexibility to expand recreation special uses in the proposed plan.

Heritage – Alicia

The commissioners had no concerns with heritage resources in the proposed plan, but asked about the number of sites, how they are accessed, monitored, and protected.

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Alicia provided an overview of the heritage program of work. Since most of the direction she follows is driven by federal law and regulation, the new plan does not really change anything. What did change was the guidance we get from the region for managing a successful heritage program.

Recreation/ Admin & Rec Sites/ Backcountry/Backcountry motorized/Nationally Designated Trails – Eric

Majority of the discussion covered Backcountry and Backcountry Motorized Management Areas.

Commissioner Blankenship stated there is a need for as much recreation in Ferry County as possible. The county focus is motorized recreation. The use of ATVs can bring big money to the economy, and there is concern about motorized restrictions in the new plan. He discussed the *2006 Ferry County Travel Management Plan given to the FS and would like to see it recognized in the new plan*. He would like to see loop routes developed in Ferry County. He mentioned there is direction somewhere that says no licensed ATVs on FS roads in Ferry County. That policy needs changed. There is a lot in the proposed plan he likes, but not sure the purpose and need is strong enough to include motorized recreation. There is not enough balance. Concerned about public awareness and signage. Since 2005 the county has asked the Forest about marking for ATV trails and there is nothing out there. Is there a way to get that in the plan? The plan seems to restrict more than expand.

Eric described the desired conditions for the backcountry motorized MA which emphasizes summer and winter motorized recreation. The seasonal restrictions are to protect resources. The backcountry feeling is semi primitive – *so may be able to highlight the DC* in terms of what one can expect, maybe the signing piece. We have talked about the signing piece, but there is no trailhead to send people to. Think we can *beef up the backcountry motorized DC*, even though the rest is in there, just need to drill down through the plan to find all the places.

Commissioner Kiss stated having the loops and open roads is key for Pend Oreille County. Also being able to access Idaho, which is friendlier to ATVs. It creates a destination where you can ride and stay and spend money in the community.

There were concerns about the layout of plan for both of these MAs, it is confusing. *Will try to make this clearer in the plan, do a better job of distinguishing between the two so it is less confusing.*

The section about jeep trails is also confusing. There are no FS system roads in those MAs. The jeep trails used to be system roads but are now trails. It will help to have the signage to interpret which is a road and which is a jeep trail.

Commissioner Kiss asked if there is any way to change the Salmo-Priest adjacent recommended wilderness to an SIA.

Eric said he didn't believe it would qualify. He could check into it but probably not.

Commissioner Kiss stated concerns about the impact of more wilderness to the county. More wilderness is not an economic benefit.

Amy explained that the Salmo-Priest area that is recommended for wilderness is an inventoried roadless area now so would not really change anything to make it an SIA. It would not add to the timber base.

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Wrap-up

Amy will send the glossary to Polly (Coleman) (Stevens County Clerk of the Board) for distribution to the commissioners.

Copies of the meeting notes will be sent to the commissioners for their review prior to next week's meeting.

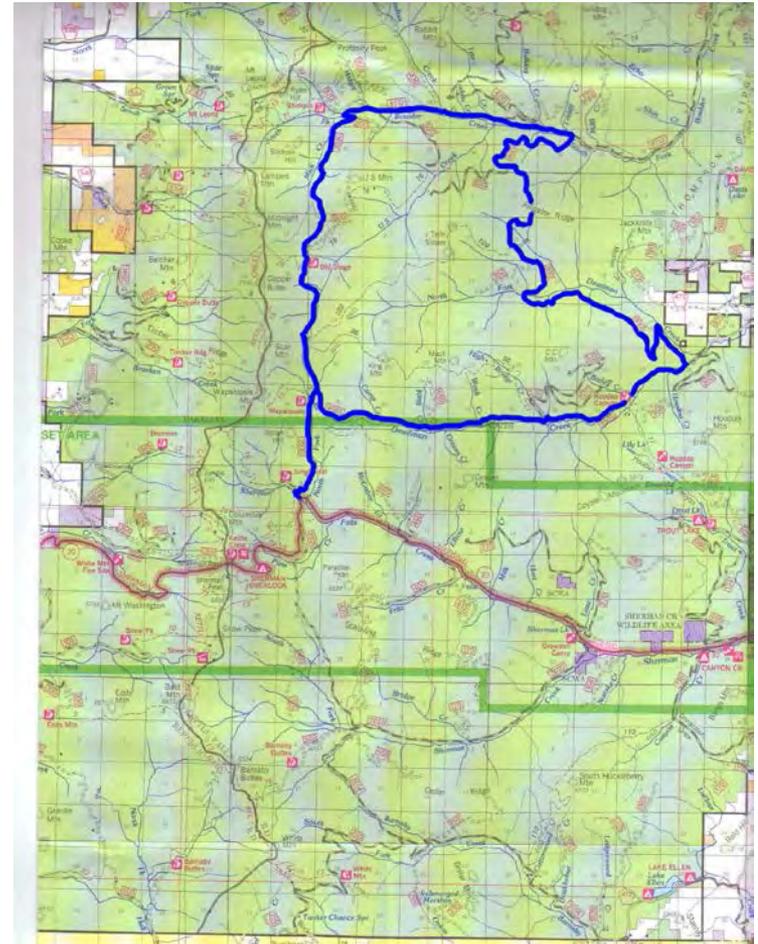
Next meeting will be on September 17 in Colville at 9:00, at the Forest Supervisor's Office.

Ferry County Eastside OHV Trails

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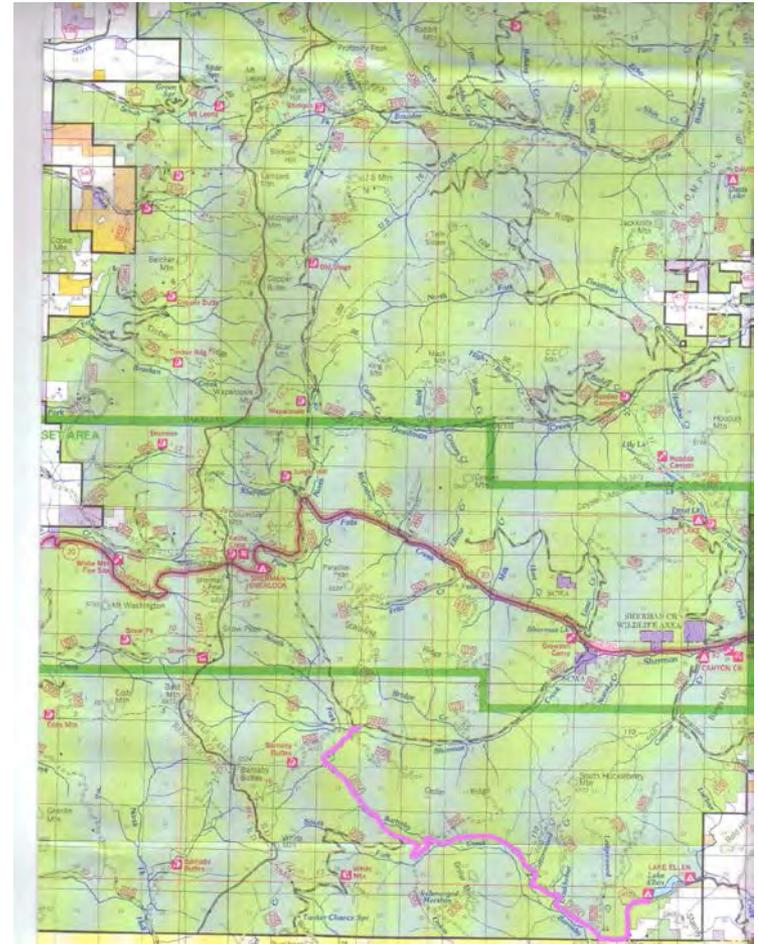
#1 Albian Hill OHV Trail;

- Start at the intersection of State highway 20 and Forest Service (FS) road NF2030 (Albian Hill) north to FS road NF6110; then FS road NF6110 east to FS road NF400; FS road NF400 south to the FS road NF800; the FS road NF800 (Alligator Ridge) south to the FS road NF9565 (Deadman Creek); FS road NF9565 west to the intersection of FS road NF9565 and FS road NF2030; then south on FS road NF2030 to point of beginning.



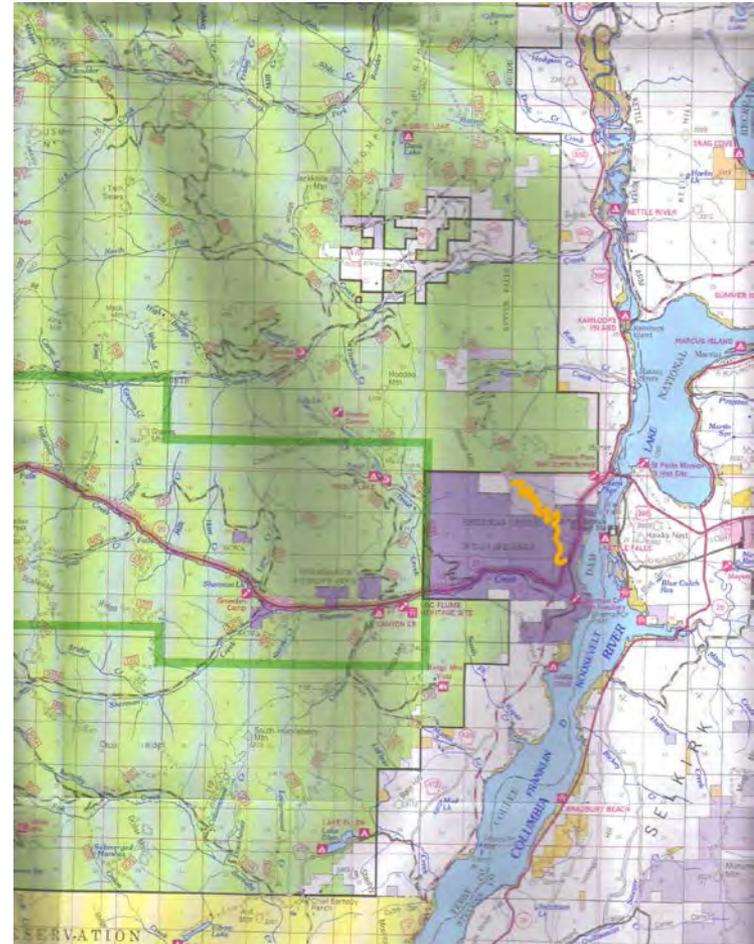
#24 Barnaby Creek OHV Trail

- Begin at the Lake Ellen Campgrounds follow County road 412 south to the intersection of County road 412 and FS road NF2014 (Barnaby Creek Road); follow FS road NF2014 to the intersection of FS road NF2014 and FS road NF2020.



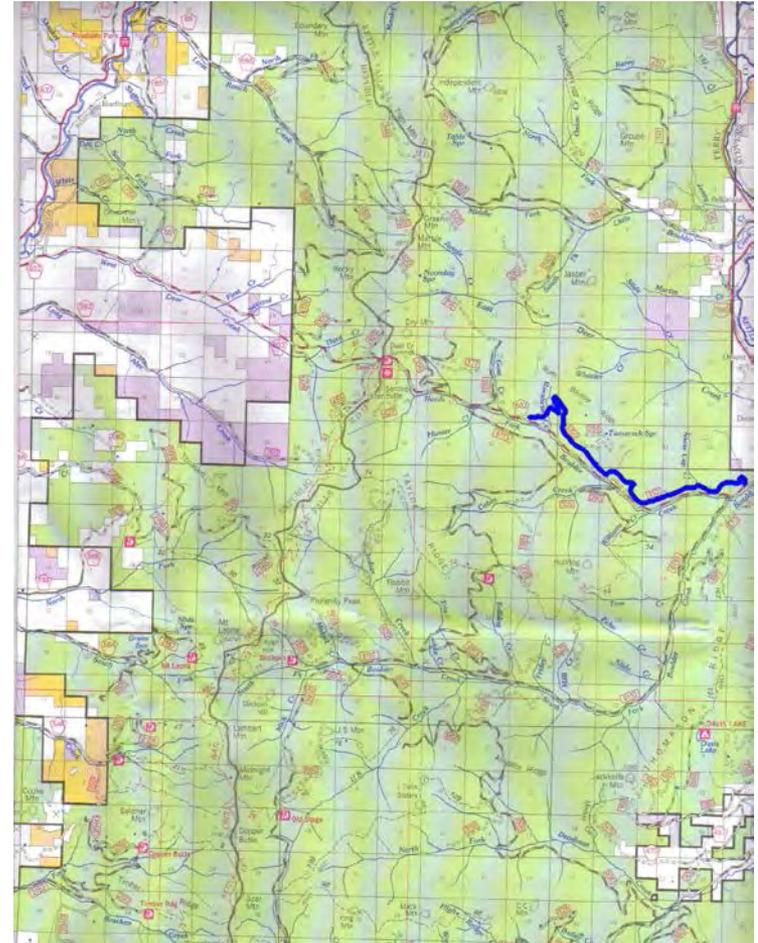
#8 Bisbee Mountain OHV Trail;

- Start at the Intersection of Highway 20 and the FS road NF010; follow the FS road NF010 north to the intersection of FS road NF010 and the FS road NF585.



