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MEADOW MOUNTAIN #748 to LINE SHACK

Length: 4.5 miles (one way)

Difficulty: Moderate

Beginning Elevation: 7,750 feet

Elevation Gain: +2,071 feet - 65 feet = +2,006 feet

Trail Use: Moderate

Open To: XC Skiing, Snowshoe, Snowmobile

Ending Elevation: 9,756 feet

USGS Map(s): Minturn

Access from Vail: Travel west on I-70 to Exit 171 for Minturn, Leadville, and Hwy 24. Exit here and turn right (south). Just past the interstate, there is a large parking lot on the right. The trail begins from the south end of the parking lot near the white house.

Trail Highlights: From the trailhead sign, follow the old road that winds behind the white house at the end of the parking lot. This road climbs gradually through large open meadows, aspen, and spruce-fir forests. The open nature of Meadow Mountain has required that the road be marked with poles and arrows. The climb is gradual, but constant. At mile 2.4, the road will split. Stay straight here; do not go left. You will know you are getting close when you hit the straightest and most difficult climb on the route. The line shack is a small cabin that lies at the end of the trail. The line shack offers a good place for lunch and a vantage point of some views of the Gore Range and Beaver Creek ski area.

Meadow Mountain: This area was home to Evercrisp Lettuce farming back in the 1920s until they realized that they could grow lettuce year-round in California. Between 1964 and 1971 the property was owned by Jack Oleson and managed as a downhill ski area. It brought attention to the large area from Minturn to McCoy Creek and brought Vail Associates into the picture in 1969. They purchased the Oleson property in 1971, but ended up developing Beaver Creek, four miles to the west, shortly after. And the area finally became public land in 1979, when the United States Forest Service acquired the land from Vail Associates.

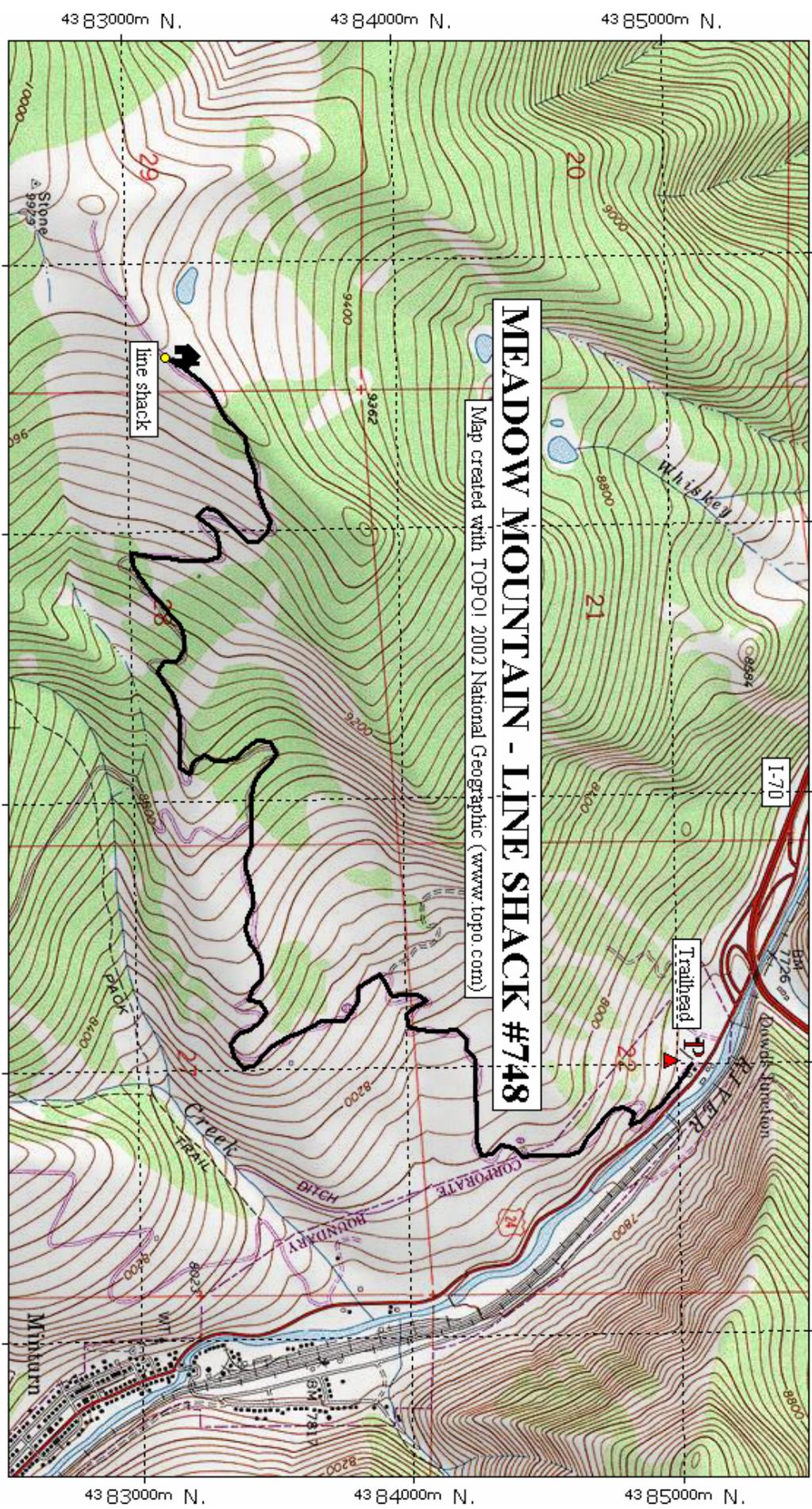
Ethics/Regulations: Before you go out, check into available routes, ownership of land, posted areas, regulations that apply, and the following rules:

