

# White River National Forest



## Current Conditions Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District

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### Road and Trail Status for Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District

Eagle County residents are getting outside to recreate on bikes and hike while trying to maintain social distancing. To best meet the intent of state and county direction, we ask that you do your best to recreate from your home/neighborhood rather than driving to a trailhead. If you drive to a trailhead and it's full or near capacity, please go to another location.

Do not park on roadways, highways, or block the travel way. Search and Rescue and other emergency vehicles must have access. If crowding or parking issues continue, we may have to close areas and prohibit use.

Bicycle and Motorized Use: All Forest System roads and trails are closed to wheeled use unless otherwise open as shown on the **Mechanized Use Map** or **Motor Vehicle Use Map** at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/whiteriver/home/?cid=stelprdb5328680>

Biking is allowed only on designated trails and roads. Off-road/trail travel is prohibited. Roads & trails are closed to bicycles November 23 – May 21 annually.

### Roads

Motorized use is restricted to a system of designated roads and trails by the kind of vehicle and time of year. This information is found on the Motor Vehicle Use Map at [Motor Vehicle Use Map](#). Please refer to the MVUM posted on the website. We have provided the conditions of popular roads in the table below. Road conditions change based on weather. Please do not try to travel through snowbanks. There is never less snow the farther you travel up in elevation. You will get stuck and there is little to no cell coverage on most forest roads.

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This report is a general description of the broader area; all conditions are subject to change. Remember to always bring a map and compass, and be prepared for any conditions on the roads and trails - remember to *"Know Before You Go"*.

Dirt & 4WD Roads	Conditions
<b>Eagle Area Roads</b>	
Big Park - FSR 421	Dry and clear of debris for entire length.
Eagle-Thomasville - FSR 400	Road is open over Crooked Creek Pass.
East Brush Creek - FSR 415	Road is open.
Nolan Creek - FSR 418	As of 5/20/20, Road is dry and open to the Nolan Lake Trailhead, patchy snow and muddy past this point.
Hardscrabble - FSR 413	Dry and free of debris.
Hat Creek - FSR 416	Road is open. Road requires a <b>4WD, High Clearance Vehicle</b> .
Old Fulford Road - FSR 419	Road is open, Dry w/ debris remaining as of 5/31/20.
Triangle Park - FSR 435	Dry and Clear of Debris to the last mile. Crews had not cut downed timber from the remaining mile of road as of 5/31/20.
<b>SE FLAT TOPS AREA ROADS</b>	
Coffee Pot - FSR 600	<b>Coffee Pot Road is open, however, due to the Grizzly Creek Fire there is a few road closures south of the FSR 600. FSR-622 Deadhorse, FSR-623 Wagon Gulch and FSR-624 Blue Gulch are closed. Please, check under Alerts and Notices for the Forest Order # WRNF-2020-38 Fire Closure! Also, Maps of the closure are also available on: <a href="https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6942/">inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6942/</a>.</b>
Crescent Lake - FSR 613	Road is open and is muddy and has patchy snow, as of 5/20/20
Derby Loop - County Rd 39	County Road and in good condition.
Stump Park - FSR 610	Road is open and is muddy and has patchy snow as of 5/20/20
<b>VAIL AREA ROADS</b>	

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Berry Creek - FSR 774	Lower road is open and dry
Holy Cross City - FSR 759	Snow-packed as of 5/20/20. Access depending on FSR 704 and 727. Usually passable mid-June, high water crossings.
Homestake - FSR 703	Road open, dry and passable to just below the reservoir as of 5/20/20
June Creek - FSR 717	Opened on 6/21 - Clear of debris and dry.
Lost Lake - FSR 786	Opened on 6/21 - Clear of debris and dry.
McAllister/Hornsilver - FSR 708	Open as of 6/27. Dry and clear of debris. <b>No exit to Redcliff via FSR 747 Wearyman and FSR 709 Shrine Pass Road.</b>
Metcalf - FSR 779	Opened on 6/21 - Clear of debris and dry.
Middle Creek - FSR 719	Opened on 6/21 - Clear of debris and dry.
Missouri Creek - FSR 704	Road open, muddy to Miss/Fancy trailhead.
Muddy Pass - FSR 700	Muddy Pass and Red and White Loop - Dry and clear of debris. The system was opened on 6/21/20.
No Name - FSR 705	Road open from Hwy 24 for approx. 2 miles then snow-packed, as of 5/20/20. Do Not drive into snowpack, you'll get stuck.
Piney Guard - FSR 744	Road open, Clear and free of debris.
Piney Ranch - 701	Opened on 6/21 - Clear of debris and dry.
Ptarmigan - FSR 751	Road open.
Red and White - FSR 734	Muddy Pass and Red and White Loop - Dry and clear of debris. The system was opened on 6/21/20.
Red Sandstone - FSR 700	The entire FSR 700 was opened on 6/21/20. Clear of debris and dry.
Resolution - FSR 702	As of 6/24: Open to the junction with FSR 751. Impassable snowdrift at the intersection with FSR 751.
Sheephorn - FSR 401	Opened on 6/21.
Shrine Pass - FSR 709	Opened all the way on 6/23 - Clear of debris and dry. Currently you are <b>unable</b> to connect with <b>Wearyman Road FSR 747.</b>
Tigiwon - FSR 707	Road Open.
Wearyman - FSR 747	Currently you are <b>unable</b> to connect with <b>Shrine Pass Road FSR 709.</b>
West Lake Creek - FSR 423	Do not attempt to drive this road unless you have a <b>High Clearance 4-Wheel Drive Vehicle.</b>

