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**XC SKIING
SNOWSHOEING**

4 - FRENCH GULCH - FDT 651

Difficulty: EASY TO MODERATE

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 4.13 miles (one-way)

Elevation: Starts at 10,315 feet and ends at 12,055 feet (highest point 12,064 feet)

Elevation Gain: +1,749 feet – 9 feet = +1,740 feet

Open To: CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, SNOWSHOEING

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 203, Frisco / Breckenridge, and travel south on HWY 9 through Frisco and travel to Breckenridge.
- Turn left at the 7-11 store at the intersection of French Gulch Road (County Road 450) and HWY 9.
- After approximately .5 miles the road forks, take the right fork into the subdivision. The road turns into County Road 2. Travel through the subdivision and then straight along the road.
- Continue to the end of the maintained road, park in the parking area (3.9 miles total from HWY 9).

Trail Highlights:

- The trail follows the road for a ways and starts past the gate that is across the road.
- Mt. Guyot will come into view as the road traverses Humbug Hill. You will pass several privately owned cabins, then continue southeast on a pleasant rolling run with a spectacular view of Bald Mountain.
- Gold was discovered in French Gulch in 1860 by French Pete. This valley proved to be wildly rich in gold, silver, lead and zinc. You will see the remains of many mines in this area, as well as the rounded rock piles left by dredge boats.

Important Information:

- **THIS ROAD IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**
- Much of the land along the trail is privately owned. Please respect the private property by staying on the trail and do not disturb buildings.
- The mining ruins and tailings are typically on private land and can be very dangerous.

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 A CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING OR SNOWSHOEING TRIP.