



## Aspen-Sopris Road Conditions

May 22, 2013

Paved Roads	CONDITION
Castle Creek	Open.
Crystal River, Hwy 133	Open.
Frying Pan River, FS 105	Open. The Upper Frying Pan Road (USFS 505) was plowed in April by the Bureau of Reclamation, call BOR for updates at 719-486-2325.
Independence Pass, Hwy. 82	Opens Thursday 5/23/13 for the season. Updates available at 877-315-7623. or <a href="http://www.cotrip.org">www.cotrip.org</a>
Kebler Pass	Currently closed due to road conditions. For updates, call CDOT at 970-641-0044.
Maroon Creek	<b>Open for the season for \$10 per vehicle from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Maroon Bells shuttle will begin service on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. For shuttle tickets &amp; updates call RFTA at 970-925-8484.</b>
Dirt & 4WD Roads	CONDITION
Avalanche Creek Road	Open.
Basalt Mountain, FS 509 & 524	Open to the main parking lot. The gates beyond are closed to allow snow to melt and the mud to dry throughout FS 509 & 524. Anticipated opening is June 21 <sup>st</sup> .
Burnt Mountain, FS 506	Gate closure at the junction of North Fork (USFS 501) and 506 to allow road to stabilize from pockets of mud and hazardous conditions. The road will open as soon as conditions improve. Anticipated opening is June 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Crystal City, FS 314	Drivable to Lizard Lake.
Capitol Creek	Expect seasonal conditions, snow/mud.
Cattle Creek, FS 509	Gate closed to allow muddy conditions to dry out.
Cottonwood Pass	Reports of muddy conditions near and around the pass. For updates call Garfield Road & Bridge at 970-945-1223.
Cunningham Creek	Snow still covering the road. Anticipated opening is June 21 <sup>st</sup> .
Eagle-Thomasville, FS 400	Expect seasonal conditions, snow/mud. Anticipated opening is June 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Express Creek	Expect seasonal conditions, snow/mud.
Four Mile, FS 300	Gate closure at Four Mile Park Kiosk to allow road to stabilize from pockets of mud and melting snow. The road will open as soon as conditions improve. Anticipated opening is June 1 <sup>st</sup> .
Hagerman Pass, FS 105	Not passable due to snow. Reports of high snow levels on the pass.
Hubbard, FS 408	Expect slick and muddy conditions.
Kobey Park, FS 103 & 508	Gate closure at Lenado to allow road to stabilize from melting snow and mud. The road will open as soon as conditions improve. Anticipated opening is June 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Lead King Basin Loop Crystal, 314+ Lead King, 315	The lower section of the loop is open to Lizard Lake. Expect seasonal conditions on the upper section of the loop. Anticipated opening for the loop is late June.
Lincoln Creek, FS 106	Gate closure to allow road to stabilize from pockets of mud and melting snow. The road will open as soon as conditions improve.
Little Annie Road	Expect seasonal conditions, snow/mud.
Midnight Mine	Expect seasonal conditions, snow/mud.
Montezuma Road, 102	Snow.
North Fork Road	Accessible to Elk Wallow campground with melting snow beyond.
Pearl Pass	Snow.
Prince Creek Road	Open.
Red Table, FS 514	Gate closure to allow road to stabilize from muddy conditions. Anticipated opening is June 1 <sup>st</sup> .
Red Rim/Gerbaz Road, FS 534	Anticipated opening is June 21 <sup>st</sup> .
Richmond Ridge, FS 123	Snow.
Smuggler Mine	Expect seasonal conditions, mud.
Summer Road	Closed for ski season. For updates call Aspen Ski Co at 970-925-1220.
Taylor Pass	Snow.
Thompson Ck, FS 304/305/306	Open. Drive with caution because the road is slick & dangerous when wet.

\*This report is a general description of the broader area; all conditions are subject to change. Remember to always bring a map, compass, and be prepared for the conditions on the roads and trails.



