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CHERRY CREEK TRAIL #2068

Difficulty: Difficult

Trail Use: Moderate (Heavy during hunting season)

Length: 5 miles

Beginning Elevation: 7,200

Ending Elevation: 9,043

Access:

- From Rifle, head east on I70 for 14 miles. At the New Castle exit (#105), turn left at the ramp and follow signs into New Castle. At 7th Street (County Road #245), turn right and follow for approximately 7.5 miles. About 1 mile past the Mansfield Trailhead is the Cherry Creek Trailhead.

Trail Highlights:

Go north to Spring Cow Camp (4.5 miles) and follow the trail west about 1 mile then turn to the south to find the Mansfield Trail. At this point, you will be 5 miles from the Mansfield Trailhead. This trail does not open annually on June 1st.

Attractions:

Predominant vegetation type along the trail's lower stretch is Gambel oak. At the higher elevations, the vegetation turns to spruce-fir.

PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

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