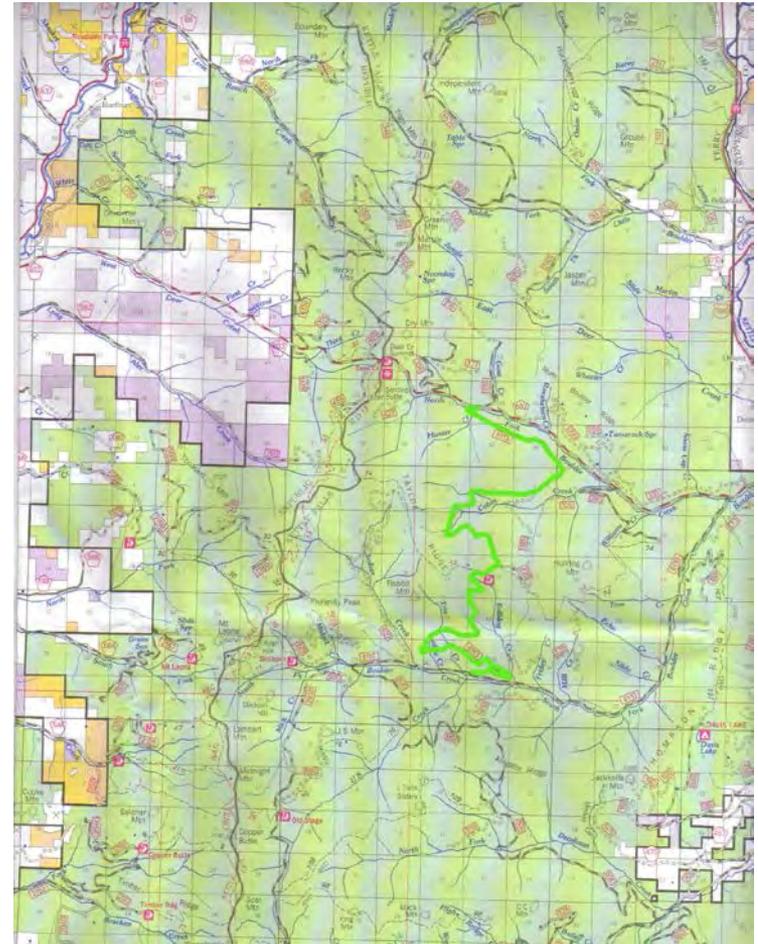
15 Boulder-Deer Creek OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of County road 602 (Boulder- Deer Creek Road) and FS road NF010 (Snow Cap Road); follow FS road NF010 west to the intersection of FS road NF010 and FS road NF050; follow FS road NF050 west to the intersection of FS road NF050 and County road 602.



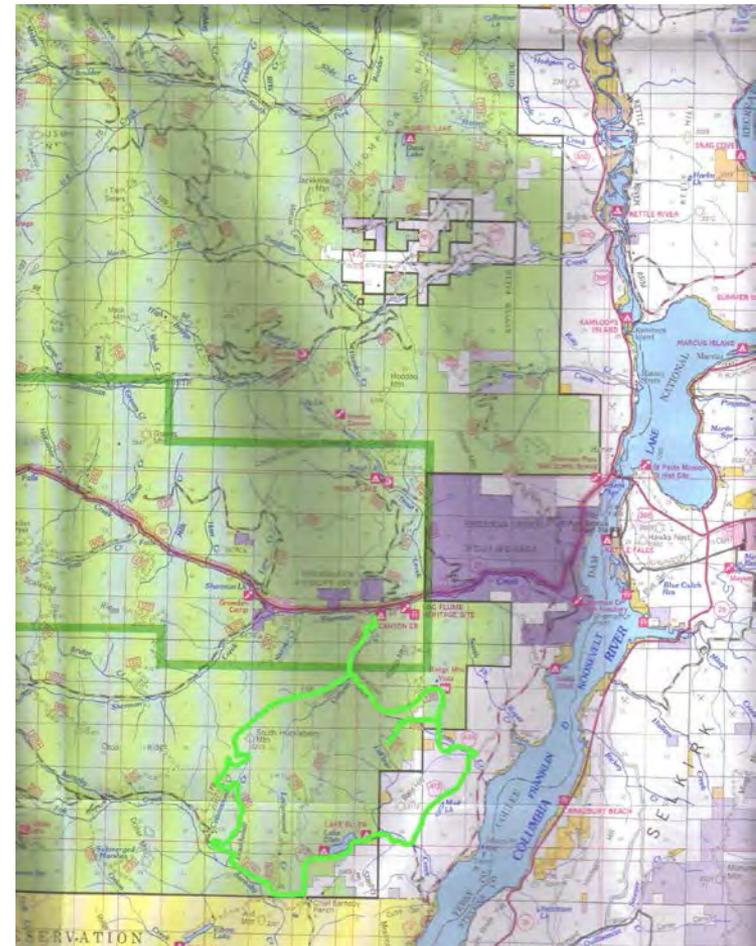
#32 Bulldog Cabin OHV Connector Trail

- Begin at the intersection of County road number 602 and FS road NF6113 follow FS road NF6113 south to the intersection of FS road NF6113 and FS road NF6110.



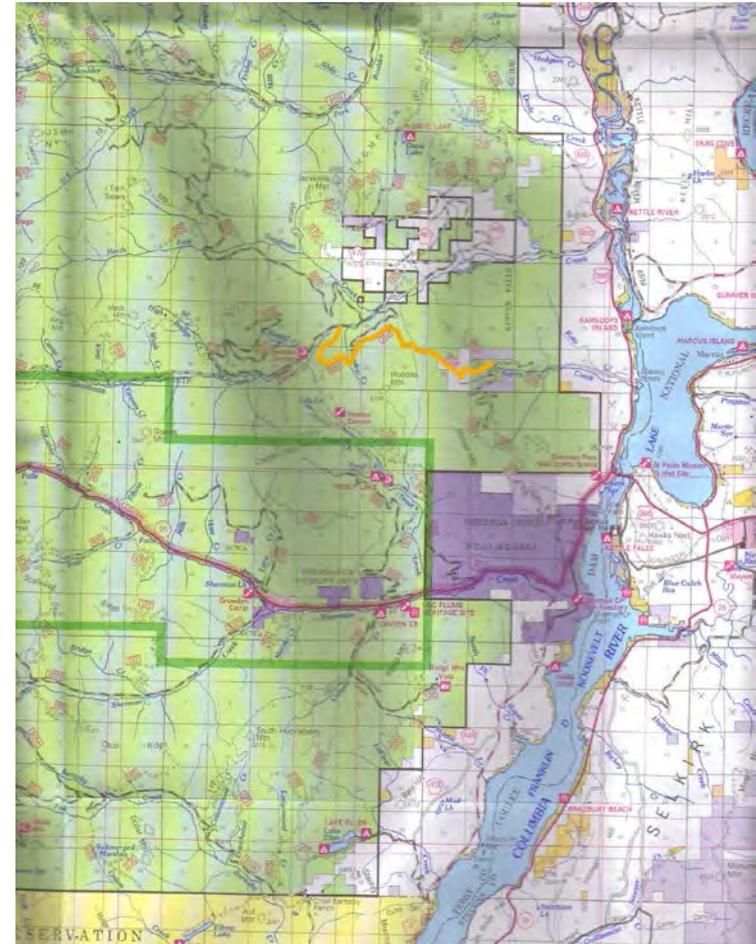
#25 Canyon Creek OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of State highway 20 and FS road NF136 (Bangs Mountain Road); follow FS road NF136 south to the intersection of the FS road NF136 and County road 424; follow county road 424 to the intersection of County road 424 and County road 412; follow 412 southwest to Lake Ellen Campgrounds; from Lake Ellen Campgrounds follow County road 412 to the intersection of County road 412 and FS road NF2014; follow the FS road NF2014 west to the intersection of FS road NF2014 and FS road NF120; follow FS road NF120 north to the intersection of FS road NF120 and FS trail NF110 follow FS Trail110 north to the intersection of FS trail NF110 and FS road NF136; follow FS road NF136 north to point of origin.



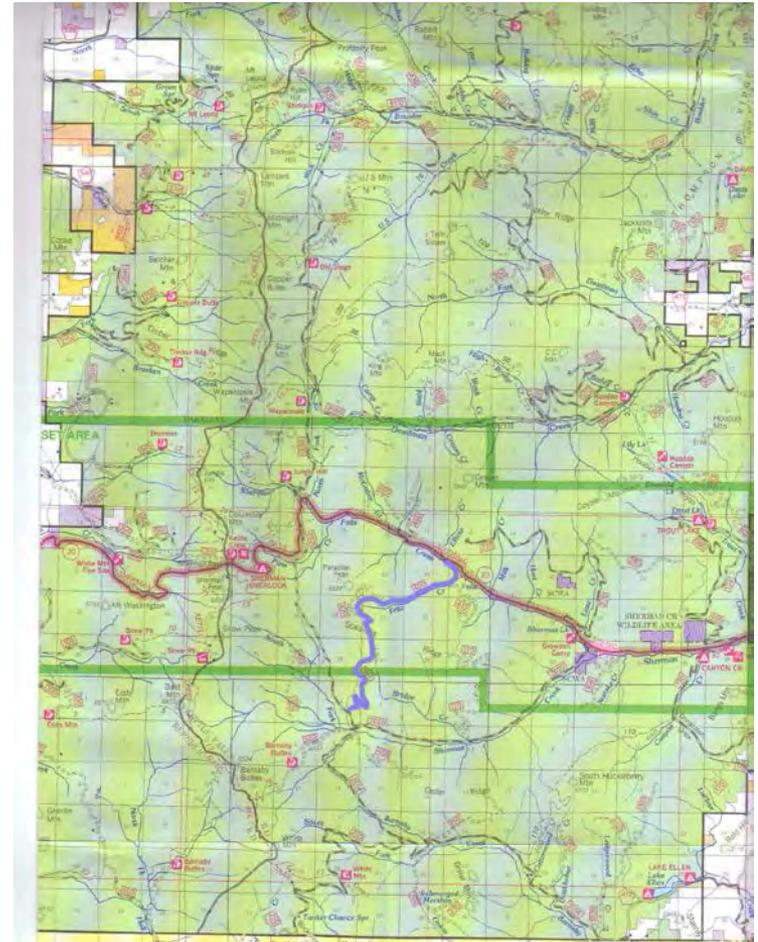
#23 Deadman Creek Nancy Creek Connector OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of FS road NF9565 (Deadman Creek Road) and FS road NF400; follow FS road NF400 south to the intersection of FS road NF400 and FS road NF366; follow FS road NF366 to the intersection of FS road NF366 and FS road NF360 (Deadman Creek Face Road); follow the FS road NF360 to the intersection of FS road NF360 and FS road NF568; follow the FS road NF568 to the intersection of FS road NF568 and FS road NF550 (Nancy Creek Road).



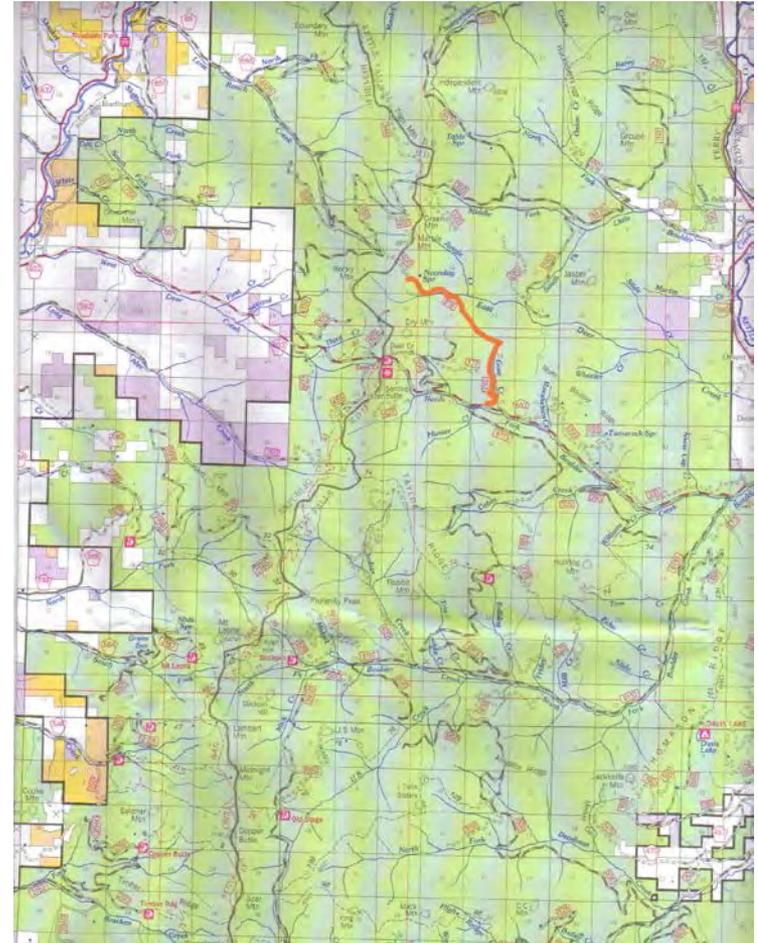
#29 Fritz Creek OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of FS road NF2020 (South Fork of Sherman Creek Road) and FS road NF180; follow FS road NF180 north to the intersection of FS road 180 and FS road NF400; follow FS road NF400 north to the intersection of FS road NF400 and State Highway 20.



