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NORTH ELK TRAIL # 1835

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Use: Light

Length: 4.3 miles

Elevation: Starts at 9,280 feet and ends at 7,323 feet (highest point 9,280 feet)

Elevation Gain: +33 feet – 1,990 feet = -1,957 feet

Open To: HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING (From 6/21—8/31 only, open to motorcycles)

Access:

- The North Elk Trail is located 32 miles southeast 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 20 miles.
- Turn south on the Buford-New Castle Road (RBC Rd 17 to forest boundary, then FDR 245) for 11 miles to the North Elk Trail.
- The trail may be difficult to find as there is not a trailhead information board.

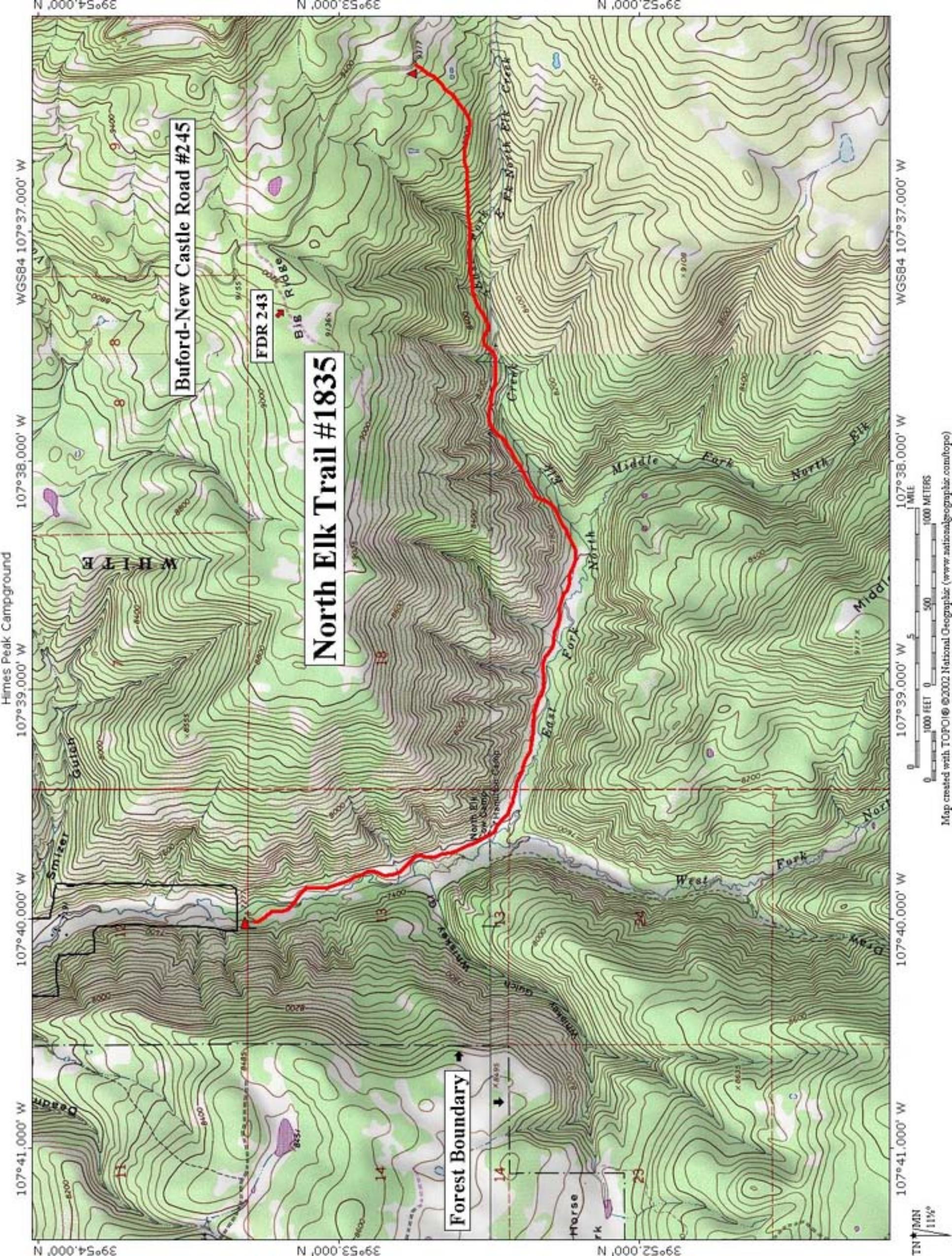
Trail Highlights:

The trail follows the east fork of North Elk through aspen and oakbrush covered hillsides for about 2 miles to the junction of the middle fork and the east fork of North Elk Creek. It then follows the main fork 1.3 miles down to the Hamilton Cow Camp near the confluence of the main and west fork of North Fork. The last mile follows an old road through the meadows in the bottom of the creek until it reaches private property. The North Elk Trail provides access into the North Elk drainage for fishing and hunting. The trail is very rough and narrow.

Important Information:

- **THIS TRAIL IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING HIKING AND HORSEBACK RIDING. FROM 6/21—8/31, THE ROAD IS OPEN TO MOTORCYCLES. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**
- **DOMESTIC LIVESTOCK MAY BE GRAZING IN THE AREA.**
- **PLEASE RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

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.



Buford-New Castle Road #245

FDR 243

North Elk Trail #1835

Forest Boundary

TN/IMN
11°

0 1000 FEET 0 500 1000 METERS
1 MILE

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WGS84 107°37.000' W

107°38.000' W

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