

White River National Forest



Current Conditions

Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District

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Minturn Office: 970-827-5715

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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".

Seasonal Advisory: The summer travel season opens on May 21st. Please visit the local District Office to check for areas that may have seasonal, temporary wildlife closures in place. Motor vehicle use maps (MVUMs) are available online or at all district offices. MVUMs show forest routes that are designated as open or restricted to different types of motor vehicles and seasonal designations. It is your responsibility to know where and when you can go. MVUMs also provide information about motorized access to dispersed camping sites (sites outside of campgrounds).

The Run-off is on! Rivers are running swift and high. Think twice before attempting a crossing. Remember, high-elevation trails and roads are slick and muddy. If you encounter a muddy road or trail please turn around and wait until the route dries. Riding on muddy routes can cause permanent road and trail damage.

River Users: Expect delays in Colorado River use during the month of August for the Grand Avenue Bridge Project in Glenwood Springs. For information on closures and delays please visit: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/sh82grandavenuebridge>.

Food Storage & Camping: Effective June, 2014 – June 2018, visitors in developed campgrounds or dispersed sites along certain Forest Service roads must store food in a bear-resistant container or inside vehicles in sealed containers. Forest Order with list of sites and rules can be found here: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3806552.pdf.

Dirt & 4WD Roads	Conditions
Eagle Area Roads	
Eagle-Thomasville - FSR 400	Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to (open to wheeled vehicles 5/21 at earliest depending on conditions).
East Brush Creek - FSR 415	Plowed for winter wheeled access to Yeoman Park. Beyond is open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to 5/20 (open to wheeled vehicles 5/21 at earliest depending on conditions)
Fulford Road - FSR 418	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to 5/20 (open to wheeled vehicles 5/21 at earliest depending on conditions).
Hardscrabble - FSR 413	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to 5/20 (open to wheeled vehicles 5/21 at earliest depending on conditions).
Hat Creek - FSR 416	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to 5/20 (open to wheeled vehicles 5/21 at earliest depending on conditions).
SE FLAT TOPS AREA ROADS	

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Coffee Pot - FSR 600	From Forest boundary (at mile 12.5) it is open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to 5/20 (Lowest section open to wheeled vehicles 5/21 at earliest depending on conditions)
Crescent Lake - FSR 613	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to 5/20 (open to wheeled vehicles 5/21 at earliest depending on conditions)
Derby Loop - County Rd 39	County Road, no report.
Stump Park - FSR 610	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to 5/20 (open to wheeled vehicles 5/21 at earliest depending on conditions).
VAIL AREA ROADS	
Homestake - FSR 703	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to 5/20 (open to wheeled vehicles 5/21 at earliest depending on conditions).
June Creek - FSR 717	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to 5/20 (this upper section of June Creek is open to wheeled vehicles 6/21 at earliest depending on conditions. Lower sections are 717.1A and 717.1B, and open 5/21 at earliest).
McAllister/Hornsilver - FSR 708	From 11/15 to at least 5/20, South/McAllister side closed to all motorized vehicles. North side open only to over-snow vehicles until 5/20 and wheeled vehicles no earlier than 6/21. Visit the Vail Pass WRA page for map and conditions.
Missouri Creek - FSR 704	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to 5/20 (open to wheeled vehicles 5/21 at earliest depending on conditions).
Muddy Pass - FSR 700	Milepost 24.9 to 30.7 (from Hwy 131 to gate just past FSR 744) is a route with fluctuating closure points depending on snow line.
No Name - FSR 705	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to 5/20 (open to wheeled vehicles 5/21 at earliest depending on conditions).
Piney Guard - FSR 744	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to 5/20 (open to wheeled vehicles 5/21 at earliest depending on conditions).
Red and White - FSR 734	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to 5/20 (open to wheeled vehicles 6/21 at earliest depending on conditions).
Red Sandstone - FSR 700	Milepost 0.6 - 6.5 (section from Vail to Muddy Pass/Piney Lake intersection) scheduled to open 6/1. Milepost 6.5 - 24.3 (from same intersection west toward Hwy 131) scheduled to open 6/21. Milepost 24.3 - 30.7 (from Hwy 131 to gate just past FSR 744) scheduled to open 5/21.
Resolution - FSR 702	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/15 to 5/20. First 1.1 miles in valley floor open to wheeled vehicles 5/21. Rest of road above valley floor open no earlier than 6/1. Visit the Vail Pass WRA page for a link to conditions.
Sheephorn - FSR 401	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/23 to 5/20. Open to wheeled vehicles no earlier than 6/21 depending on conditions.
Shrine Pass - FSR 709	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/15 to 5/20. Open to wheeled vehicles no earlier than 6/21. Visit the Vail Pass WRA page for a link to conditions.
Wearyman - FSR 747	Snow. Open to over-snow vehicles only from 11/15 to 5/20. First 2.0 miles in Camp Hale Valley Floor open to wheeled vehicles 5/21. Rest of road open no earlier than 6/21. Visit the Vail Pass WRA page for a link to conditions.
Special Alerts and Notices:	

