

White River National Forest



Current Conditions
Dillon Ranger District
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Current Condition Overview: The Dillon Ranger District is currently open for recreation. Please use all FS land and trail heads responsibly and keep physical distance from other members of the public.

Campgrounds: The summer operating season for campgrounds begins in mid-May 2021. Campgrounds are either reservation-only on www.recreation.gov or first-come, first-serve. Please refer to the [Forest-wide campground table](#).

Seasonal Advisory: The Dillon Ranger District is still in winter operational months until May 21st or later, when conditions allow for roads to harden from the melting snow and mud. All Forest Service Roads remain closed to motorized vehicle access until that date; please refer to the [Winter Motor Vehicle Use Map](#) for areas where over snow vehicles are permitted. Please refer to the [Summer Motor Vehicle Use Map](#) for more information, as Forest Roads will open on various dates between May and July.

Due to the closed status of forest roads and developed campgrounds, in addition to restricted or prohibited overnight parking at trailheads, only dispersed tent camping is available if dropped off and picked up at the trailhead.

Hiking Trails

Most trails are still under snow or have muddy conditions right now and will remain so until later on in the spring and into early summer, so please prepare accordingly. Trails are closed to mountain bikes until after May 21. There may be some additional restrictions delaying that date (spring wildlife restrictions). These restrictions are in place to help protect the tread for the long-term sustainability.

There are three areas on the district that have delayed openings for motor vehicle use due to elk calving – Keystone Gulch Road, Frey Gulch, and Mumford Gulch. Although these are strictly closed for motor vehicle access, hiking/biking access is also discouraged as the elk need the spring season to rejuvenate their body condition after a winter of starvation. Remember many of these animals are pregnant; many females are giving birth and need this security so their fawns and calves have a fighting chance to live.

Food Storage & Camping: Effective May 2019 – October 2023, visitors camping in developed sites or dispersed sites must store food in a bear-resistant container or inside locked vehicles. Approved bear-resistant containers for backpacking can be found [here](#). Please view the Forest Order [here](#).

Dirt & 4WD Roads	Conditions
Summit County Forest Roads	
Bald Mountain – FSR #520/520.3/528.1b/528.2	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Boreas Pass – County Road 10	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes. Maintained by Summit County Road and Bridge.
Brush Creek – FSR #1695	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.

Cataract Creek – FSR #1725

OPEN to highway legal vehicles – No ATVs, unlicensed motorcycles, or snowmobiles.

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Columbine Landing – FSR #1870	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Crystal Creek – FSR #800/803	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Deer Creek – FSR #5	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Frey Gulch – FSR #66	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes and will remain closed until July 1 for elk calving. Hiking/biking is discouraged to protect the wildlife.
Georgia Pass (South Fork Swan) – FSR #355	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Glacier Ridge – FSR #258	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Indiana Creek – FSR #593	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Keystone Gulch – FSR #175	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes and will remain closed until July 1 for elk calving. Hiking/biking is discouraged to protect the wildlife.
Lonesome Gulch – FSR #2840	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Mayflower Gulch – FSR #1178	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
McCullough Gulch – FSR #851	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Middle Fork Swan – FSR #6.2	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Miner’s Creek – FSR #1000	OPEN: Lower [County] and Upper [USFS] Gate to highway legal vehicles – No ATVs, unlicensed motorcycles, or snowmobiles.

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Mumford/Cottonwood Gulch – FSR #2855 / 2855.1A / 2850	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes and will remain closed until June 21 for elk calving. Hiking/biking is discouraged to protect the wildlife.
North Fork Swan – FSR #354	OPEN [Lower Gate Only] to ATVs and unlicensed motorcycles.
North Rock Creek – FSR #1350	OPEN to highway legal vehicles – No ATVs, unlicensed motorcycles, or snowmobiles.
Pennsylvania Creek – FSR #611	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Peru Creek – FSR #260	OPEN to ATVs and unlicensed motorcycles. No snowmobiles.
Saints John – FSR #275	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Santa Fe Peak – FSR #264	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Shrine Pass – FSR #16 / 709	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Spring Creek Area FSR #1831/ 1832/ 1833 /1834/ 23	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Spruce Creek – FSR #800 / 803	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Straight Creek – FSR #51	OPEN [Mini Gate] – Only for ATVs and unlicensed motorcycles 62” width or less. No snowmobiles.
Webster Pass – FSR #285	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Williams Peak – FSR #200	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.

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Tenderfoot ATV and Motorcycle Trail System	
Tenderfoot Mountain Road – FSR #9509 for MOTORCYCLES	Mile 0.0 to 2.2 CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Tenderfoot Mountain Road – FSR #9509 for MOTORCYCLES	Mile 2.2 to end CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Tenderfoot Mountain Road – FSR #9509 for ALL VEHICLES	Mile 0.0 to 1.0 CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Tenderfoot Mountain Road – FSR #9509 for ATV's and Vehicles less than 62"	Mile 1.0 to 2.2 CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Tenderfoot Motorcycle Trails FSR #9504/ 9507/ 9508/ 9510/ 9511/ 9513	CLOSED to all motor vehicles, mountain bikes and e-bikes.
Special Alerts and Notices: All ATV's, OHV's, and unlicensed Motorcycles require a Colorado State Permit. Contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife at (303) 791-1920 or visit http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/RegistrationsOHV.aspx	
The White River National Forest Travel Plan has been released. For a free Management map of the existing summer and winter routes visit the WRNF Travel Management Website. https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/whiteriver/home/?cid=stelprdb5328680#summer	

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Trail	Conditions
Acorn Creek	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Argentine Pass	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Angler Mountain	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Bakers Tank	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Boulder Lakes	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Buffalo Mountain	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Cataract Lake (lower) Loop	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Crystal Lakes	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Eaglesmere	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud; down trees.
Elliot Ridge	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Gore Range	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Lily Pad Lake	Some dry; mostly patches of mud and snow, downed trees.
Lost Lake	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Masontown	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
McCullough Gulch	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Meadow Creek	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Mesa Cortina	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Mesa Cortina to South Willow Falls	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Mount Royal	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
North Tenmile	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
North Willow Creek	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Old Dillon Reservoir	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Oro Grande	Dry
Peaks	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Ptarmigan	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud. Several downed trees past lookout bench.
Quandary Peak	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow,

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	ice and mud.
Rainbow Lake	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud; down trees.
Rock Creek	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud; down trees.
Salmon Lake	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Salt Lick Trail System	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Sapphire Point	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Slate Creek	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Soda Creek Trail System	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Spruce Creek / Mohawk Lake	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Tenderfoot (non-motorized)	Mostly dry, some patches of mud and snow.
Salt Lick Trails	Mostly mud and snow, some dry patches.
Ute Pass / Ute Peak	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Wheeler Lakes	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud.
Willow Lakes	Variable conditions due to a combination of snow, ice and mud, downed trees.

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Special Alerts and Notices:

- Please use the Forest responsibly, always and especially during COVID19 Pandemic. Emergency response resources may be limited. Scale back risk. Please remember that per President Biden's Executive Order, masks are required on federal lands when six feet of distance between unrelated parties cannot be maintained.
- Please adhere to Summit County COVID personal gathering size restrictions, which currently stand at a maximum of 10 people. For more information, please refer to the Summit County Public Health Orders: <https://www.summitcountyco.gov/1326/Public-Health-Orders>

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