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4WD / OHV

NO NAME ROAD / WURTZ DITCH ROAD - FSR 705

Length: 20.2 miles (one way)
Difficulty: Easy with a difficult section in middle
Beginning Elevation: 9,207 ft.
Elevation Gain: +2370 ft. -1426 ft. = +944 ft.

Trail Use: Light
Open To: 4WD, OHV, Mtn Biking, Hiking,
Ending Elevation: 10,151 ft.
USGS Map(s): Pando, Mt of the Holy Cross,
Leadville North

Access from Vail: From I-70, take Exit 171 for Minturn and Hwy. 24. Turn right and continue south on Hwy. 24 approximately 14 miles to No Name Road on the right. There is no road sign, but there is a stop sign for traffic coming off No Name to Hwy. 24. It is the last road on the right about 1 mile before reaching Camp Hale. Reset your odometer at this junction of Hwy 24 and No Name Road.

Trail Highlights: Reset odometer after turning off of Hwy 24. This road is easy for the first 5.9 miles before abruptly turning much more difficult. At mile 2.9 a view of Sheep Mtn and Chicago Ridge opens up to the east. At 3.8 miles you are given views to the west of the Sawatch Range. At mile 5.9 the road turns left and climbs up a steep, rocky section for about a mile. At 6.9 miles the road splits. FSR 7051M goes right, but stay left on FSR 705. The road becomes an easy double-track with great views for about 0.5 miles. There are creek crossings at 7.6 and 7.8 miles followed by a muddy and rutty section passing through a meadow filled with willows. At 7.9 miles there is another split. Straight ahead is FSR 7051P which goes to Yoder Gulch and ends. Turn right to stay on FSR 705. After a very steep descent down to a flat bench you begin another very easy section which follows Wurtz Ditch for the majority of the remaining trip. At mile 18.6 you will see a cabin and cross a bridge as you reach another intersection. Slide Lake Road is to the right. Turn left to return to Hwy 24. Pass the Colorado Trail at mile 18.9 and reach a "T" intersection at mile 19.2. To the right is FSR 131 to Lily Lake. Go left and reach Hwy. 24 at 20.2 miles. Turn left and pass Camp Hale as you return to where you began.

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: With the number of OHV operators rapidly growing every year, the repeated and often unintentional misuse by OHVs can quickly create environmental damage. By using common sense and taking a few precautions, OHV operators can assure that the backcountry they frequent will remain available and in good condition for future use.

- * **Always stay on designated roads and trails;** off-trail riding is not permitted on the White River National Forest.
- * Ride in the middle of the trail to avoid widening it.
- * Avoid side slipping, which can start a rut, leading to erosion.
- * Cross streams at fording points only.
- * Sanitation - Bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil.
- * Wilderness areas are managed to maintain their primitive character and to provide opportunities for solitude. These designated areas are solely for non-mechanized travel—access is restricted to foot and horseback only. Sorry, no OHVs or bicycles.
- * For tips on OHV techniques and responsible recreation, visit www.treadlightly.org.

PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! TREAD LIGHTLY!

This map is intended for use as a general guide only, not for actual land navigation. The White River National Forest strongly suggests purchasing a topographic map and compass prior to your trip.

