

White River National Forest



Current Conditions

Rifle Ranger District

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**This report is a general description of the broader area; all conditions are subject to change.
Remember to “Know Before You Go.”
Always bring a map and compass, and be prepared for changing conditions on roads and trails.**

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Current Condition Overview: Roads and trails are drying out nicely. Occasional mud holes may be present. Seasonal gates are open as conditions permit.

Campgrounds: Meadow Lake and Meadow Ridge campgrounds are open.

Seasonal Advisory: The “summer” travel season begins May 21 and continues through November 20.

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 vehicles in sealed containers. Approved bear-resistant containers for backpacking can be found [here](#). Please view the Forest Order [here](#).

Responsible Forest Use: Responsible use by all visitors is key to a sustainable recreation system. Follow these tips to ensure you protect the places you love to play:

- Stay on designated roads, trails, and areas as identified on the motor vehicle use map (MVUM) available at district offices and website.
- Be respectful of other road and trail users.
- Respect property boundaries and know what uses are allowed if you enter non-Forest Service property.
- Do not widen trails by going around obstacles and do not create shortcuts.
- Avoid wet, muddy trails.
- Cross streams only at designated fords.
- Have a safety plan.

CREEKS ARE STILL RUNNING HIGH, USE EXTREME CAUTION. EXPECT DOWNED TREES. SHEEP AND CATTLE HAVE BEEN TURNED OUT. EXPECT LIVESTOCK ON ROADS AND TRAILS.

Note – The boat dock at Meadow Lake is currently being repaired. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Dirt & 4WD Roads	Conditions
Rifle Area Roads	
FSR 211 – Bar HL	Open
FSR 825 – Little Box	Open
FSR 832 – Rifle Creek/Coulter Mesa	Road in poor condition. Expect downed trees. Expect cattle.

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FSR 833 – Tangle Gulch to Bar HL	Expect downed trees
Battlement Mesa Area Roads	
FSR 818 – West Mamm	Open
FSR 824 – Beaver Creek	Open to lower trailhead. Road closure beyond
FSR 847 – Battlement Reservoirs Jeep Road	Expect downed trees. Reservoirs open.
New Castle Area Roads	
FSR 245 – Buford-New Castle (BNC)	Expect downed trees. Expect cattle.
FSR 603 – Clinetop	Open
FSR 636 – Boiler Creek	Expect some snow and mud
FSR 651 – Burnt Ridge	Expect some snow and mud
FSR 654 – East Elk	Water running high
FSR 819 – Cherry Creek	Expect downed trees
FSR 820 – Mansfield Ditch	Expect downed trees
NFST 2290 – BNC Parallel Route	Expect downed trees
Glenwood Springs Area Roads	
FSR 602 – Transfer	Open
FSR 614 – Grizzly & White Owl Lakes	Expect some snow and mud

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FSR 631 – Bowen Loop	Expect some snow and mud
FSR 632 – Grizzly Cow Camp	Expect some snow and mud
FSR 637 – Blue Lake	Expect some snow and mud
NFST 1846 – Windy Point Bypass	Expect some snow and mud
Southwest & Central Flat Tops Area	
FSR 601 (West) – Hiner Spring to Blair Mountain	Expect some snow and mud
FSR 601 (East) – Blair Mountain to Carbonate	Expect some snow and mud
FSR 601.2F – Cow Lake	Open
FSR 640 – Elk Lakes to Bison Lake	Expect some snow and mud
FSR 647 – Bench	Expect some snow and mud
FSR 648 – West Ute Creek	Expect some snow and mud
FSR 649 – Corral Point	Open
FSR 650 – Corral Creek	Open
FSR 821 – Meadow Creek Cow Camp	Open
FSR 822 – Clark Ridge	Open
FSR 823 – Meadow Lake	Open Note – The boat dock at Meadow Lake is currently being repaired. We apologize for the inconvenience.
West Divide Area Roads	
FSR 800 – Cayton to Haystack Park	Water running high. Expect cattle
FSR 801 – East Divide Creek/Uncle Bob	Expect downed trees. Heavy truck traffic/pilot cars 7 days/week on 4Mile side.
FSR 812 – Elk Park	Open
FSR 843 – Mosquito Creek	Expect downed trees

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Trail	Conditions
Battlement Reservoirs/Lava Creek #2160.5	Expect downed trees
Beaver Creek #2164	Expect downed trees
Blair Lake #2048	Expect some snow and mud
Cayton Gulch #2162	Open
Cherry Creek #2256	Expect downed trees
East Elk (Centennial) #1841	Creek running high
Grizzly Creek #2065	Creek flow high
Hadley Gulch #1840	Closed due to avalanche debris
Lake Park #2172	Expect downed trees
Last Chance #2158	Open
Main Elk #2157	Expect downed trees
Mansfield Ditch #2291	Expect downed trees
Mitchell Creek #1845	Open
No Name #1847	Open
Reno Gulch #2163	Open
Spring Creek #2068	Open
Three Forks #2150	Expect downed trees
West Elk Stock Driveway #2152	Expect downed trees
Zig Zag #2061	Open

Special Alerts and Notices: Expect downed trees on all trails. Due to the amount of run off, some culverts may have washed out.