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Trail	Conditions
Eagle Area Trails	
Antones Lake #1871.1	Snow.
Antones #1871	Snow.
Brown's Loop	Snow.
Fulford Cave #1875	Snow.
Ironedge #1873	Snow.
Lake Charles #1899	Snow.
Lost Lake #2224	Snow.
Mckenzie Gulch #1869	Snow.
Mount Thomas #1870	Snow.
New York Lake #2221	Snow.
New York Mtn #1876	Snow.
Nolan Lake #1898	Snow.
Salt Creek #1878	Snow.
Sneve Gulch #1872	Snow.
Sundell Trail #1863	Snow.
Yates Gulch #1864	Snow.
Yeoman Park Discovery	Snow.
SE FLAT TOPS AREA TRAILS	
Cross Creek #1855	Snow.
Deadhorse #1851	Snow.
Grizzly Creek #2065	Snow.
Hanging Lake #1850	Snow-free: **This is a VERY popular trail; click here for rules and tips for when to visit
Hooper Lake #1860	Snow.
Island Lakes #1842	Snow.
Johnson Pasture #1852	Snow.
Nellie's #1839	Snow.
Prospect #1867	Snow.
Rim Lake #1856	Snow.
Shingle Peak #2042	Snow.
Sweetwater #1854	Snow.
Trappers Lake #1816	Snow.
Turret Creek #1832	Snow.
Ute-Sweetwater #2032	Snow.
W Mountain #1817	Snow.
Wagon Wheel #2049	Snow.
VAIL AREA TRAILS	
Beaver Lake #2109	Snow.
Bighorn #2013	Snow.
Booth Creek #2011	4/18/17: Snow starting about 0.5 miles from trailhead.
Bowman's Shortcut #1851	Snow.
Buck Creek #2106	5/5/17: Can hike about 2 miles before hitting snow.

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Buffehr Creek #787	Snow.
Colorado Trail #2108	Snow.
Cross Creek #2006	Snow.
Dead Dog #2220	Snow.
Deluge Lake #2014	Snow.
East Lake Creek #1880	5/2/17: Patchy snow starting about 0.5 miles from trailhead.
East Meadow Creek #1886	Snow.
Fall Creek #2001	Snow.
Fancy Creek #2006	Snow.
Gore Creek #2015	Snow.
Grouse Lake #2127	Snow.
Grouse Mtn #2010	Snow.
Halfmoon Pass #2009	Snow.
Lonesome Lake #2126	Snow.
Lost Lake #1893	Snow.
Lower Piney #1885	Snow.
Martin Creek #2128	Snow.
Meadow Creek #1891	Snow.
Meadow Mountain #748	Snow.
Missouri Lakes #2033	Snow.
North Trail #1896	Annual spring wildlife closure from April 15 – June 15.
Notch Mountain #2000	Snow.
Stone Creek #2349	Annual spring wildlife closure from May 15 – June 20.
Pitkin Creek #2012	Snow.
Shrine Mountain #2016	Snow.
Soda Lakes #1889	Snow.
Son of Middle Creek #2136	Annual spring wildlife closure from April 15 – June 15.
Squaw Creek #1897	Snow.
Two Elk #2005	Annual winter/spring wildlife closure from May 6 – June 30.
Upper Piney River #1885	Snow.
West Grouse #2129	Snow.
Whiskey Creek #2348	Annual winter/spring wildlife closure from Dec 1 – June 20.
Whitney Lake #2002	Snow.

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