- **Respect private property.** Ask permission before entering.
- **Be considerate** of other winter back-country travelers. We're all out to enjoy the outdoors.
- **Avoid disturbing wildlife** by staying out of elk and deer wintering areas. Detour if you spot wildlife.
- **Wilderness Areas and Primitive areas are closed to motorized vehicles.** Inquire at a local Forest Service office if in doubt. Obey all signs.
- **Beware of avalanches!** Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Avoid mountainous terrain after heavy snowfalls or prolonged periods of high wind. Stay on the windblown side of ridges. Avoid crossing steep hillsides and entering narrow, steep canyons.
- **Remember** to notify a responsible person of your travel plans.

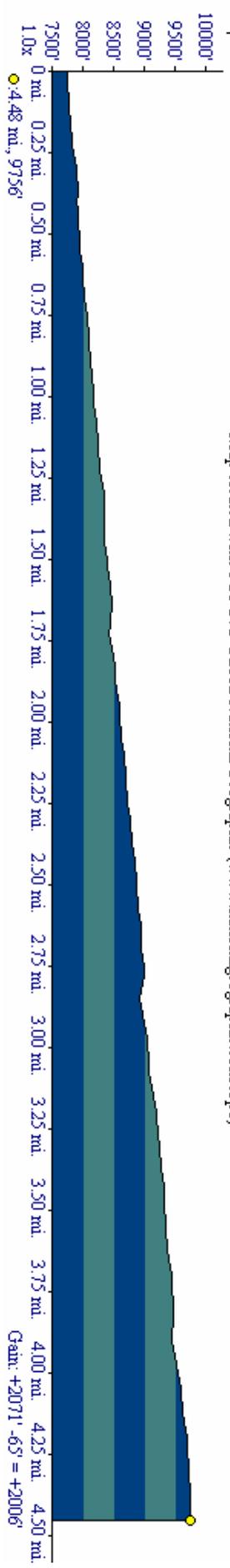
PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

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 hiking trip.

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WGSS84 Zone 13S



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Gain: +2071' -65' = +2006'