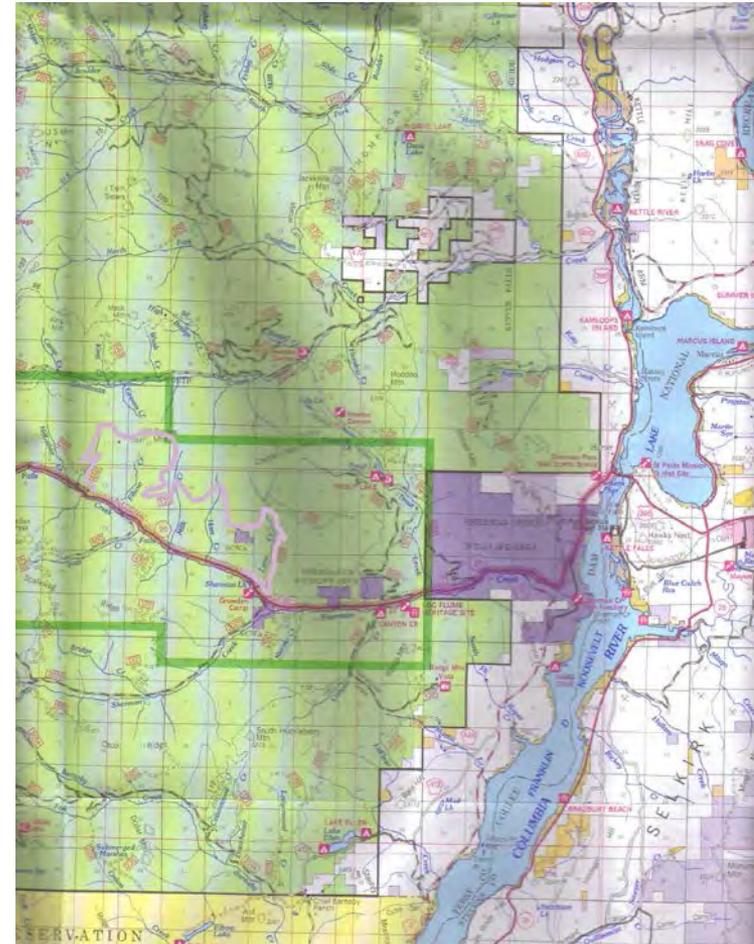
#16 Goat Creek-Dry Mountain OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of County Road 602 (Boulder-Deer Creek Road) and FS road NF215; follow FS road NF215 north to the intersection of FS road NF215 and FS road NF450 (Summit Motor Way); follow FS road NF450 southwest to the intersection of FS road NF450 and County road 602.

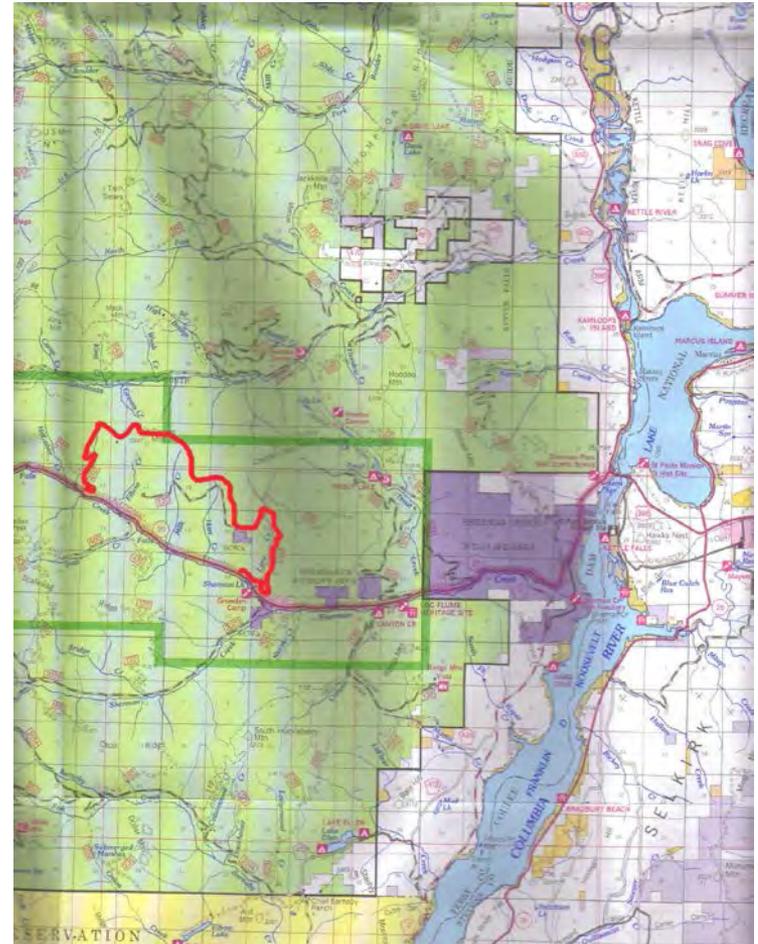


#10 Graves Mountain Lookout OHV Trail

- Beginning at the intersection of State Highway 20 and FS road NF220 (Lane Creek Road); follow FS road NF220 north and west to the intersection of FS road NF220 and FS road NF355; follow the FS road NF355 to the intersection of FS road NF355 (trail on the last part) and FS road NF450 (Graves Mountain Road); follow the FS road NF450 west and south to the intersection of FS road NF450 and state Highway 20.

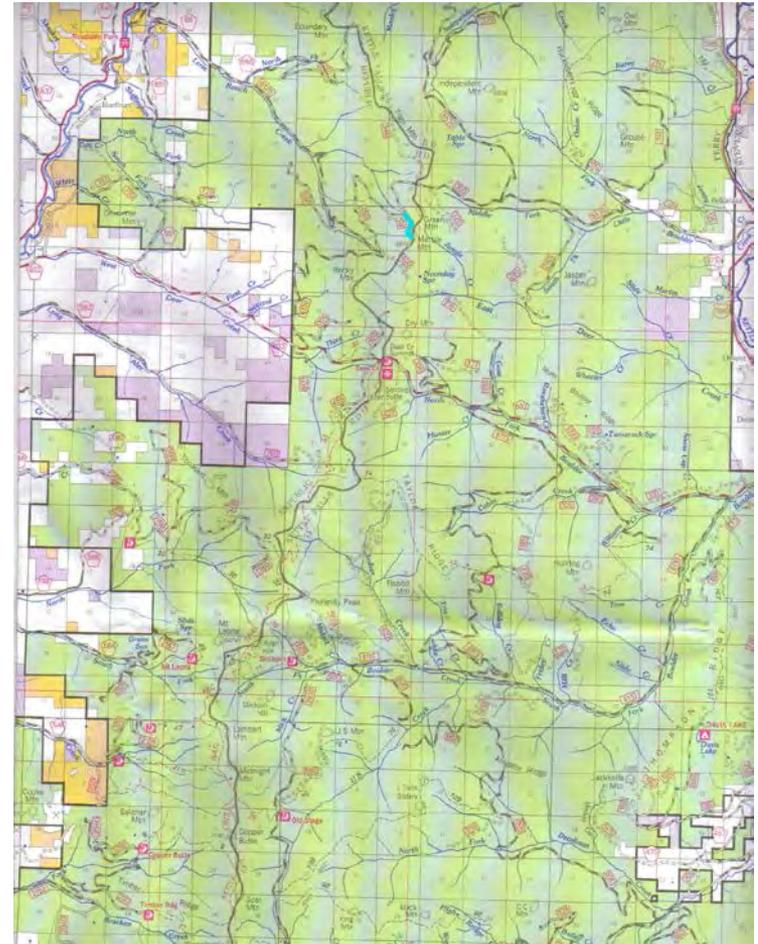


#10A Graves Mountain Lookout OHV Trail



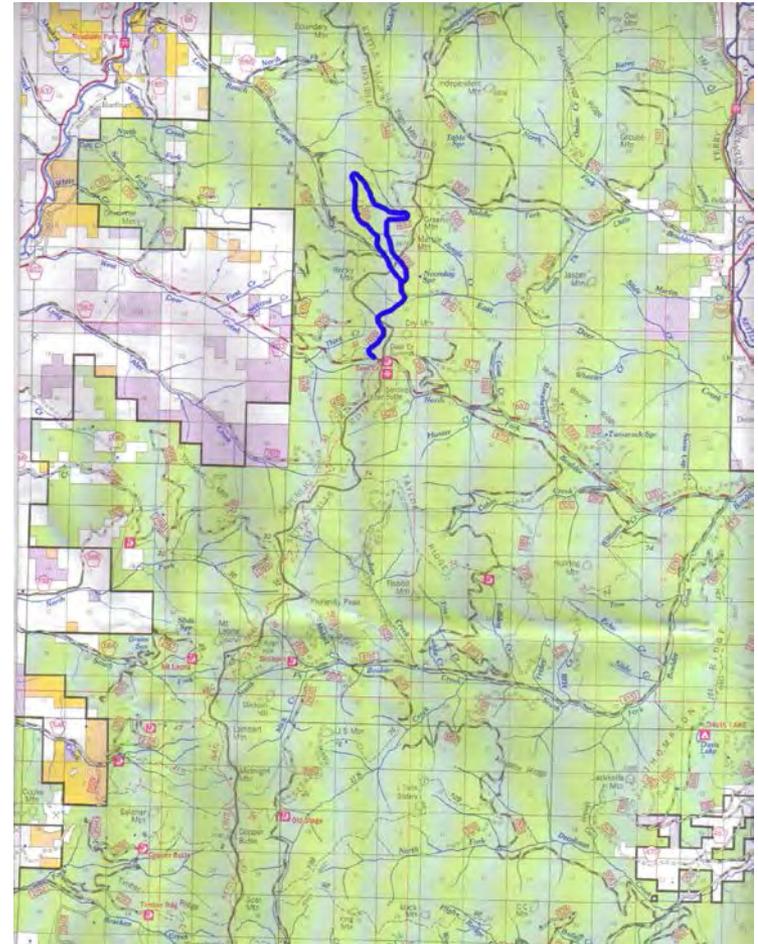
#17A Green Mountain Lookout OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of FS road NF400 and FS road NF340 (NF6120930) follow FS road NF430 south to Lookout.



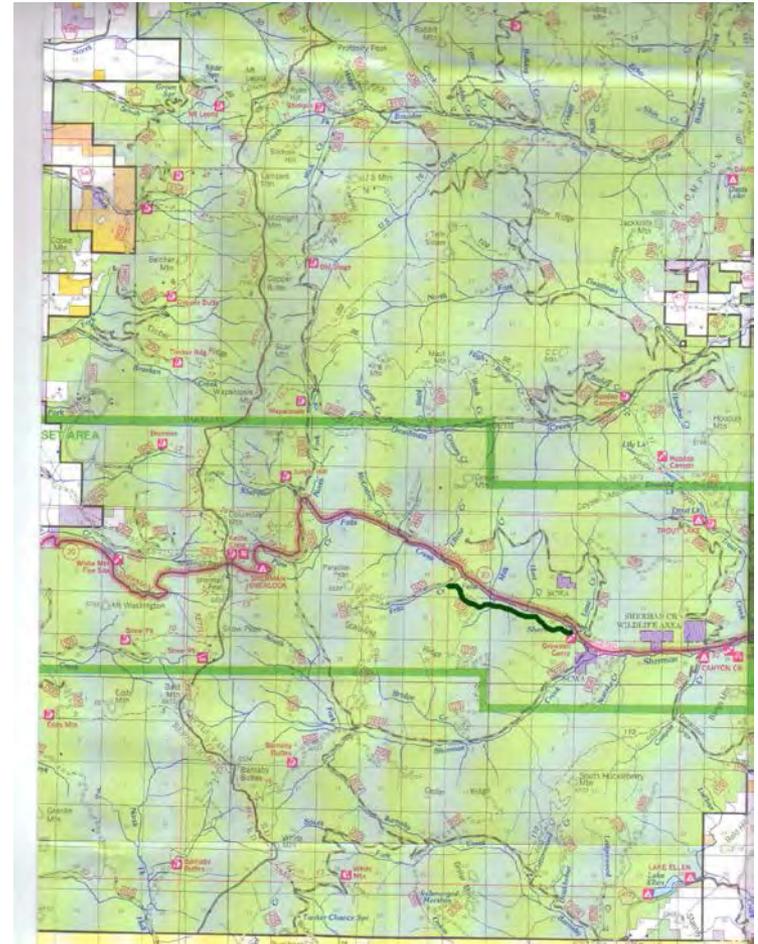
#17 Green Mountain Marble Mountain OHV Trail

- Begin at the Intersection of County Road 602 and FS road NF450 (Summit Motor Way); follow FS road NF450 north to the intersection of FS road NF450, FS road NF400; follow the FS road NF400 south to the intersection of FS road NF400 and FS road NF450; follow the FS road NF450 south to point of origin.



