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KETCHUM RANGER DISTRICT**

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## Trail Report September 12, 2014 - Update

**Motorcyclists:** Remember, the following trails in the Warm Springs area and in Oregon Gulch close to motorcycle use on AUGUST 29, 2014 and reopen May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

1. Castle Creek Trail #140
2. Oregon Gulch Trail #183
3. Rooks Creek #145

(Other motorized trails including Placer Creek Trail #141 and all trails in Deer Creek are still closed to motorcycles, mountain bikes, and equestrians due to Beaver Creek Fire).

**Please note:** The East Fork of Baker Creek Road also closed to motorized users on August 29 but remains open to all non-motorized users including mountain bikes.

**Note:** The entire Beaver Creek Fire Area is open to HIKING: Use caution if you are traveling in or near the Beaver Creek Fire when rain is forecasted. The area is susceptible to flash flooding and mudslides.

Minor reconstruction and installation of new area maps continues at Greenhorn, Adams Gulch and Fox Creek trailheads. Please excuse impacts from heavy equipment and workers.

### **Current Ketchum Ranger District Trail Conditions**

#### **Greenhorn Trailhead:**

- Cow Creek #180 – open,
- Cow Creek Connector- #930- open,
- Mahoney Ridge-#153- open
- Red Warrior-Lodgepole - #310 ( open) – Thanks to Idaho Mountain Dirt bike Riders for clearing trails!
- Greenhorn #156 – OPEN
- Mahoney #821 –open
- Lodgepole-Mahoney Connector #819 –open
- Imperial Trail #315– OPEN!

#### **Adam's Gulch Trailhead:**

- Lake Creek Connector Trail is open.
- Lanes-Sunnyside Trail #316 is open.
- Citizens Trail #143 open.
- Pork Chop section of trail #142 is open.
- Adams Gulch Loop #142 is open but has not been cleared above the “Pork Chop” - The Old Adams Gulch Road Trail is open.
- Adams Gulch #177 open but has not been cleared, expect logs.
- Shadyside Trail #317 is open.

- Heidelberg Hill Trail # is open
- Griffin Butte Trail #839 is open.
- Eves Gulch #146 open
- Forbidden Fruit - open \*this trail is exclusively open to bikes going downhill .

#### **Boundary Trailhead-Trail Creek:**

- Trail Creek #305 is open.
- Corral Creek Trail #325 is open.
- Proctor Trail #119 is open
- Aspen Loop Trail #841 is open.

#### **Fox Creek Trailhead and Lake Creek:**

- Harpers Trail #323 is open,
- Fox Creek Loop Trail #149 is open
- North Fork Loop Trail #303 open
- Chocolate Gulch Trail #312 is Open
- Oregon Gulch Trail #183: open
- Saddle Trail #326:

Bald Mountain Trails: Chairlift service for Hikers and Bikers is closed for the season.

- Bald Mountain Perimeter Trail: open
- River Run Trail: open
- Warm Springs: open

#### **Baker Lake Trailhead:**

OPEN as of JULY 3, 2014 - Norton Lake Trail, Apollo Trail and Baker Lake Trail.

Note: Baker Lake Trail is open to HIKERS only.

**NOTE:** Alden Trail and Osberg Ridge Trail are still closed due to the Beaver Creek Fire. Reconstruction of Osberg Trail will begin in the fall of 2014 and will be completed in the summer of 2015, reopening is anticipated for August of 2015.

Easley Gulch Trail #148 (aka "Curlies") – open and cleared.

#### **Warm Springs Trails:**

- Castle Rock Trail #140 is OPEN as an "Out and Back" from the Warm Springs Road Trailhead, no access from Baker Lake Trailhead yet! THIS TRAIL CLOSED TO MOTORCYCLES ON AUGUST 29. Caution heavy rain did create mudslides in this drainage. Trail is passable but hazards exist.
- Red Warrior Trail #152- Partially open Note: the south end (2.5 mile section) of this trail is CLOSED due to the Beaver Creek Fire.
- Warfield Trail #151 open
- Rooks Creek #145 open to non-motorized. THIS TRAIL CLOSED TO MOTORCYCLES ON AUGUST 29.
- Barr Gulch #168, Placer Creek Trail #141 - CLOSED due to the Beaver Creek Fire.
- Red Warrior-Warfield Connector #120 is open.

