



Throughline Trail #860

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The Throughline Trail #860 begins at the Throughline Coal Creek Trailhead off of Forest Service Road #709 and ends at the Throughline Smith fork Trailhead off of Forest Service Road #814. The map below shows directions to the Coal Creek Trailhead. This trail is well used and easy to follow, though there are rocky sections, creek crossings, and bogs. Cattle are grazed throughout the season, so it is common to see domestic cattle as well as deer and elk while using the Throughline Trail. The trail passes through Gambel oak thickets, meadows, aspen forests and drainages studded with beaver ponds. There are spectacular views of the heart of the West Elk Mountains.



DIRECTIONS

From Paonia:

1. East/northeast on Hwy 133 15 mi.
2. Turn Right onto CR 12 1 mi.
3. Straight on FSR 709 9 mi.

The Trailhead is on the right across Coal Creek. There is a vault toilet and room to camp with horse trailers.

FSR 709, Coal Creek Road, is a Level 3 road open to passenger vehicles to the Throughline Trailhead. The last 1.2 miles is Level 2 which is high clearance vehicles.

From Crawford:

1. East/northeast on Needle Rock Road 8.3 mi.
(at 2.4 mi it intersects 4200 Rd, turn east to stay on Needle Rock)
2. Veer southeast on FSR #814 1.2 mi
3. East at TH sign .25 mi



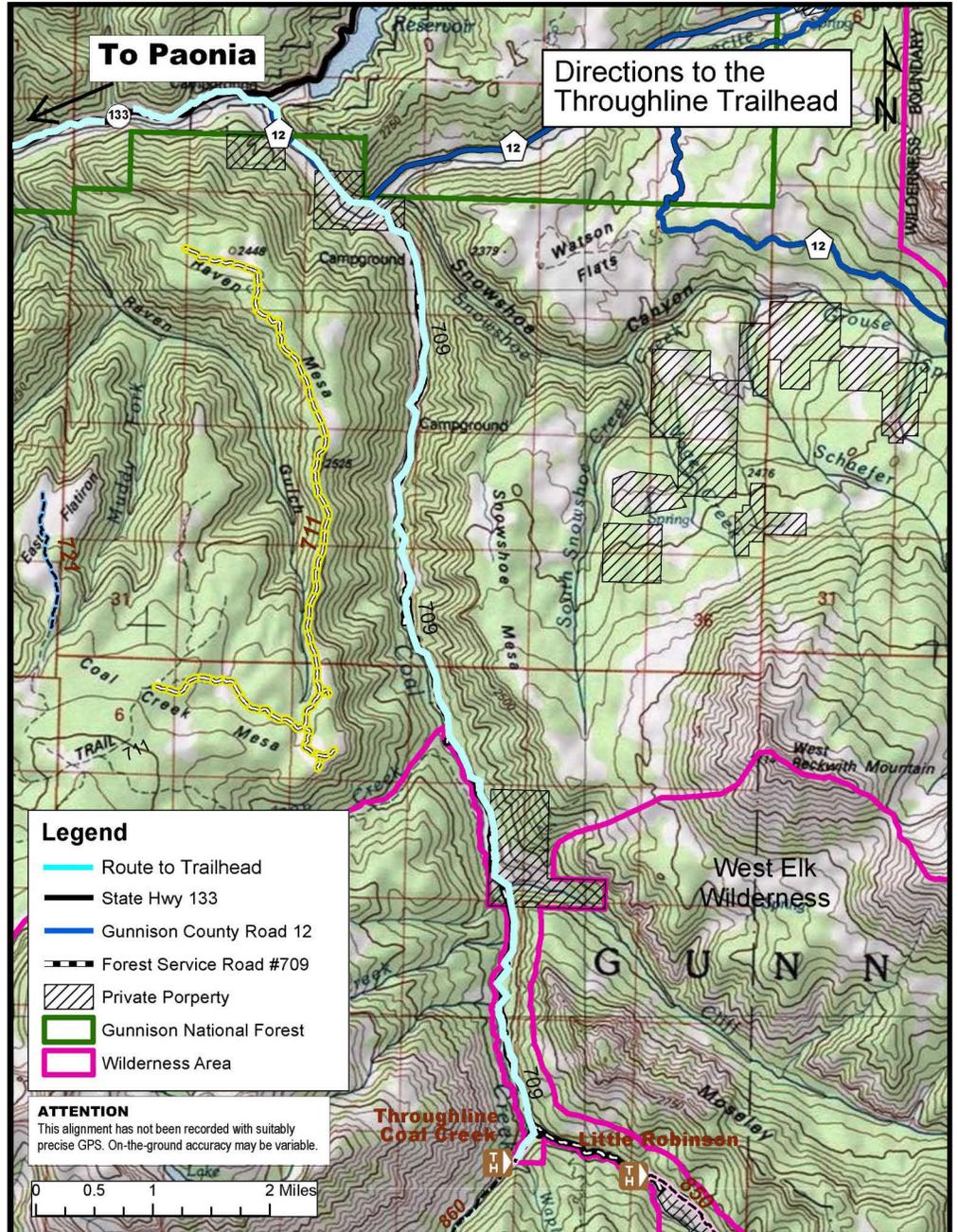
QUICK FACTS

Throughline Trail

38° 48' 45" 107° 18' 46"

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- **Distance:** 13.3 Miles
- **Usage:** Moderate
- **Min. Elevation:** 7,263 ft.
- **Max Elevation:** 9,067 ft.
- **USGS Maps:** West Beckwith Mountain, Minnesota Pass, & Crawford



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