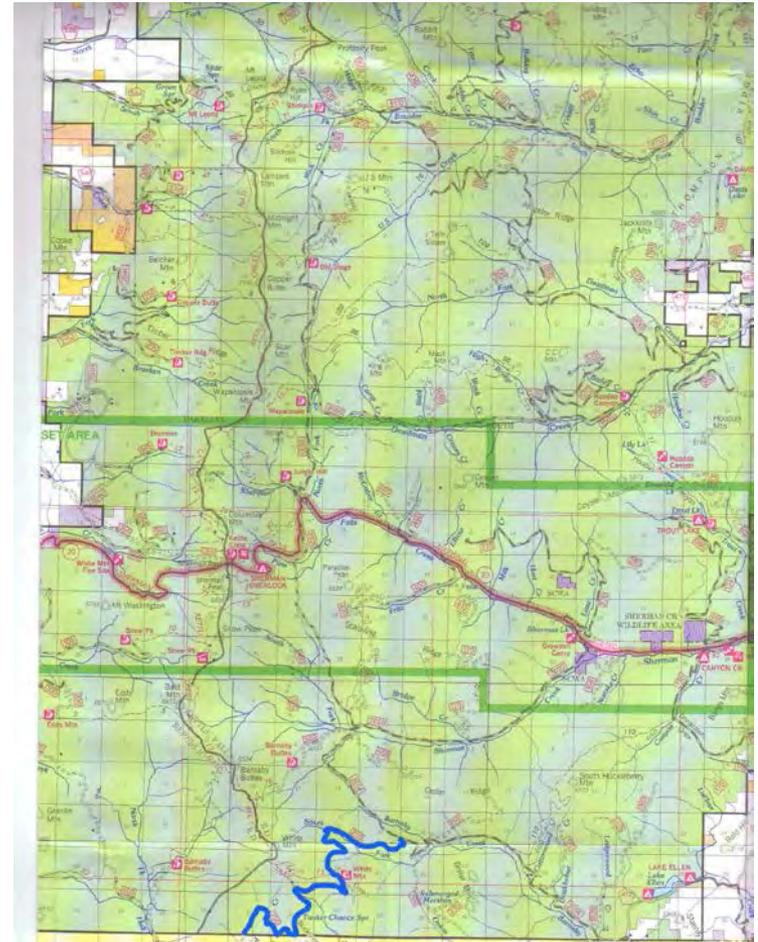
#31 Growden CC Camp OHV Trail

- Begin at Growden Camp grounds follow FS road NF214 west to the intersection of FS road NF214 and FS road NF410; follow FS road NF410 west to the intersection of FS road NF410 and FS road NF400.



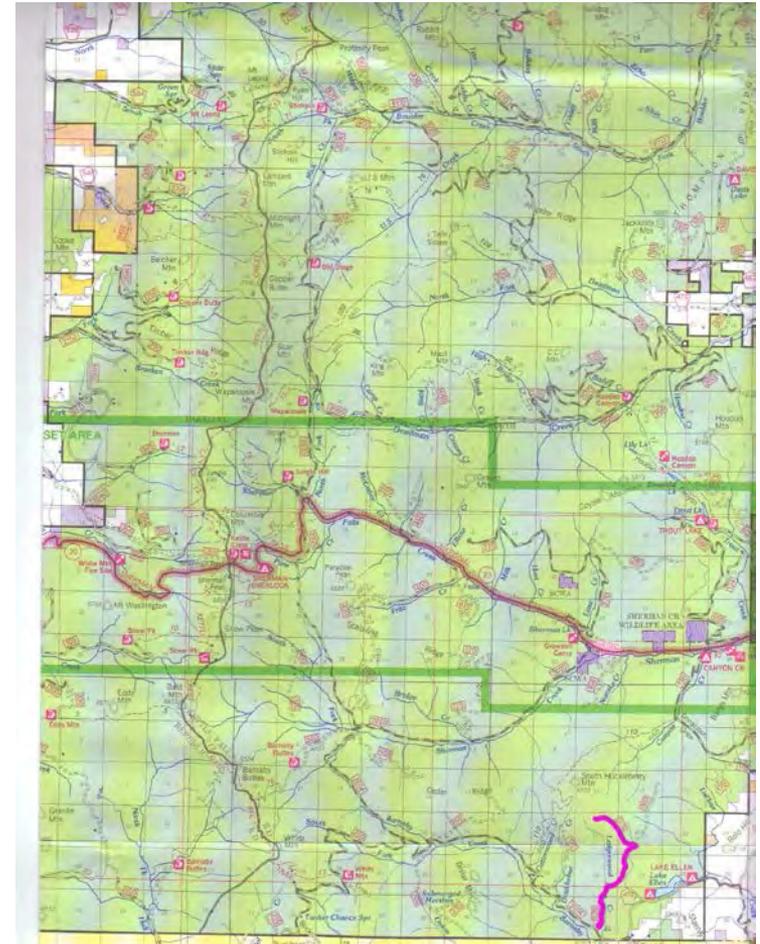
#26 Barnaby Creek Trail/ Hall Creek OHV Connector Trail

- Begin at the intersection of FS road NF2014 and FS road NF250 (White Mountain Road); follow FS road NF250 to the intersection of FS road NF250 and FS road NF335; follow FS road NF335 south to the Colville Indian Reservation Boundary; FS road changes to BIA road 1052; continue south on BIA road 1052 to the intersection of BIA road 1052 and County road 99 (Hall Creek Road)(FS road NF600).



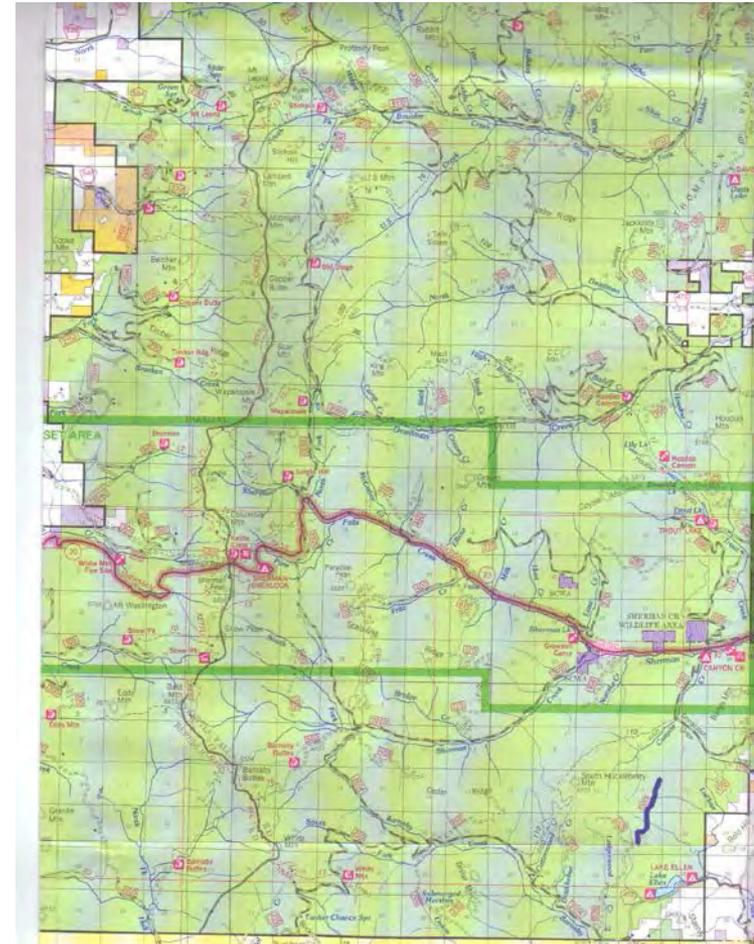
#27 Huckleberry Mountain OHV Trail #1

- Begin at the intersection of FS road NF2014 and FS road NF028; follow FS road NF028 north to the intersection of FS road NF028 and FS road NF060; follow FS road NF028 west to end.



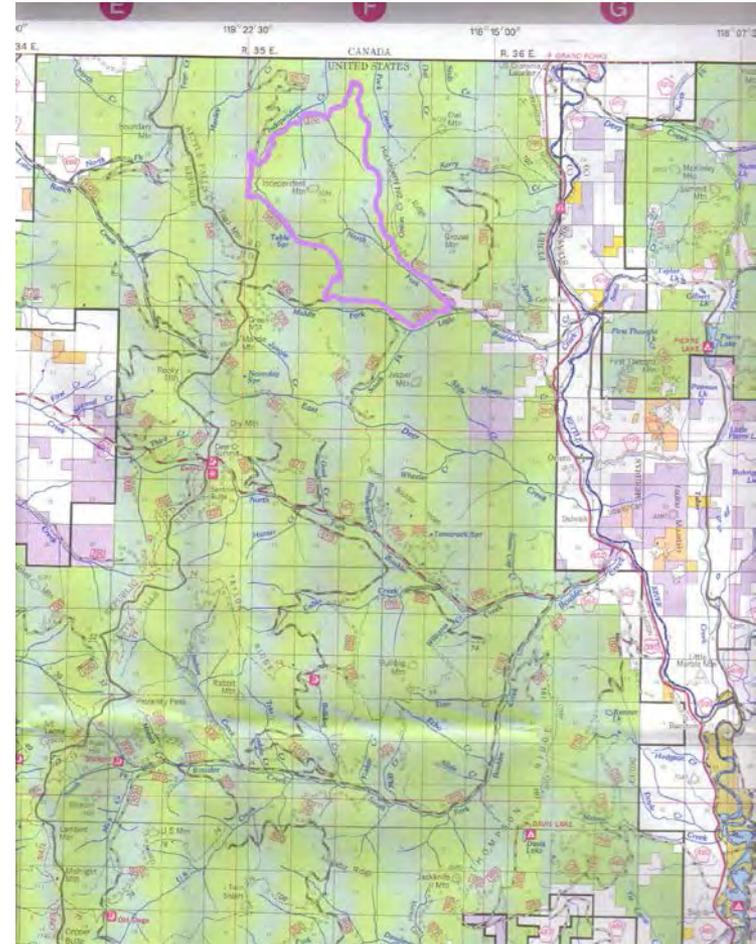
#28 Huckleberry Mountain OHV Trail #2

- Begin at the intersection of FS road NF028 and FS road NF060; follow FS road NF060 north to the end.



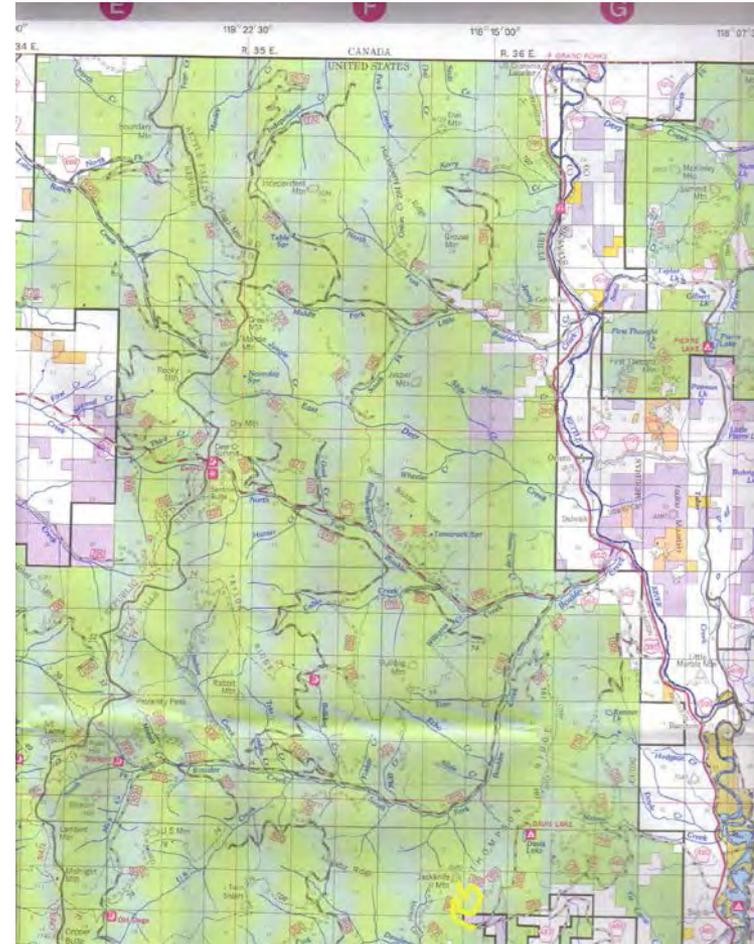
#34 Independent Mountain OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of County road 595 (Little Boulder Road) and FS road NF9576; follow FS road NF9576 to the intersection of FS road NF9576 and FS road NF300; follow FS road NF9576 north to the intersection of FS road NF9576 and FS road NF370; follow FS road NF370 northeast and then south to the intersection of FS road NF370 and FS road NF160; Follow FS road NF160 south to the intersection of FS road NF160 and FS road NF150; follow FS road NF150 southeast to the point origin.



