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4WD

BASALT MOUNTAIN ROAD #524

Length: 9 miles one-way (14.5 km);

Difficulty: Easy

Trail Use: Heavy

Beginning Elevation: 7,484 feet (2281 m)

Ending Elevation: 9,840 feet (2999 m)

USGS Map(s): Leon, Toner

ATTRACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS: This road is heavily used by mountain bikers, horseback riders, campers, fishermen and hikers. You can access the Basalt Mountain bike loop trail and Cattle Creek road, via county road #13.

ACCESS: Travel east on Hwy 82 to El Jebel. Turn left at the stoplight and follow the road past Spring Park Reservoir. Turn right after the reservoir onto the Basalt Mountain road (FDR #524).

NARRATIVE: The Basalt Mountain Road is accessible to 2WD vehicles to the top of the mountain. Two miles up the road the road forks. The left fork is Cattle Creek Road, which is a 4WD road, when wet. The right fork is Basalt Mountain road #524. There is a parking area at this junction for people that want to ride the Basalt Mountain-Cattle Creek bike trails or a loop. Go 6 miles to the top of Basalt Mountain. The bike trail starts by a locked gate and the bulletin board is 300 feet past the cattle guard on the top.

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: Motorized vehicles are not allowed within adjacent Wilderness Areas. Before you go out, check into available routes, their conditions, ownership of land, posted areas, regulations that apply and the following rules:

- * Be sure your machine is as quiet as possible.
- * Avoid wetlands, streams, and steep hills where your tracks may cause damage.
- * **Sanitation** - Bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil.
- * Avoid running over young trees, shrubs and grasses--**Stay on established routes!**
- * Ford streams at designated sites only.

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

