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## **CATARACT LAKE LOOP (LOWER) - FDT 57**

**Difficulty:** EASY

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Length:** 2.0 miles around the loop

**Elevation:** Start at 8,652 feet and ends at 8,662 feet (highest point 8,770 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +136 feet - 126 feet = +10 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.
- Travel 16 miles north on HWY 9. Just after mile marker 118 turn left onto Heeney Road (County Rd 30). Follow Heeney Road for 5.3 miles and turn left onto Cataract Creek Road (County Rd 1725).
- Continue for 2.5 miles to the Lower Cataract Trailhead and parking area at the end of the road. Please do not block the gate.
- **Seasonal Closure:** Cataract Creek Rd is closed to motor vehicles Nov 23rd to May 20th or until road is dry.
- Winter parking by gate is limited and on private land - park at your own risk.

### **Trail Highlights:**

- The entirety of this trail is in the Eagles Nest Wilderness (see regulations below).
- This is a loop trail which can be hiked in either direction. There are wonderful views of the lake and surrounding mountains.
- A great area for fishing, hiking and picnicking.
- An abundance of wildflowers can be seen from late June through mid July.
- There isn't a trail to the base of the waterfall. Therefore, hiking to the waterfall is strongly discouraged due to slippery and steep terrain.

### **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 and campfires are prohibited at Lower Cataract Lake. Camping is available at the Cataract Creek Campground.**

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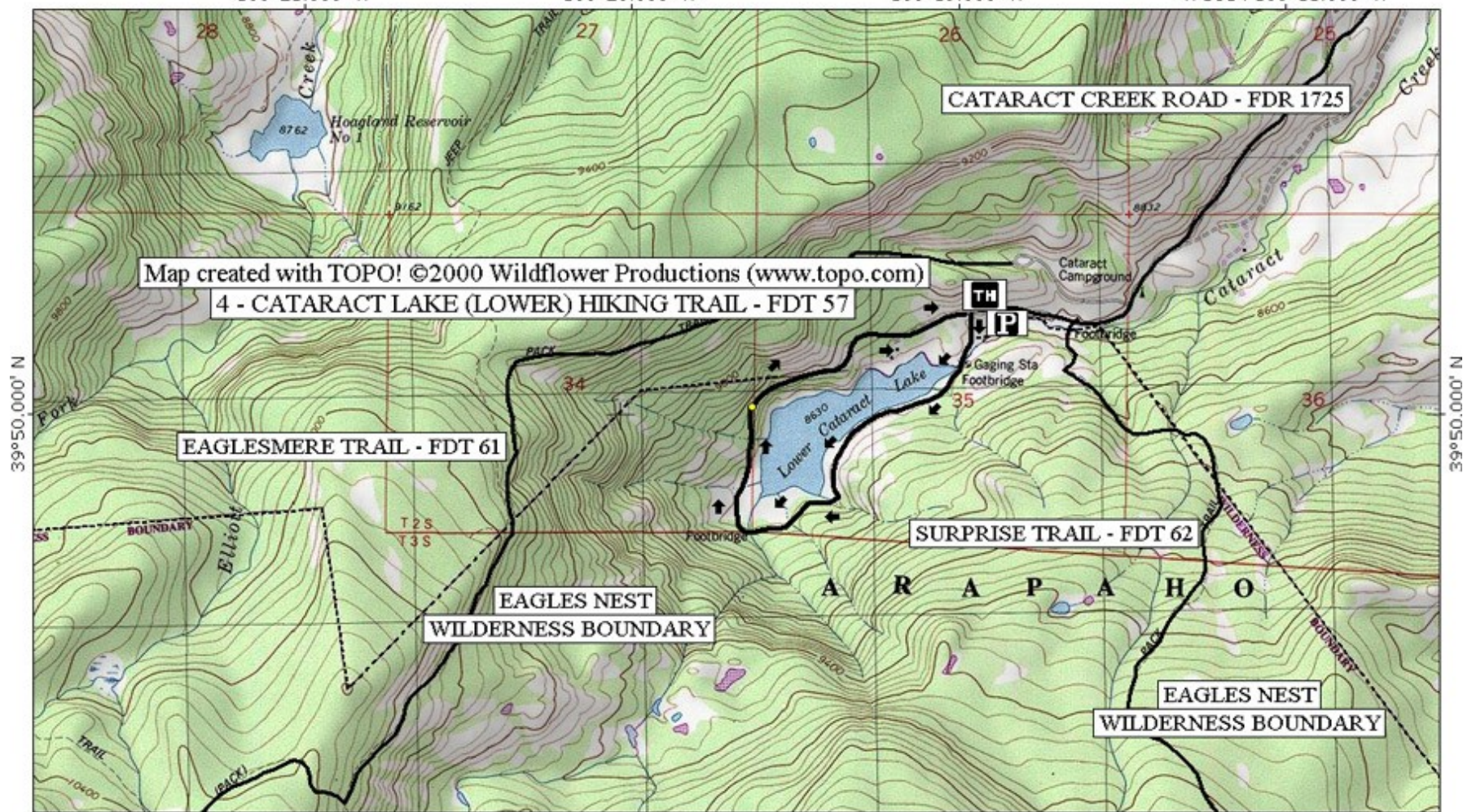
DILLON RANGER DISTRICT WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

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EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS BOUNDARY

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