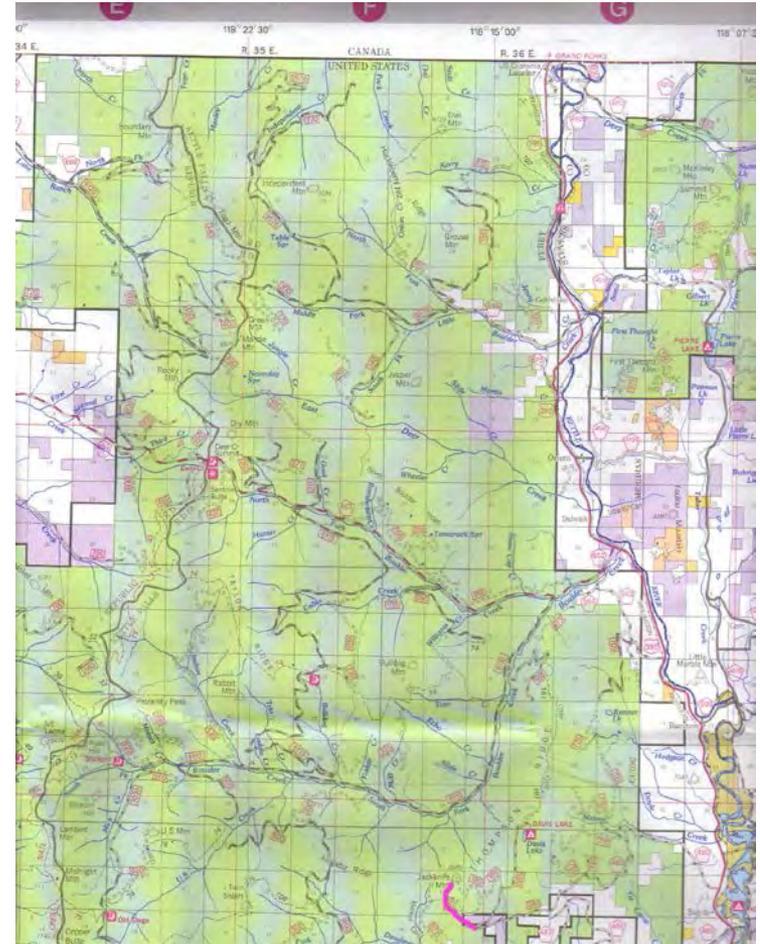
#14A Jackknife Mountain Lookout OHV Trail 2

- Begin at the south intersection of FS road NF080 and FS road NF160 follow FS road NF160 west and north to the intersection of FS road NF160 and FS road NF162; follow FS road NF162 to the Jackknife Mountain Lookout.



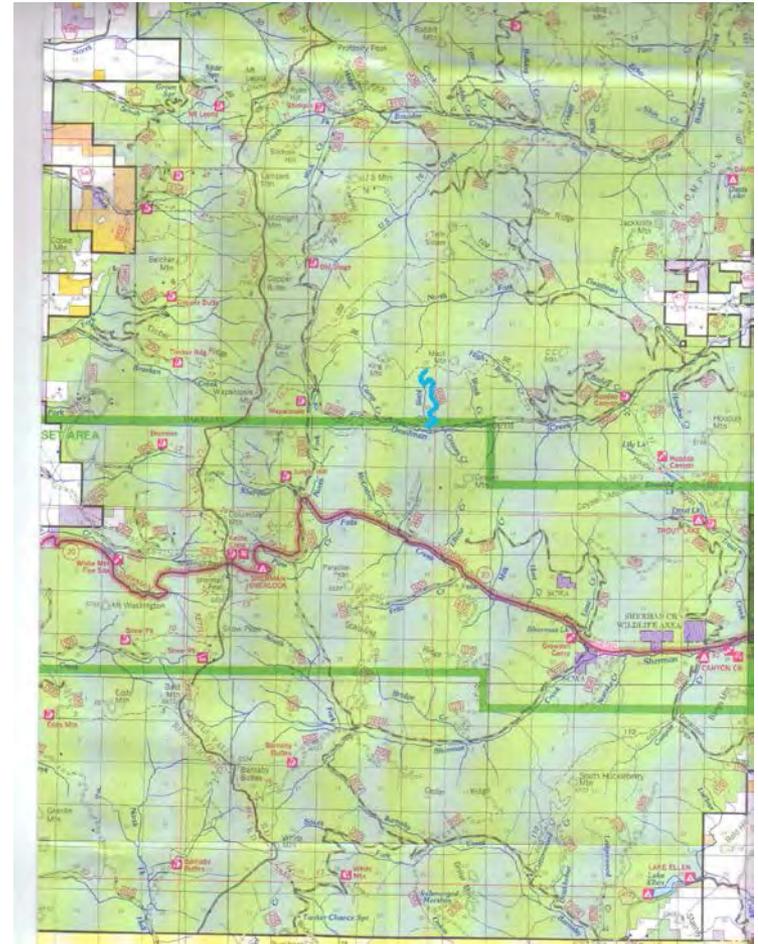
#14 Jackknife Mountain Lookout OHV Trail 1

- Begin at the intersection of FS road 160 and FS road NF080; follow FS road NF160 to the intersection of FS road NF160 and FS road NF180 follow FS road NF180 to Jackknife Mountain Lookout.



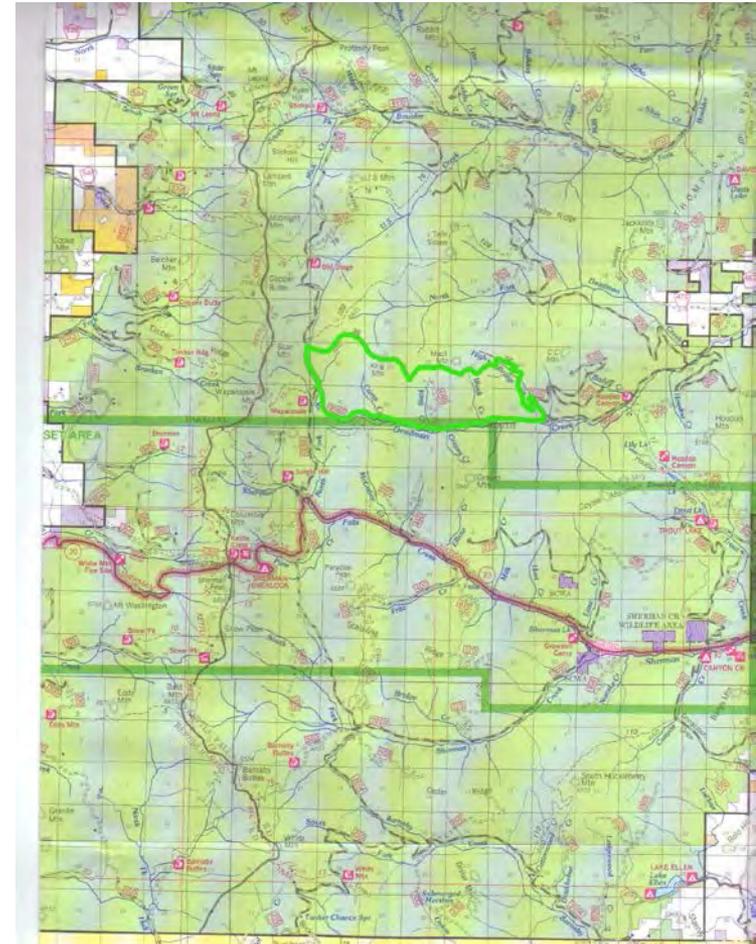
#4 King Creek OHV Cutoff Trail;

- Begin at the intersection of FS road NF9565 (Deadman Creek Road) and FS road NF640; follow FS road NF640 north to the intersection of FS road NF640 and FS trail 98.



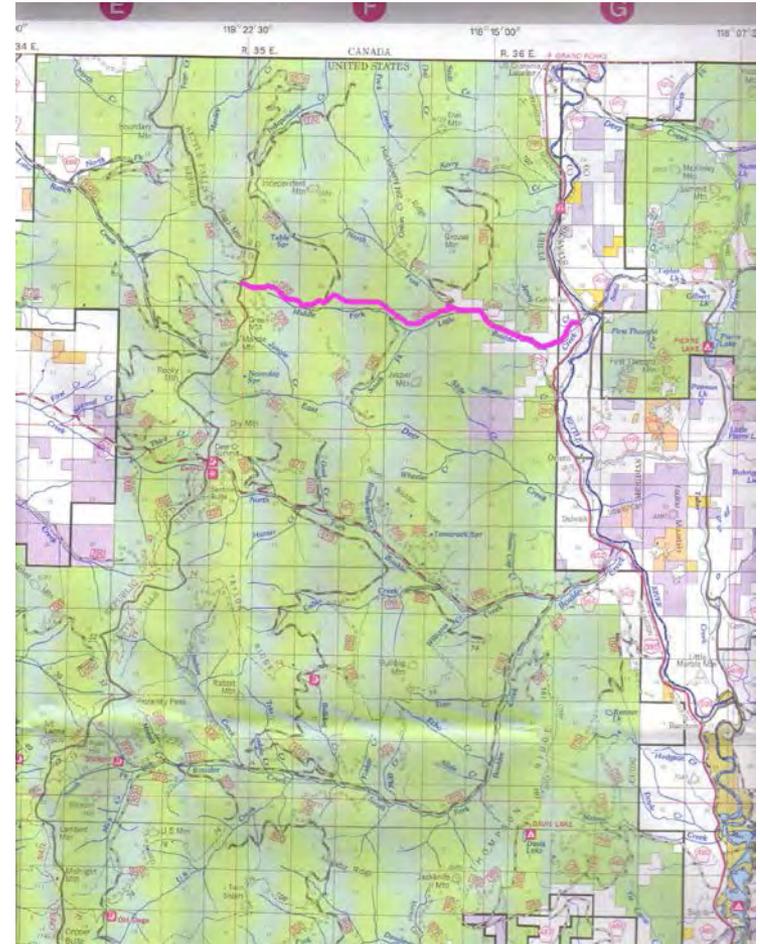
#3 King and Mack Mountains OHV Trail;

- Start at the intersection of FS road NF2030 (Albian Hill) and FS trail 98 (King and Mack Mountain 4x4 Trail); follow FS trail 98 to FS road NF535 (High Bridge Road); FS road NF535 south to FS road NF9565 (Deadman Creek); follow FS road NF9565 west to FS road NF2030; follow FS road NF2030 north to point of origin.



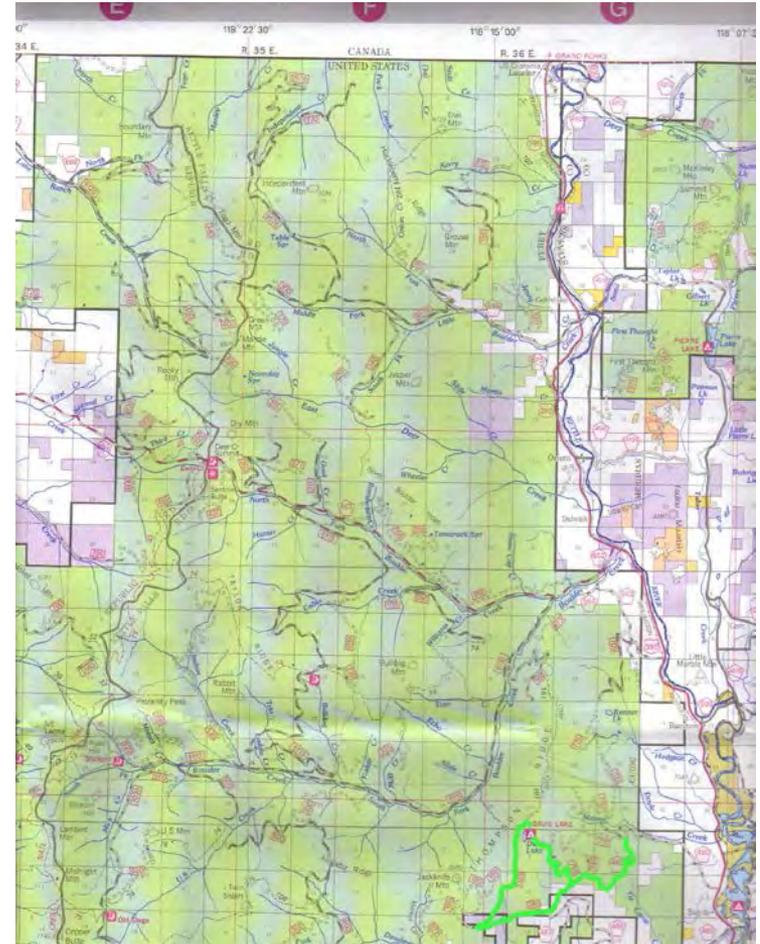
#19 Little Boulder OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of State Highway 395 and County road 595 (Little Boulder Creek Road); follow county road 595 west to the intersection of County road 595 and FS road NF9576; follow FS road NF9576 west to the intersection of FS road NF9576 and FS road NF300; follow FS road NF300 to the intersection of FS road NF300 and the FS roadNF340.



