

Trails Not Recommended

(Note: trail may be partially or completely obliterated. Read description to understand more specific conditions and the affected sections of the trail)

Trail #	Trail	Section of Trail Affected
20	Water Canyon Trail	<i>Tread is gone</i>
25	Cassidy Trail	<i>An old fire caused tread to disappear in the middle section of the trail.</i>
31	Canyon Creek Trail	<i>Closed due to private property</i>
38	Round Mountain Ridge Trail	<i>Tread is gone</i>
50	Spruce Spring Trail	<i>Ends in private property</i>
59	Silver Creek Trail	<i>Tread is gone</i>
73	Falls Canyon Trail	<i>An old fire obliterated tread in the section near Reed's Peak. The lower section of the trail near Black Canyon is over grown with locust and has several large trees across the trail. This trail passes by an impressive water fall in Falls Canyon, a beautiful meadow and has some expansive views.</i>
78	Middle Fork Mimbres Trail	<i>Washout due to Silver Fire caused 15 foot drops where trail crosses the creek. Not maintained since the fire and likely totally overgrown with tread nearly impossible to find.</i>
80	South Fork Mimbres Trail	<i>Washout due to Silver Fire caused 15 foot drops where trail crosses the creek. Not maintained since the fire and likely totally overgrown with tread nearly impossible to find.</i>
95	Big Timber Trail	<i>Tread is gone</i>
102	Turkey Feather Mountain Trail	<i>The Whitewater Baldy Complex fire caused damage to tread. Dead trees continue to fall and make the trail very difficult to travel on. It is also likely to be overgrown with locust and aspen.</i>
101	Homestead Trail	<i>Tread gone in middle section of trail.</i>
105	North Fork Palomas Trail	<i>Tread is gone on section near CDT</i>
110	Lake Trail	<i>Tread is gone</i>
116	East Curtis Trail	<i>Tread is hard to find</i>
134	Trujillo Trail	<i>Dead ends</i>

148	Vic's Park Trail	<i>Dead ends</i>
151	West Fork Trail	<p><i>2 separate sections are not recommended.</i></p> <p><i>1) The trail section that travels along Cooper Canyon (between Iron Creek and Turkey Feather Pass) is obliterated from both fire and extensive flooding</i></p> <p><i>2) The trail from Turkey Feather Spring to the junction with the West Fork Corral Trail (# 814) was destroyed by major flooding. It does not exist due the narrowness of the canyon and the severity of the flooding. However, there is an impressive old CCC wall in this section that was not destroyed. Although it is slow travel when you are off trail, it is a sight to see (by foot only – horses not recommended).</i></p>
158	Sycamore Trail	<i>Trail wash out on sycamore canyon trail making it impassable to through travel from Turkey Creek to Mogollon Creek.</i>
164	From Turkey Feather Pass and junction with # 175 to Quentin Springs and junction with # 165.	<i>This trail was affected by the Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire and is likely very logged up.</i>
167	McKenna Creek Trail	<i>Trail tread is gone in most places</i>
169	Trail Canyon Trail	<i>The upper part of Trail Canyon Trail leading up to Mogollon Baldy was obliterated in a fire years ago. Now the tread is hard to find and overgrown with locust. The switchbacks on the lower part of Trail Canyon Trail are very logged up making travel challenging if not impossible for horses.</i>
172	Whitewater Baldy Trail from Iron Creek Lake to Whitewater Baldy	<i>This trail was affected by the Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire and is likely logged up.</i>
175	Clayton Mesa Trail	<i>On older maps, the drop into the Middle Fork is over .5 mile off and tread is minimal to find the drop-in point. Please contact Forest Service office before attempting this trail.</i>
180	Little Dry Trail	<i>No parts of this trail still exist beyond Windy Gap</i>
181	From Camp Creek Saddle to Spruce Creek Saddle.	<i>This trail was in the Whitewater Baldy Complex Fire. It is hard to follow due to the thick locust and vegetation growth after the fire. Burnt trees that are falling further complicate finding the trail.</i>
207	Whitewater Trail	<i>Massive washout due to flooding after Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire. Huge drop where the tread once was. Low use and the rapid regeneration rate of NM locust post fire has caused the trail to be impassible. Only the first 1.5 miles from Hummingbird Saddle has been fixed.</i>
217	Holt Gulch Trail – from the town of Pleasanton to Holt	<i>Washed out post Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire.</i>

	Mountain Spring and junction with Holt Apache Trail # 181	
224	West Fork Mogollon Trail	<i>Destroyed by aftermath of Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire</i>
481	Sheep Creek Trail	<i>Trail was washed out. No longer passable in the middle.</i>
709	Military Road Trail – from private property on East Fork to Tom Moore Mesa.	<i>This trail crosses multiple private properties, turning the upper part of the Military Road Trail in to an out-and-back hike -- which means a lot of elevation gain to hike back. Hikers need to make sure they have enough energy to return to the trailhead.</i>
713	Link Trail	<i>Tread gone in many places and other unofficial user trails may lead a hiker off course.</i>
770	Stove Pipe Trail	<i>Closed due to private property</i>
794	Murphy Trail	<i>Dead ends</i>
812	Pretty Canyon Trail	<i>Trail was lost in the Silver Fire.</i>
813	Byer's Run Trail	<i>Ends in private property</i>
Aspen Mountain Trail	Aspen Mountain Trail (old CDT over Aspen Mountain from Signboard Saddle to Reeds Peak	<i>Trail was severely burned. Low use and the rapid regeneration rate of NM locust post fire has caused the trail to be impassible.</i>

TRAIL TERMINOLOGY - When day hiking, you'll likely come across a number of terms referring to the type of trail you might set out on. Understanding what these different terms mean can help you better plan your hike and ultimately to best navigate it when in the wilderness.

Conifer – a tree that bears cones and evergreen needlelike or scale like leaves. This is a soft wood found in the Southwestern region of the United States.

Logged – The trees on the trail are cut into manageable sizes with a cross-cut saw and cleared.

Logged and lopped – The branches are cut, removed and small area along the trail has been trimmed back for ease of access.

Loop hike - Such a trail is circular, meaning that its start point is also its end point. A variation of this is the *stacked loop*, in which several loops share sides, allowing you to extend the distance of any loop by simply adding the next one in the set.

Out-and-back - This trail heads to a specific point but then has to be backtracked to the starting point. This sometimes is called an *in-and-out* or a *destination* trail, the latter because the main sight to see on the trail, such as a waterfall or a vista, also is the point where you turn back.

Park – a large open area with grass and trees.

Saddle – This is the lowest area between two peaks and has two wings which span the divide.

Switchbacks – A path with alternating sharp ascents and descents usually leading up the side of a mountain.

Tank – refers to stock tanks and the water is not potable. It would have to be purified/filtered in order to be drinkable.

Tread – a term used to describe the actual travel surface of the trail.

Wilderness – The FS refers to wilderness areas in compliance with the Wilderness Act of 1964 ... “A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain.”