### Special Alerts and Notices:

- **Please respect the wintering wildlife you may encounter on the trail by not spooking them and giving them the right of way by allowing enough space between you and the animals. For this reason, certain areas are closed to allow the wildlife to have an uninterrupted winter range. Please respect those closures.**
- **The White River National Forest Travel Management Plan has been released. For a free map of the existing summer and winter routes, visit the [WRNF Travel Management Website](#).**

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Trail	Conditions
<b>Eagle Area Trails</b>	
Antones Lake #1871.1	
Antones #1871	
Brown's Loop	
Fulford Cave #1875	The trail is clear and in good shape.
Green Gate #1903	
Ironedge #1873	08/12/2020 - Please be aware that there is a horse carcass approximately 100 feet off of the Ironedge trail in the Holy Cross Wilderness as it drops into the Lake Charles Basin.
Lake Charles #1899	Trail Cleared of trees to the lake on 7/7/20. Pink Indian Paintbrush is blooming here, in marshy areas the globe flower and marsh marigolds are blooming.
Lost Lake #2224	
Mckenzie Gulch #1869	
Mount Thomas #1870	
New York Lake #2221	
New York Mtn #1876	
Nolan Lake #1898	As of 6/7/20: The trail is clear to ~2.9 miles until we reached snow line and deep post-holing through snow required to reach the lake.
Salt Creek #1878	
Sneve Gulch #1872	
Sundell Trail #1863	
Yates Gulch #1864	
Yeoman Park Discovery	
<b>SE FLAT TOPS AREA TRAILS</b>	
Cross Creek #1855	
Grizzly Creek #2065	
Hanging Lake #1850	<b>**This is a VERY popular trail that requires a reservation**</b> ; <b>Hanging Lake trail is closed! No reopening date has been announced at this time. We will post the latest reopening information on this page as soon as it becomes available!</b> <a href="#">click here for shuttle and permit information.</a>
Hooper Lake #1860	
Island Lakes #1842	
Johnson Pasture #1852	
Nellie's #1839	
Prospect #1867	
Rim Lake #1856	As of 6/24/20: Trail clear of debris for 4.8 miles, from Sweetwater Trail to Rim Lake (10,800 ft). Some large snow patches still on the trail that are easy on foot to get over (may be more difficult for horses to walk through).
Shingle Peak #2042	
Sweetwater #1854	Trail is clear for 3.2 miles to the turn off for Rim Lake Trail #1856. No snow to report.
Trappers Lake #1816	
Turret Creek #1832	As of 6/8/20: Clear for the first 6 miles of the trail. Swift water (Turret Creek) ford before the wilderness boundary at ~1.5 miles and another water crossing across a log at ~2 miles in.
Ute-Sweetwater #2032	
W Mountain #1817	

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Wagon Wheel #2049	
<b>VAIL AREA TRAILS</b>	
Beaver Lake #2109	As of 7/7/20- Clear of trees up to Lower Turquoise Lake.
Bighorn #2013	5/15/20: Dry for ½ mile before snow.
Booth Creek #2011	As of 7/7/20: Trail cleared of trees to the lake which is almost completely thawed Some snow fields still present around the lake, some snow traversing to reach the lake
Bowman's Shortcut #1851	
Buck Creek #2106	
Buffehr Creek #787	
Colorado Trail #2108	
Cross Creek #2006	As of 7/7/20: Trail cleared of trees for the first 8.75 miles. Avalanche debris field is about a ¼ mile long located between Reeds Meadows and Harvey Lake.
Dead Dog #2220	
Deluge Lake #2014	5/15/20: Dry for 1.25 miles before snow.
East Lake Creek #1880	
East Meadow Creek #1886	
Everkrisp #2122	
Fall Creek #2001	
Fancy Pass Trail #2006	As of 6/24/20: Cleared up to snow line at about 2.3 miles up the trail. The lake is at 2.7 miles therefore there is still a half mile of continuous, constant snow.
Gore Creek #2015	As of 7/7/20: Clear of trees for the first 3.2 miles. Many hazardous trees.
Grouse Lake #2127	As of 6/24/20: Some snow drifts but nothing hard to get through in the first 2.5 miles.
Grouse Mtn #2010	
Halfmoon Pass #2009	As of 7/7/20: Trail cleared of trees to the timberline. Hazard trees removed from camping area. Clear of snow to the timberline.
Lonesome Lake #2126	
Lost Lake #1893	
Lower Piney #1885	
Martin Creek #2128	As of 7/7/20: Trail cleared of trees to the junction of Martin and Grouse Mountain Trail. Connector trail cleared of trees- trail is not well marked. Beware of hazard lodgepole pine trees in certain areas especially during high wind or gusts.
Meadow Creek #1891	
Meadow Mountain #748	
Missouri Lakes #2003	As of 9/10/20: Avalanche site/debris is completely cleared off the entire trail.
North Trail #1896	
Notch Mountain #2000	
Stone Creek #2349	
Pitkin Creek #2012	As of 7/7/20: Trail cleared of trees up to the lake, which is almost completely thawed. Some snow fields still present around the lake and the trail is almost completely free of snow.
Shrine Mountain #2016	
Soda Lakes #1889	
Son of Middle Creek #2136	
Squaw Creek #1897	
Two Elk #2005	

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Upper Piney River #1885	7/7/20: Trail clear of trees until the falls. Trail is difficult to follow after the falls.
West Grouse #2129	
Whiskey Creek #2348	
Whitney Lake #2002	6/6/20: Whitney Lake trail is clear to the lake with some snow to traverse but not too much to turn around.

#### Special Alerts and Notices:

- [Click here for press release about spring trail closures for wildlife.](#)
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