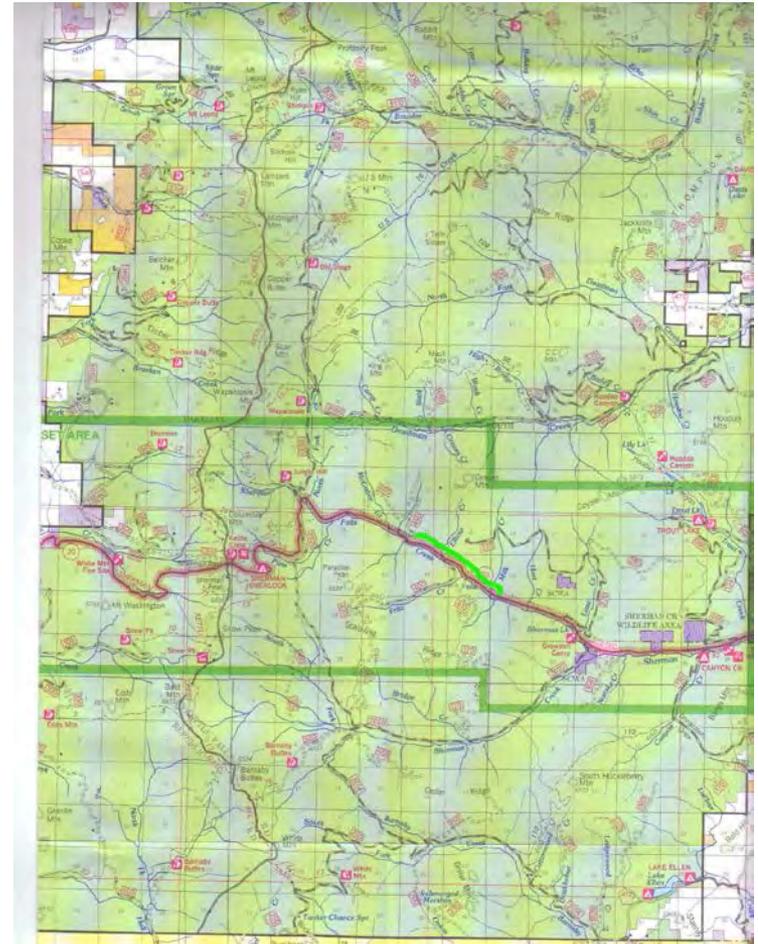
#13 Matsen Creek Davis Lake Loop OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of County road 480 (Matsen Creek Road) and FS road NF705; follow County road 480 to the intersection of county road 480 and FS road NF755; follow FS road NF755 north to the intersection of FS road NF755 and FS road NF270; follow FS road NF270 north to the intersection of FS road NF270 and FS road NF080; follow FS road NF080 west and south to the point of origin.



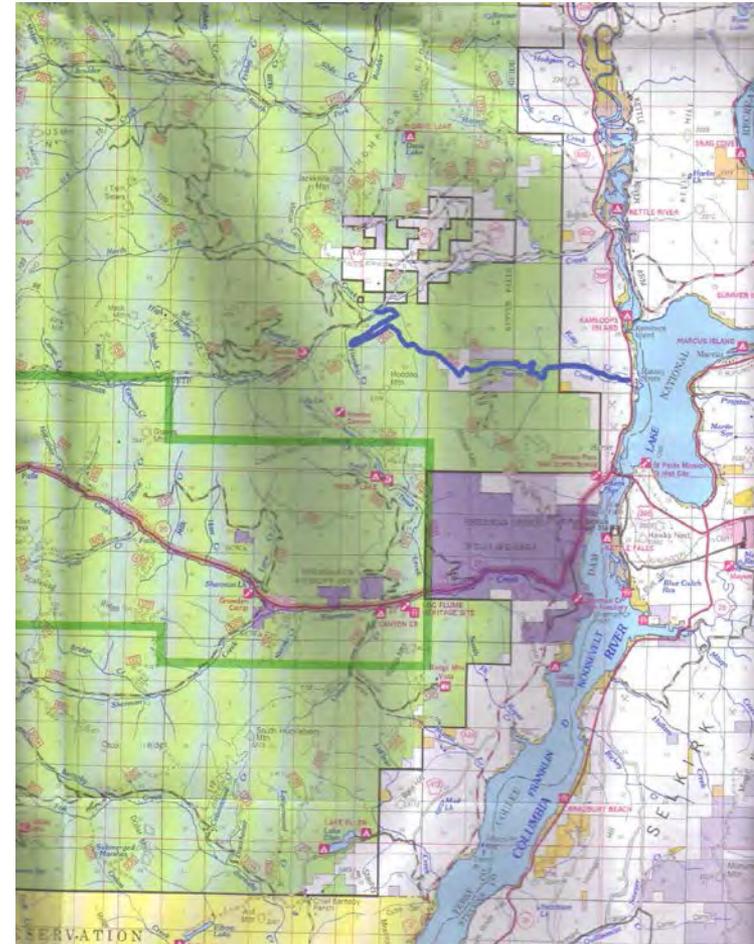
#30 Milk Creek Road Connector OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of FS road NF450 (Graves Mountain Road) and Fs road NF386 (Milk Creek Road); follow FS road NF386 east (approximately two and six tenths miles) to the intersection of FS road NF386 and Highway 20



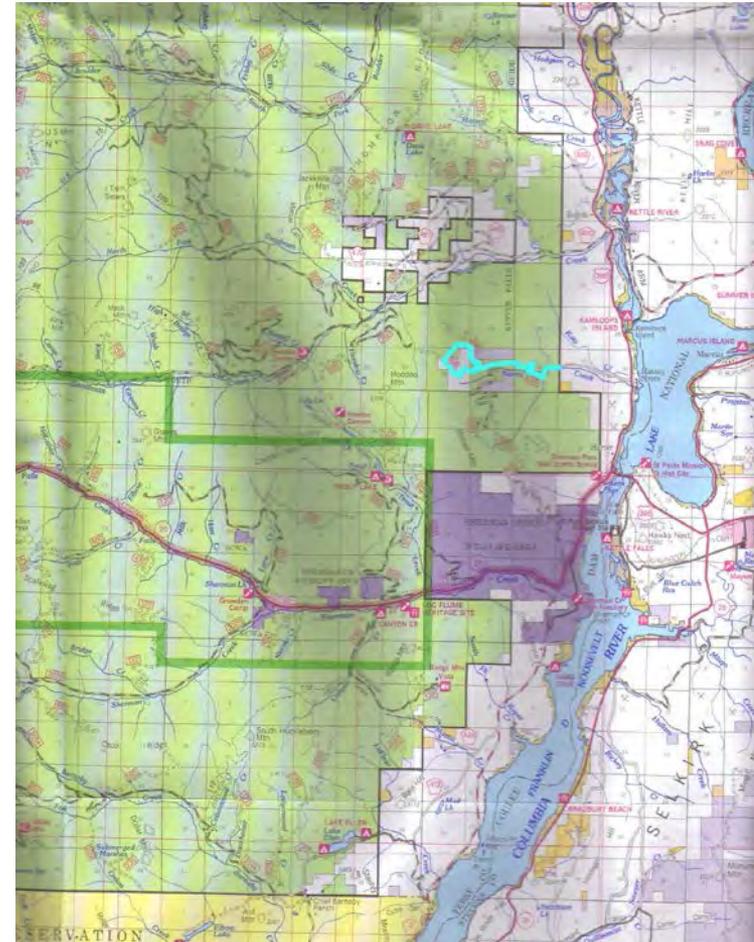
#5 Nancy Creek Deadman Creek OHV Trail;

- Follow Nancy Creek County Road to FS road NF550 (Nancy Creek); follow the FS road NF550 road west to the intersection of FS road NF565; follow the FS road NF565 west to the intersection of FS road NF565 and FS road NF568; follow the FS road NF568 northwest to the FS road NF360 (Deadman Face Road); Follow the FS road NF360 to the intersection of FS road NF360 and the FS road NF9565 (Deadman Creek Road)



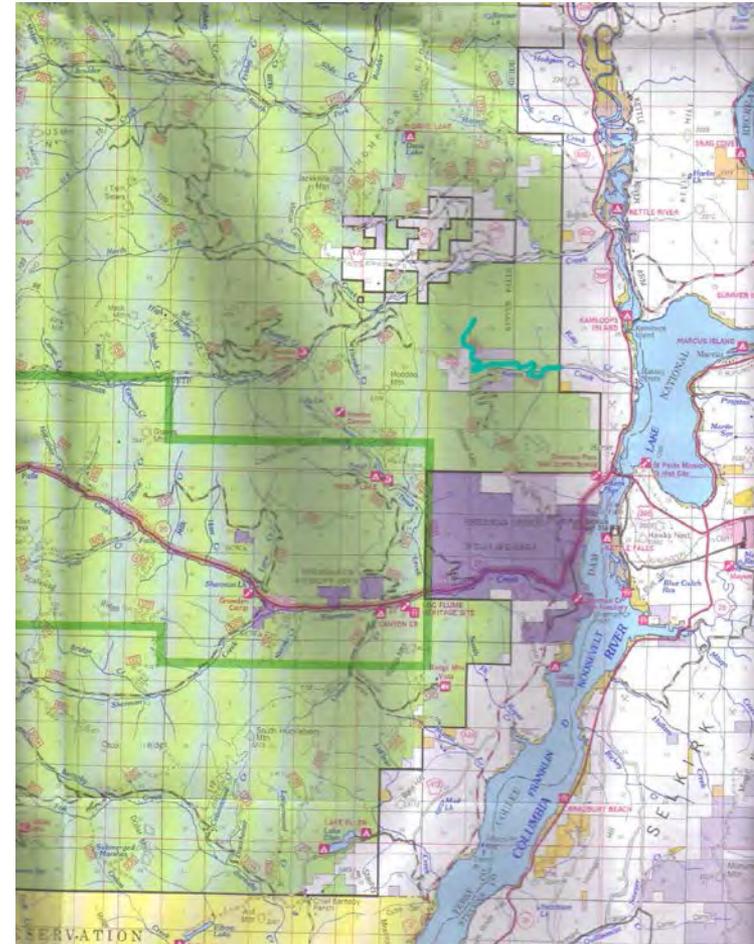
#6 Nancy Creek Loop OHV Trail;

- Nancy Creek County Road to FS road NF550 (Nancy Creek Road); Follow FS road NF550 west to the intersection of FS road NF550 and FS road NF560; follow the FS road NF 560 north and west to the intersection of FS road NF560 and FS road NF565; follow FS road NF565 south and east to the intersection FS road NF550 (Nancy Creek Road); follow FS road NF550 east to point of origin.



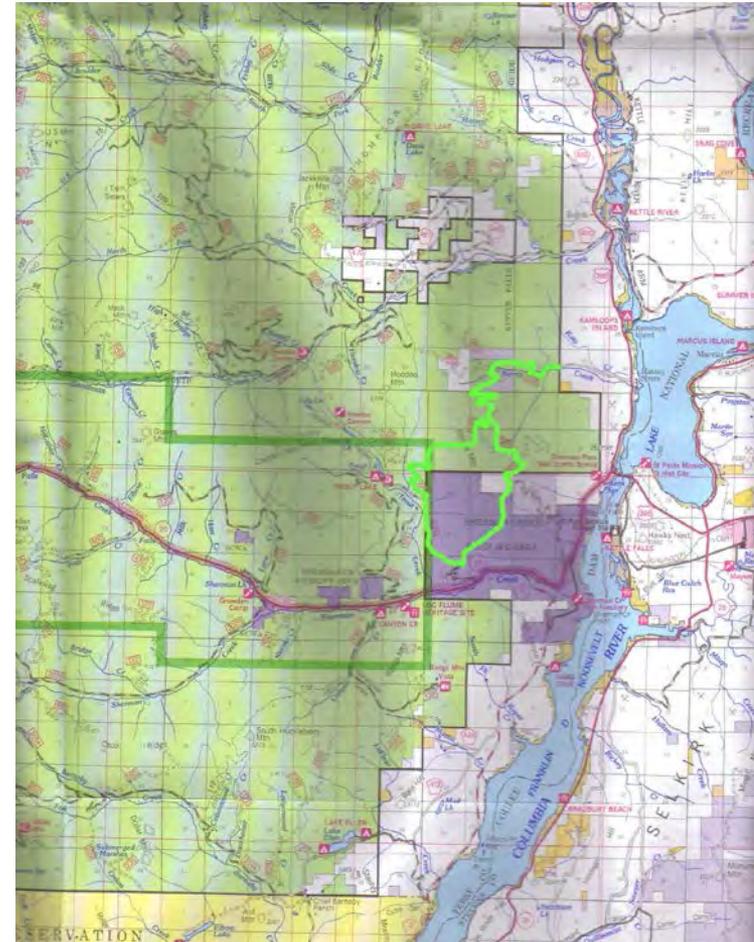
#33 Nancy Creek Summit OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of FS road NF550 and County road number 5500; follow FS road NF550 to the intersection of FS road NF550 and FS road NF568; follow FS road NF568; to the intersection of FS road NF568 and FS road NF565; follow FS road NF565 north to the end.