**Deer Creek Trailhead:** all trails originating from Deer Creek drainage are CLOSED due to the Beaver Creek Fire. Note: this area is open to hiking; Also note; No Camping is available in the Deer Creek Drainage.

### **“Eastside” Trails:**

- Pioneer –Cabin Trail #122 open – *Crews have completed reconstructing sections of this as of August 7. Enjoy! SEE SHEEP REPORT (BELOW)*
- Long Gulch #123 - no report yet *SEE SHEEP REPORT (BELOW)*
- High Ridge Trail# 124 – open and cleared. *Crews have completed reconstructing sections of this as of August 7. Enjoy!*
- Taylor Canyon #324–open

### **East Fork of the Big Wood:**

- Hyndman Creek: open cleared , expect snow patches above 9500 ft enroute to the Hyndman Peak  
**EXPECT SHEEP NEAR TRAIL THIS WEEK**
- Johnstone Creek: open cleared
- North Fork Hyndman Trail: open Cleared,
- Bear –Parker Trail: open cleared
- Federal Gulch: open cleared
- Timber Draw: partially open and cleared, *Crews have completed reconstructing sections of this as of August 7 with one remaining 200 yard section to be completed before the end of August. Enjoy!*

## **Ketchum Ranger District Road Report:**

Adams Gulch Rd: Open

Greenhorn Gulch Rd: Open . Construction at trailhead.

Oregon Gulch: Open to trailhead.

Fox Creek Rd: Open to trailhead

Hyndman Creek Rd: Open to the trailhead

Parker Gulch: Open

Independence: Open

Corral Creek Rd: Open to trailhead

Trail Creek RD : Open to MacKay

Park Creek: Open.

Lake Creek: Open.

Taylor Canyon: Open

Eagle Creek Road: Open-

Mormon Hill : Open to the top.

Deer Creek Rd: Closed just above the junction with Wolftone Road. Caution, be alert for possible mudslides covering the road following rainstorms.

Panther Creek: Open

Wolftone: Open Note: trails leading from the end of Wolftone are still closed.

North Fork Deer Creek: Closed for the summer due to Beaver Creek Fire

Baker Creek Rd: Open as of July 2, 2014. Caution, be alert for possible mudslides covering the road following rainstorms.

Norton Creek Rd: Open as of July 2, 2014.

- East Fk of Baker Ck Rd.: CLOSED AS OF AUGUST 29...open to non-motorized users. *SEE SHEEP REPORT (BELOW)*

Warm Springs Rd – OPEN. Caution, be alert for possible mudslides covering the road following rainstorms.

West Fork Warm Springs: Open 1.2 miles closed by avalanche debris.

Barr Gulch: Closed

East Fork Big Wood Road: Open .

Hyndman Creek Road: Open to the Trailhead

Cove Creek Rd: Open

### **SHEEP REPORT:**

Sheep may be encountered adjacent to the East Fork road #118 when they go to water near between Sawmill Gulch and Paymaster Gulch for the next several days.

Expect to encounter sheep near Warfield trail #151 and #120 in the Warfield Creek drainage to approximately 9/13 and then proximal to trail #152 in the Red Warrior Creek drainage on approximately 9/13 for several days.

Expect to encounter sheep near the Garfield road #228 thru approximately September 13. On approximately September 13 or 14 and for several days after expect to encounter sheep proximal to the Copper Creek road #134, and the Mormon Hill road #130 and trail #327 in the vicinity of the Mormon Hill trailhead for several days.

Thru approximately 9/10 expect to encounter sheep above the trailhead and proximal to trail #123 in the Long Gulch drainage. On approximately 9/10 expect to encounter sheep in the vicinity of Pioneer Cabin and trail #122 and the uppermost portions of trail #123 near Pioneer Cabin for several days.

Expect to encounter sheep proximal to the road #115A in Baugh Creek and trail #971 that connects the Cove Creek trail #979 to the road in Baugh Creek.

Sheep may be encountered adjacent to the Hyndman Creek road #203 thru 9/10. On 9/10-11 expect to encounter sheep adjacent to the Johnstone Creek trail #206. From approximately 9/11-12 expect to encounter sheep adjacent to the lower portions of the Hyndman Creek road #203 south of Bear Gulch.