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## **LOST SOLAR TRAIL #1828**

**Difficulty:** More Difficult

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** 8 miles

**Elevation:** Starts 7,905 feet and ends 11,006 feet (highest point 11,006 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +3,400 feet – 299 feet = +3,101 feet

**Open To:** HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING

### **Access:**

- Access to The Lost Solar Trail is located 29 miles east of Meeker.
- From Meeker, take State Highway 13 east for 1 mile.
- Where Highway 13 turns north, turn east on Rio Blanco County Road 8 for 18 miles.
- Turn south on Rio Blanco County Road 10 for 2 miles, jog north for 1/4 mile, then east for 10 miles to the South Fork Campground and trailhead.
- Take the South Fork Trail 5 miles up South Fork Canyon to the Lost Solar Trail junction.

### **Trail Highlights:**

The trail climbs quickly out of South fork Canyon into the Lost Solar Creek drainage. After fording Lost Solar Creek the trail follows the narrow valley for several miles, crossing several small streams before rising out of the creek bottom onto the side hill. The cover along the trail varies between open parks and timber. Seven miles from the South Fork Trail you enter Lost Solar meadows, a large grassy park. After following the meadow for 1 mile, you reach the Oyster Lake Trail #1825.

### **Important Information:**

- **THIS TRAIL IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING HIKING AND HORSEBACK RIDING. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**
- **DOMESTIC CATTLE MAY BE GRAZING IN THE AREA.**
- **PLEASE RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

**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 TRAIL MAP AND COMPASS PRIOR TO BEGINNING AN OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE TRIP.*