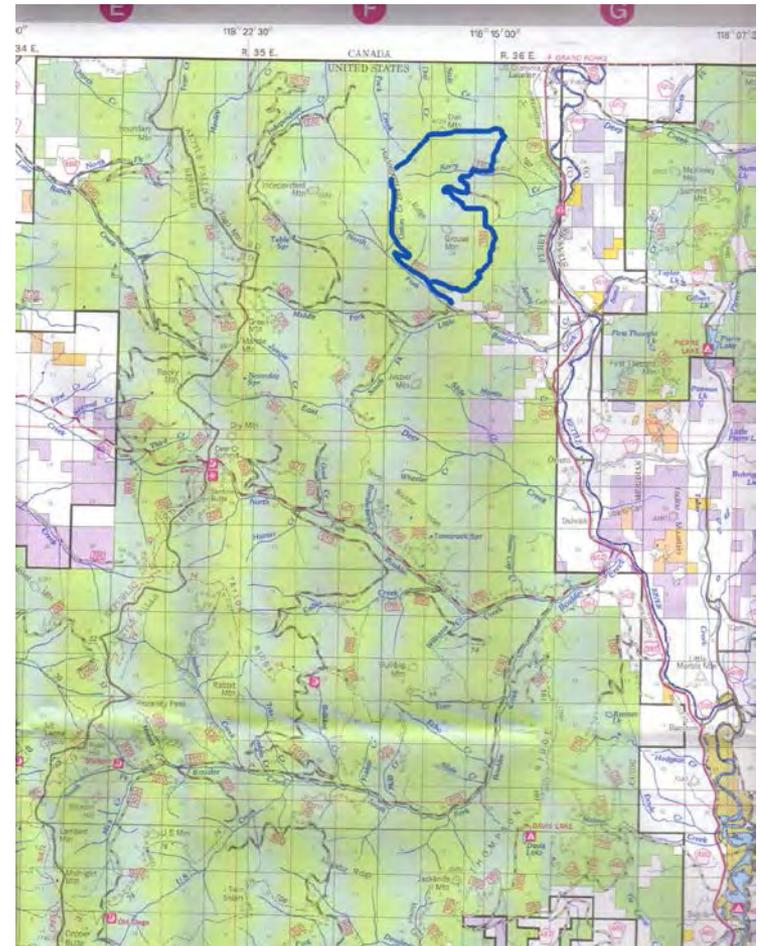
#7 Nancy Creek Trout Lake OHV Trail;

- Begin at the intersection of County Road 5500 and FS road NF550 (Nancy Creek Road); Follow FS road NF550 west to intersection of FS road NF550 and NF540; follow FS road NF540 southwest to the intersection of the FS road NF540 and FS road NF046; follow the FS road NF046 south to the intersection of the FS road NF046 and FS road NF020 (Trout Lake Road); follow FS road NF020 south to the intersection of FS road NF020 and FS road NF038 (Wilkie Road); follow the FS road NF038 northeast to the intersection of FS road NF038 and FS road NF010 (Bisbee Mountain Road); follow FS road NF010 northeast to the intersection of FS road NF010 and FS road NF585; follow FS road NF585 northwest to the intersection of FS road NF585 and FS road NF550 (Nancy Creek Road); follow the FS road NF550 northeast to the point of origin.



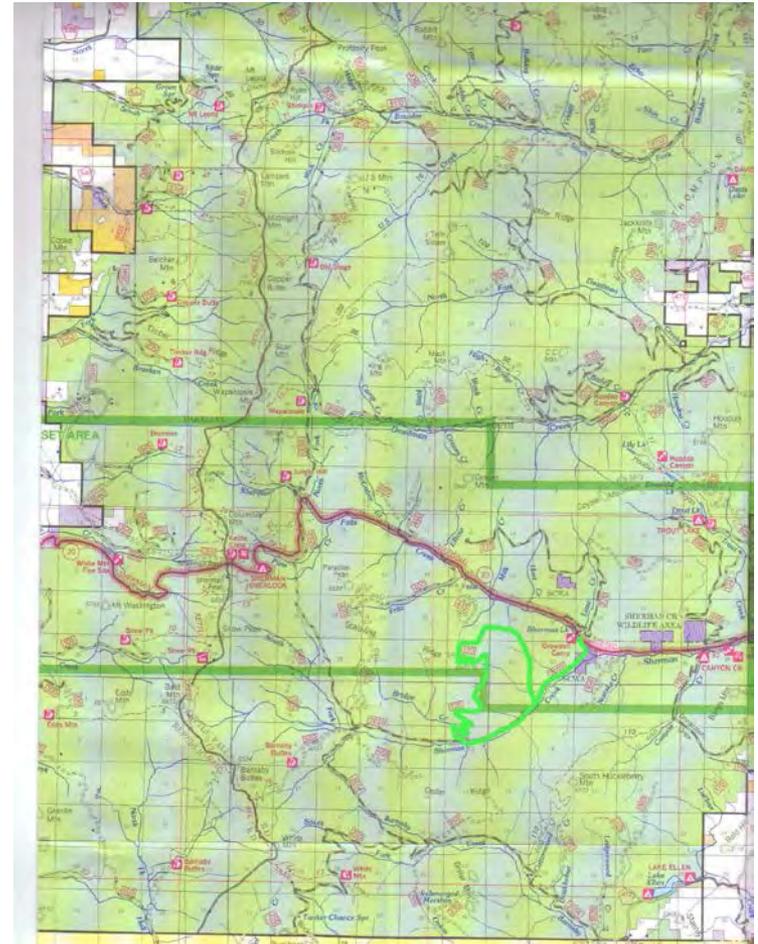
#20 Owl Mountain OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of County road 565 and FS road NF9576; follow FS road NF9576 to the intersection of FS road NF9576 and FS road NF160; follow FS road NF160 to the intersection of FS road NF160 and FS trail NF102; follow FS trail NF102 to the intersection of FS trail NF102 and FS road NF215; follow the FS road NF215 to the intersection of FS road NF215 and the FS road NF150 (Kerry Creek Road); follow the FS road NF150 to the intersection of FS road NF150 and FS road NF9576 follow FS road NF9576 southeast to point of origin.



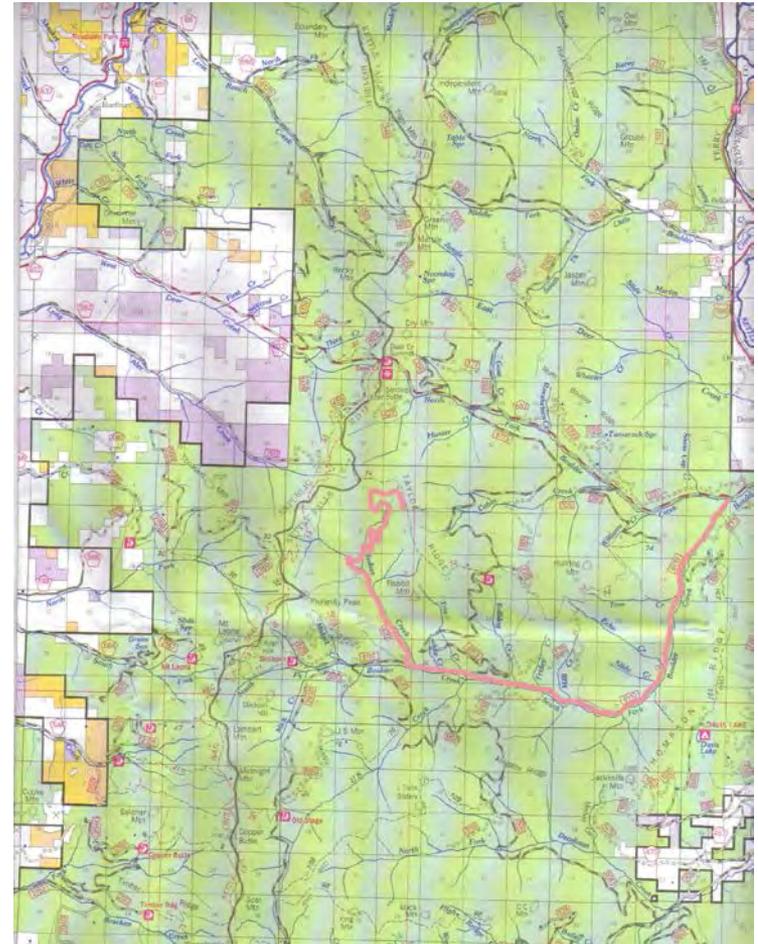
#35 Scalawag Ridge OHV Trail

- Begin at intersection of Highway 20 and FS road NF2020; follow FS road NF2020 for 2 1/2 Miles to the intersection of FS road NF2020 and FS road NF050, follow NF050 to NF120; follow FS road NF120 west to the intersection of FS road NF050 and FS road NF120; follow FS road NF120 east to FS road NF2020; follow NF2020 northeast to point of origin.



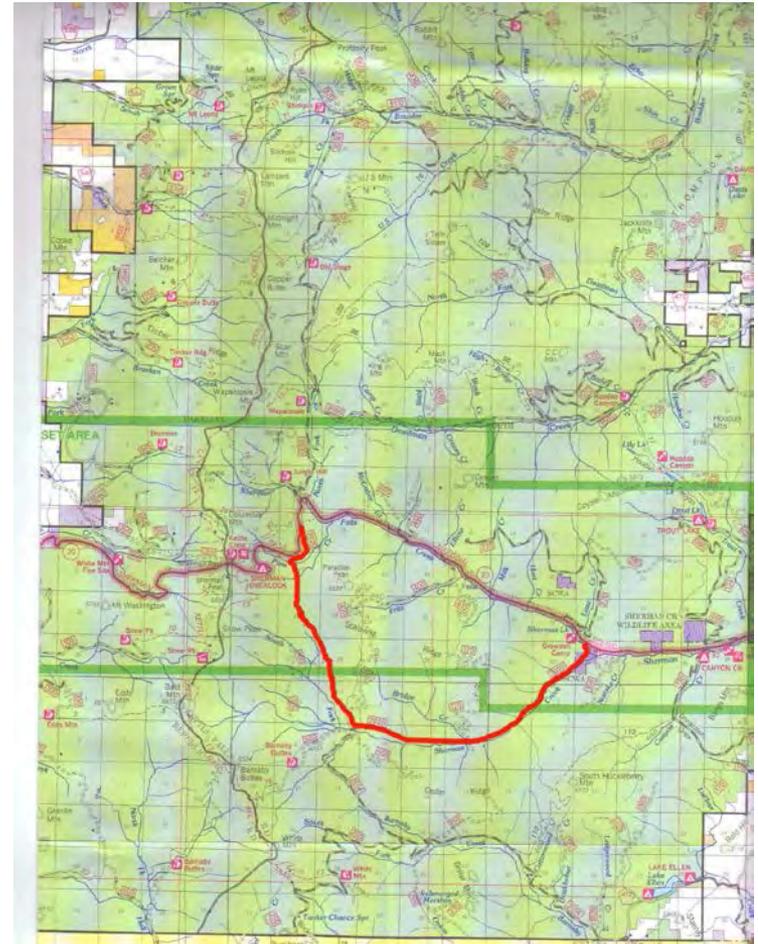
#11 South Fork of Boulder Creek and Taylor Ridge Lookout OHV Trail

- Start at the intersection of Boulder Deer Creek County Road 602 and FS road NF6110; follow FS road NF6110 south and west to the intersection of FS road NF6110 and FS road NF430; follow FS road NF430 to Taylor Ridge Lookout.



