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 Dillon Ranger District  
 680 Blue River Parkway  
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## **BUFFALO MOUNTAIN - FDT 31**

**Difficulty:** MORE DIFFICULT

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** 2.8 miles one-way to summit (elevation 12,777)

**Elevation:** Start at 9,778 feet and ends at 12,274 feet (highest point 12,274 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +2,996 feet - 0 feet = +2,996 feet

**Open to:** **HIKING, X-C SKIING, SNOWSHOEING, DOGS ON LEASH.**

**Closed to:** **HORSE**

### **Access:**

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9 to the first traffic light, turn left onto Wildernest Road. In 0.2 miles, turn left onto Wildernest Road (again).
- Travel 3.6 miles on Wildernest Road (turns into Ryan Gulch Road). You will pass many condos and at the top of the hill there will be a trailhead parking area on the left.
- There are two trailheads at this parking area, be sure to start at the Buffalo Cabin Trailhead.
- Parking at this trailhead is very limited, especially in the summer, so plan accordingly.
- Overnight parking is prohibited.

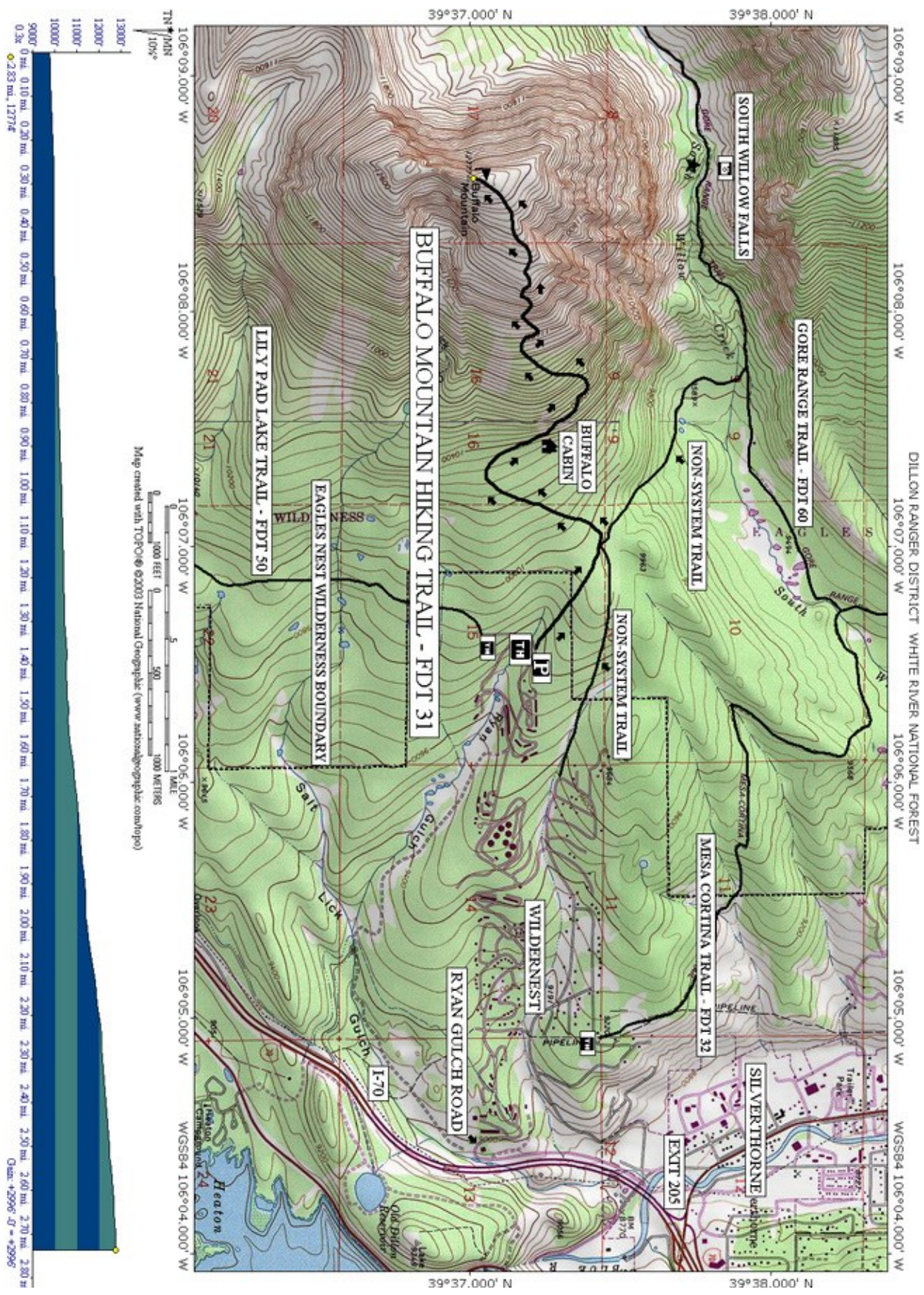
### **Trail Highlights:**

- The entirety of this trail is in Eagles Nest Wilderness (see regulations below).
- The trail begins by winding through a lodgepole pine forest and in 0.4 miles you will come to a 4-way intersection, turn left onto the Buffalo Mountain Trail.
- This trail will take you to an historic site where you will find ruins of two log cabins. Please leave all artifacts at the cabin ruins for others to enjoy.
- Beyond the cabin ruins the trail begins to climb steeply through a series of switchbacks.
- When the trail leaves the trees you will climb through a boulder field. Please pay close attention and follow the stacked rocks (cairns) to stay on the trail. This section is not recommended for dogs.
- Mountain goats can occasionally be seen on the summit. Even though the goats may be used to human presence, for your safety please do not approach the animals or feed them.
- Since most of this trail travels above treeline, be aware of the lightning danger during afternoon storms.

### **Eagles Nest Wilderness Regulations:**

- **Motor vehicles, mountain bikes, and motorized equipment are prohibited.**
- **DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES IN THE EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS.**
- **Group size is limited to 15 people.**
- **Camping is prohibited within 100 feet of lakes, streams and trails.**
- **Campfires are prohibited within 1/4 mile of lakes and 100 feet of any trail or stream.**
- **Please contact Dillon Ranger District office for more information and regulations regarding the Eagles Nest Wilderness Area.**

*THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS INTENDED TO BE A GENERAL GUIDE ONLY, NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES..*



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