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TIGIWON ROAD #707

Length: 8 miles
Difficulty: Moderate to More Difficult
Beginning Elevation: 8119 feet
Elevation Gain: +2309 feet - 148 feet = + 2161 feet

Trail Use: Moderate
Open To: XC, Snowshoe, Snowmobile
Ending Elevation: 10,280 feet
USGS Map(s): Minturn

Attractions/Considerations: For those looking for a packed trail, this road, which traverses through pine, spruce, and fir forest, is groomed regularly by an outfitter guide that conducts snowmobile tours to the Tigiwon Community House 6 miles up the road. The Community House was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s to accommodate people making the annual pilgrimage to Mount of the Holy Cross and can be reserved through Nova Guides for day use.

Access from Vail: Travel west on I-70 to Exit 171 for Minturn, Leadville, and Hwy 24. Exit here and turn right (south) onto Hwy 24. Proceed south about 5 miles to the unmarked Tigiwon Road on the right. The road is immediately before a bridge crossing the Eagle River. Follow this road for approximately 1/2 mile and park in the marked parking area.

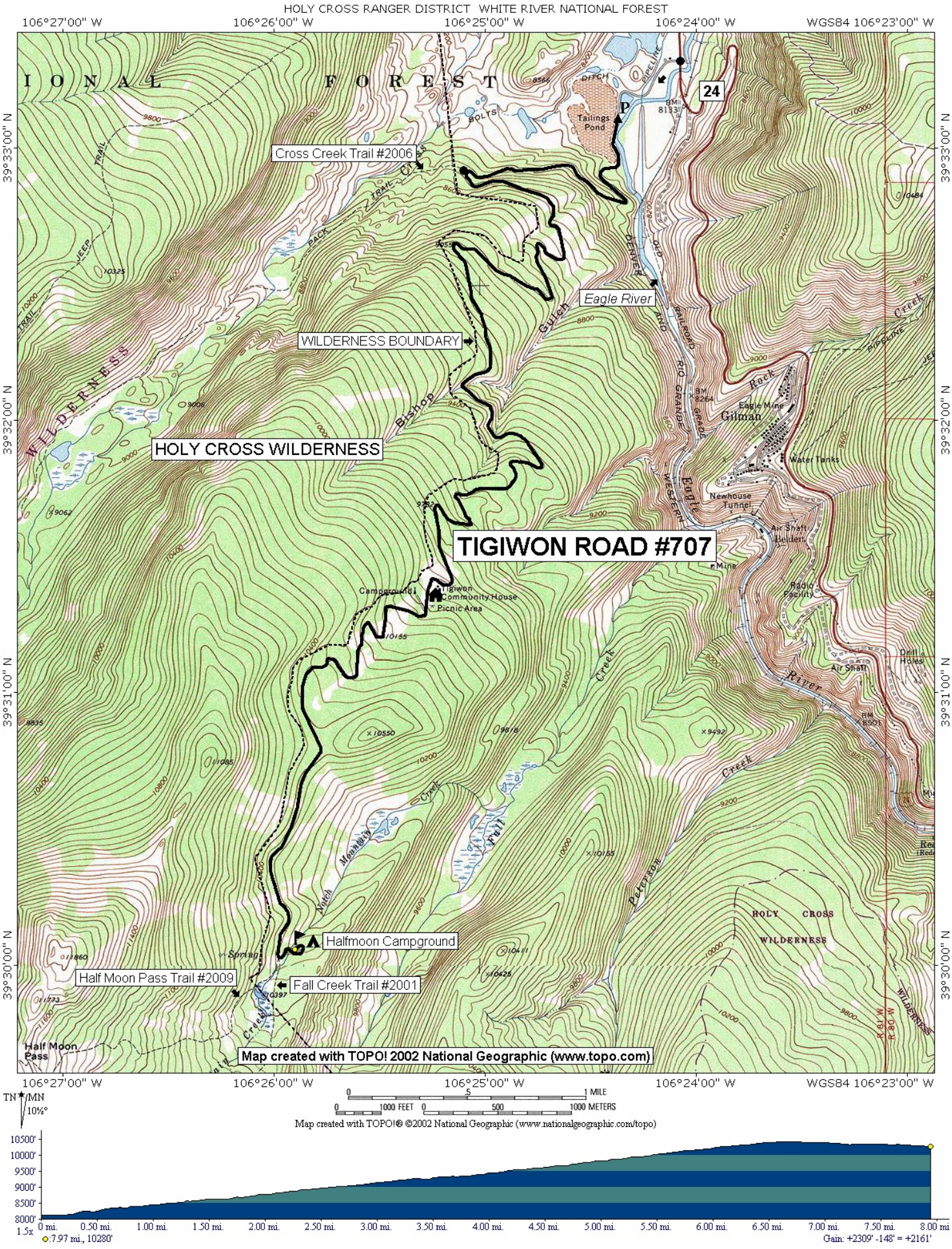
Trail Highlights: The trail follows the Tigiwon Road to Halfmoon campground, Halfmoon trailhead, and Fall Creek trailhead. The grade is gentle in most places. At mile 6, the Tigiwon Community House is reached. From here, outstanding views of the Gore Range and Vail's Back Bowls are possible. The trail continues for tow more miles to the campground. A popular spot in the summer, thus is the trailhead for hikes to Mount of the Holy Cross and Notch Mountain. Eight miles of uphill touring could take all day, so leave early. The return trip should take only a third as long, as one is able to glide smoothly down the road or though the open meadows off the trail.

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 of 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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Cross Creek Trail #2006
Eagle River
WILDERNESS BOUNDARY
HOLY CROSS WILDERNESS
TIGIWON ROAD #707
Tailings Pond
Gilman
Eagle Mine
Water Tanks
Newhouse Tunnel
Air Shaft
Belden
Radio Facility
Drill Holes
Campground
Tigiwon Community House
Picnic Area
Halfmoon Campground
Half Moon Pass Trail #2009
Fall Creek Trail #2001
Half Moon Pass
HOLY CROSS WILDERNESS
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