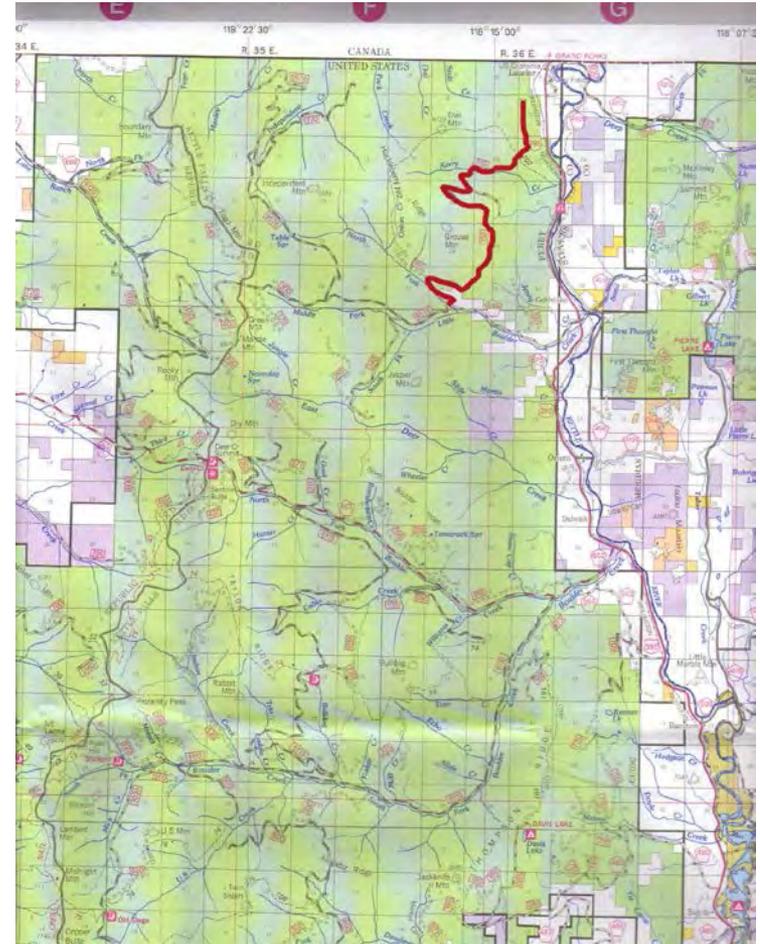
#22 South Fork of Sherman Creek OHV Trail

- Begin at the West Intersection of State Highway 20 and FS road NF200 (South Sherman Creek Road) (approx. $48^{\circ}37'15.38''N$ $118^{\circ}26'38.11''W$) and follow FS road NF200 to the east intersection of FS road NF200 and State Highway 20 (approx. $48^{\circ}34'54.24''N$ $118^{\circ}17'58.33''W$)



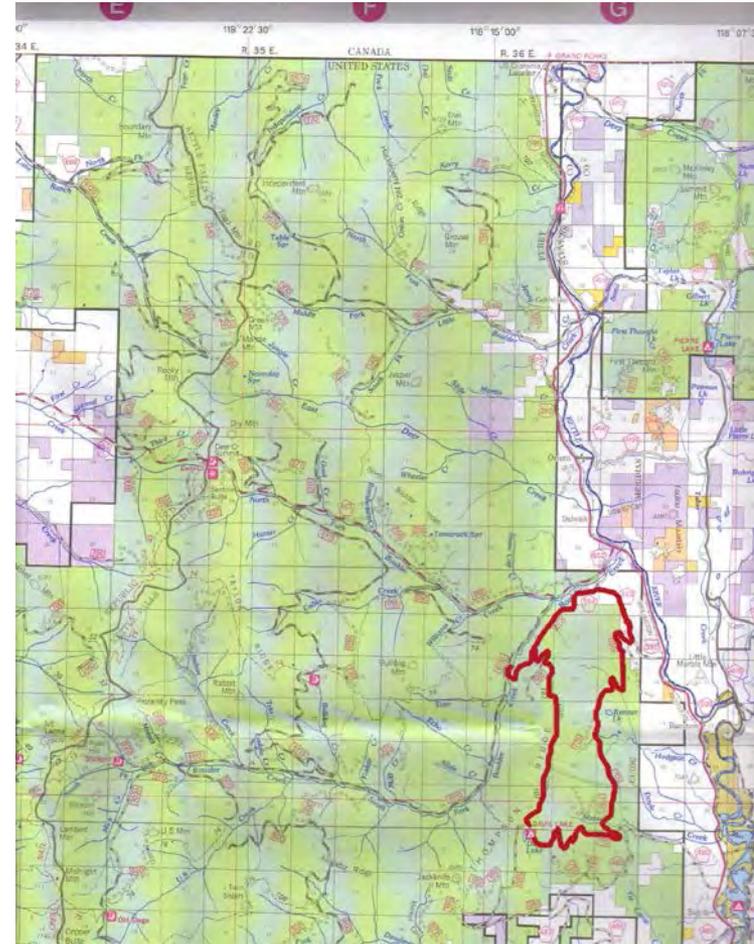
#21 Talisman Mine OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of FS road NF9576 (Little Boulder Creek Road) and FS road NF150 (Kerry Creek Road); follow FS road NF150 to the intersection of FS road NF150 and FS road NF215 (Talisman Mine Road); follow the FS road NF215 to the Talisman Mine.



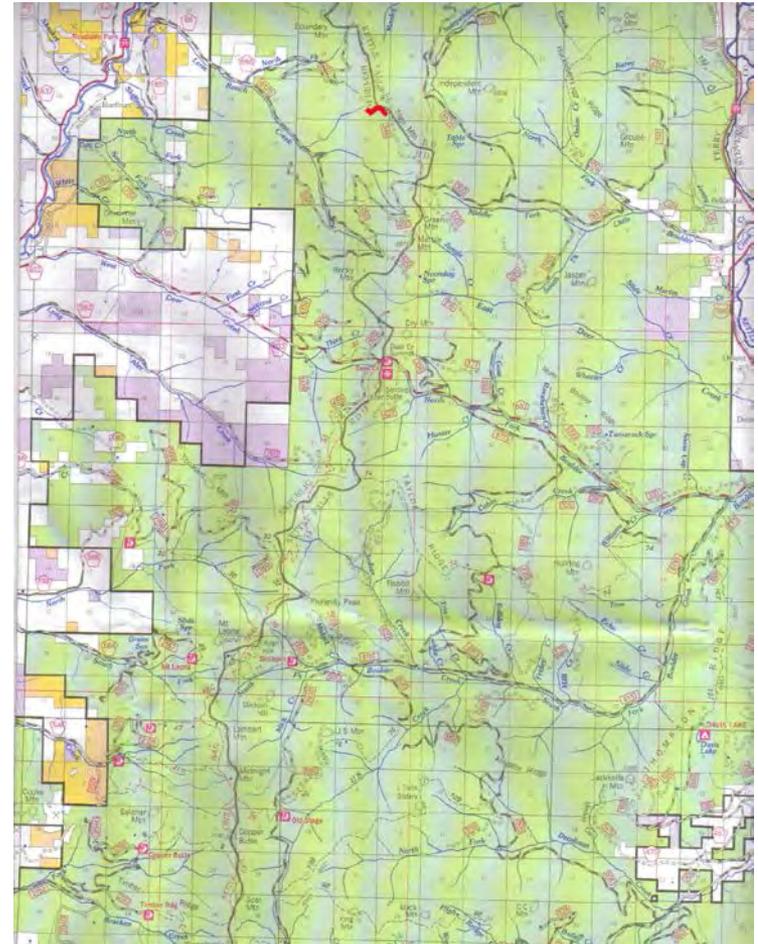
12 Thompson Ridge OHV Trail

- Start at the intersection FS road NF6110 (South Boulder Creek Road) and FS road NF100; follow FS road NF100 to the intersection of FS road NF100 and FS trail 107 (Thompson Trail); follow the FS trail 107 south to the Intersection of FS trail 107 and FS road NF 080 (Davis Lake Road); follow the FS road NF080 southeast to the intersection of FS road NF080 and FS road NF270; follow the FS road NF270 to the intersection of FS road NF270 and FS road NF710; follow the FS road NF710 east to the intersection of FS road NF710 and FS road NF705 (Renner Lake Road); follow FS road NF705 north to the intersection of FS road NF705 and County road 593 (Hodgeson-Lakin Road); follow County road 593 north to County road 594; follow County road 594 south west to the intersection of County road 594 and FS road NF873; follow the FS road NF873 south to the intersection of FS road NF873 and FS road NF100; follow FS road NF100 west and south to the intersection of point of origin.



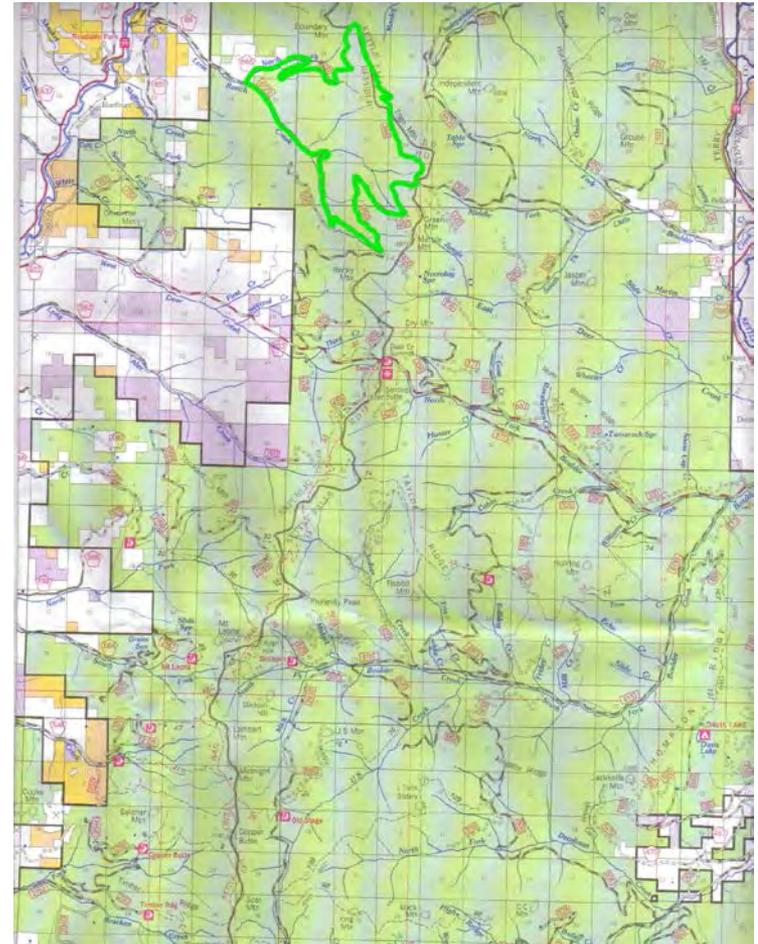
18A Togo Mountain Loop Lookout Spur OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of FS road NF340 (FS 6120930?) and FS road NF936; follow FS road NF936 to Lookout.



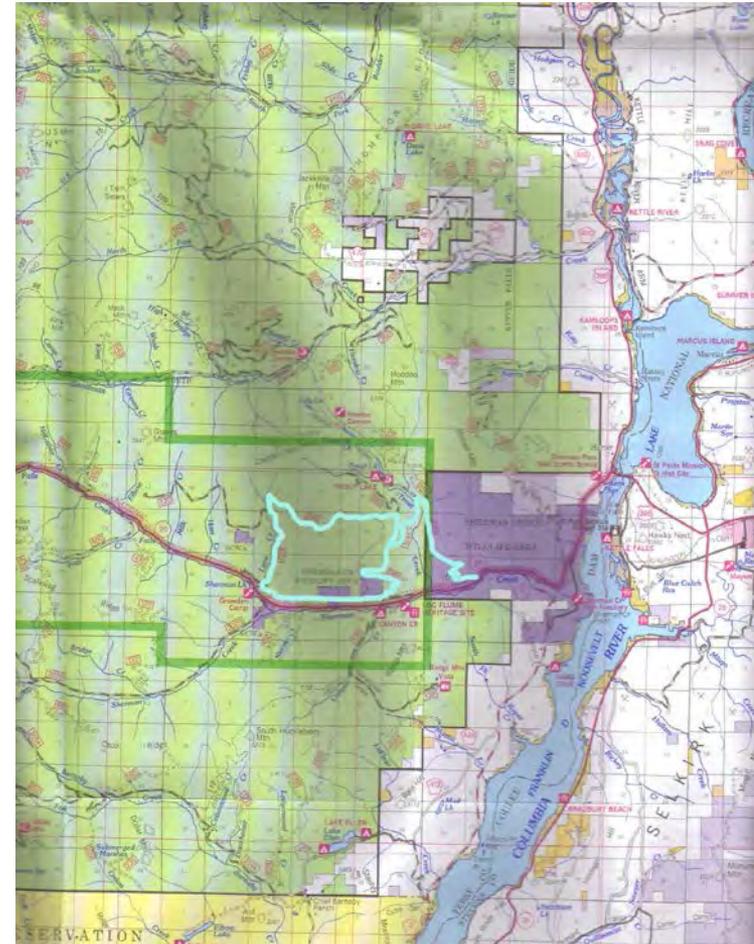
#18 Togo Mountain Loop OHV Trail

- Begin at the intersection of FS road NF450 (Summit Motor Way), FS road NF340 (6120930?) (ToGo Mountain Road); follow FS road NF340 north to the intersection of FS road NF340 and FS road NF900 (Lone Ranch Road, north fork); follow the FS road NF900 southwest to the intersection of FS road NF900 and County road 668; follow the county road 668 to the intersection of county road 668 and FS road NF6120 (South Fork of Lone Ranch Road); follow the FS road NF6120 southeast to the intersection of the FS road NF450; follow the FS road NF450 north to the point of origin.



#9 Trout Lake Lane Creek OHV Trail;

- Begin at the intersection State Highway 20 and FS road NF020 follow FS road to the intersection of FS road NF020 (Trout Lake Road) and FS road NF124; follow FS road NF124 south to FS road 085 (Coyote Road); follow FS road NF 085 north to the intersection of FS road NF 085 and FS road NF280; follow the FS road NF280 west to the intersection of FS road NF280 and FS road NF220 (Lane Creek Road); follow FS road NF 220 south to the intersection of FS road NF220 and FS road NF092; follow FS road NF092 east to the intersection of FS road NF092 and FS road NF 085;
- Follow FS road NF085 north to the intersection of FS road NF085 and FS road NF 124; follow FS road NF124 to the intersection of FS road NF124 and FS road NF020; follow Fs road NF020 south to the point of origin.



#2 Twin Sister OHV Trail;

- Start at the intersection of FS road NF2030 (Albian Hill) and FS trail 109 (Twin Sister 4x4 trail); follow trail 109 to FS road NF800 (Alligator Ridge); FS road NF800 to FS road NF9565 (Deadman Creek); FS road west to the intersection of FS road NF9565 and FS road NF2030; follow FS road NF2030 north to point of origin.