## Aspen-Sopris Trail Conditions

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*Conditions are presently not available for all trails. Expect seasonal conditions on all trails.  
The snowline is hovering around 8,500 in northern facing timber.*

TRAIL	CONDITION*
American Lake	Seasonal conditions, expect snow
Anthracite Pass/Raspberry Loop	Seasonal conditions, expect snow
Arbaney-Kittle	Clear of snow to the over look.
Avalanche Lake	Clear of snow and trees to the Hell Roaring Junction.
Braderich Trail	Seasonal conditions
Buckskin Pass	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Capitol Creek	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Capitol Creek Ditch Tr.	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Carbonate Creek	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Cathedral Lake	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Conundrum Creek	Snow line is ½ mile before the first bridge. A large avalanche debris pile at 4 miles obstructs the trail. No dogs allowed past the second crossing of Conundrum Creek (Silver Dollar Pond). Pack out all trash and human waste. Be prepared for stream crossing.
Crater Lake	Snow on trail starting from Maroon Lake.
Difficult Creek	Seasonal conditions, mud.
Discovery/Braille	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Eagle Lake	Seasonal conditions, snow.
East Creek	Seasonal conditions, snow.
East Maroon Creek	Seasonal conditions, snow.
East Snowmass Creek	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Four Pass Loop	Seasonal conditions. Refrain from having campfires along this busy route and pack out all trash. Creek crossings are knee deep or less. Willow thickets and trees remain on the trail in places. Please pack out all trash, including toilet paper.
Fravert Basin	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Frying Pan Lakes	Seasonal conditions, mix of mud and snow.
Geneva Lake	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Gift Creek	Seasonal conditions, mix of mud and snow.
Government Trail	Closed for Elk Calving through June 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Granite	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Grizzly Lake	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Hanging Lake	Open to the lake. Reports of pockets of mud and slick conditions.
Hannon Creek	Seasonal conditions, mud and snow.
Hay Park	Seasonal conditions, wet and muddy.
Hell Roaring	Seasonal conditions, wet and muddy.
Hunter Creek	Seasonal conditions, wet and muddy.
Hunter Valley	Seasonal conditions, wet and muddy.
Linkins Lake	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Lost Man	Lower Entrance: Seasonal conditions, snow. Upper Entrance Linkin lake: Seasonal conditions. Please protect the alpine environment & stay on the trail.
Lyle/Mormon Lakes	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Maroon Creek Trail	Wet and muddy throughout the trail.
Maroon Lake Scenic	Wet and muddy conditions around the lake.
Middle Thompson	Seasonal conditions, muddy.
Midway Pass	Seasonal conditions, snow.
New York Creek	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Perham Creek	Clear of trees and snow to the top.
Petroleum/Anderson	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Placita	Seasonal conditions, mix of mud and snow.
Rio Grande	Open from Aspen to Glenwood.
Ruedi Overlook	Wet and muddy conditions.
Savage Lakes	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Sawyer Lake	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Snowmass Lake	Clear of trees and snow to 9,750 ft. (~4 miles from TH). No fires at Snowmass Lake. Pack out all trash. Bury or pack out human waste. Be prepared for stream crossing.
South Fork Pass	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Sunnyside/Shadyside	Hunter Valley Entrance: Seasonal conditions, wet and muddy. Cemetery Lane Entrance: Clear to shady side junction.



Tabor Creek	Seasonal conditions.
Thomas Lakes	Clear of trees and snow to the Hay Park/Thomas Lakes Junction. The trail is very wet/muddy.
Weller Lake	Seasonal conditions.
West Maroon	Seasonal conditions, snow.
West Snowmass	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Williams Lake	Seasonal conditions, muddy conditions.
Willow Lake	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Woody Creek	Seasonal conditions, mix of mud and snow.
Yule	Seasonal conditions, snow.

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### Seasonal Advisory

- Watch out for slick and muddy conditions on all roads & trails this time of year.
- The White River National Forest Travel Management Plan has been released. For a free map on the existing winter routes, visit the [WRNF Travel Management Website](#).  
Always check the [weather](#) and [avalanche forecast](#) prior to your outing.

### Wildlife Advisory

- The bears are awake from hibernation and hungry. Please keep food and trash secured.
- A food storage order is in effect for all campgrounds & dispersed campsites up Independence Pass & Castle Creek. All food must be secured & stored in a vehicle or proper bear storage locker.
- Potential bear activity at Conundrum.

Bears are opportunistic feeders, they go after the easy food especially if they have gotten used to human foods. To minimize the potential of attracting a bear to your campsite, campers must observe following precautions: 1) when not in use, store your food and cooking equipment in an enclosed vehicle; 2) do not take any food into your tent at any time; 3) leave the clothing worn during food preparation in your vehicle and not in your tent; and 4) do not set your tent up in close proximity to your cooking area. These guidelines apply in any camping situation, but are especially applicable in dispersed camping areas.