

White River National Forest



Current Conditions

Blanco Ranger District

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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, 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 are available online or at all district offices. Motor vehicle use maps (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 you can go. Motor vehicle use maps 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.

Food Storage & Camping: Effective June, 2014 – June 2018, visitors camping in developed sites or dispersed sites must store food in a bear-resistant container or inside vehicles in sealed containers. Approved bear-resistant containers for backpacking can be found here: <http://igbconline.org/certified-products-list/>. Please view the Forest Order here:

Dirt & 4WD Roads	Conditions
Miller Creek FS214	Main roads have been cleared of downfall. Road conditions are dry and clear at this time. Users should be prepared for new downfall to occur in timber stands.
East Beaver FS250	Main roads have been cleared of downfall. Road conditions are dry and dusty currently. Creek crossing is low at this time. Users should be prepared to have encounter new downfall as well as heavy dust when riding.

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Fawn Creek FS280	Road has been cleared of downfall. Road conditions are dry with moderate dust currently. Creek crossing is still moderately high. Cross at your own risk.
Hay Flats FS211	Main roads and most trails have been cleared of downfall. Road conditions are dry and dusty at this time.
Yellowjacket FS260	Main roads (FS250 and FS260) and most trails have been cleared of downfall. Road conditions are dry and dusty at this time.
Moeller Creak FS290	SEASONAL CLOSURE CURRENTLY IN AFFECT. FS290 does not open until June 21 st . This area is closed seasonally for elk calving. Motor vehicle use in seasonal closure areas disturbs the elk during their calving season which may result in the death or loss of many elk calves. It is a federal ticketable offense to operate a motor vehicle of any kind on Forest Service Road 290 prior to June 21 st and will result in multiple fines.
Deadhorse FS 230	SEASONAL CLOSURE CURRENTLY IN AFFECT. FS290 does not open until June 21 st . This area is closed seasonally for elk calving. Motor vehicle use in seasonal closure areas disturbs the elk during their calving season which may result in the death or loss of many elk calves. It is a federal ticketable offense to operate a motor vehicle of any kind on Forest Service Road 230 prior to June 21 st and will result in multiple fines.
Special Alerts and Notices:	Users should be prepared to deal with new downfall when riding on public trails. Users should also be prepared for dry and dusty conditions in much of the forest especially as weather patterns continue to produce dry and hot conditions.

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Trail	Conditions
Big Ridge	Many downed trees.
Peltier and Bailey Lake	Trails clear of snow. May be downed trees.
Wall Lake	Some snow drifts but is accessible for hiking.
Carhart	Clear of snow.
South Fork	Clear of snow until Lost Solar, Park Creek. Can progress about 2-3 miles further before hitting major snow drifts.