



## Aspen-Sopris Road Conditions

June 24, 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) is accessible, call BOR for updates at 719-486-2325.
Independence Pass, Hwy. 82	Open. Updates available at 877-315-7623. or <a href="http://www.cotrip.org">www.cotrip.org</a>
Kebler Pass	Open. For updates, call CDOT at 970-641-0044.
Maroon Creek	<b>The Maroon Bells shuttle bus service has begun. Shuttles run from 9am to 5pm daily. For shuttle tickets &amp; updates call RFTA at 970-925-8484. Vehicle access is possible before 9am &amp; after 5pm, or once shuttle has stopped for the day.</b>
Dirt & 4WD Roads	CONDITION
Avalanche Creek Road	Open.
Basalt Mountain, FS 509 & 524	All gates open. Expect seasonal conditions on the upper sections of FS 506.
Burnt Mountain, FS 506	Open. Expect seasonal conditions where wet and muddy conditions may exist.
Crystal City, FS 314	Drivable to Crystal City.
Capitol Creek	Accessible to Capitol Lake trailhead.
Cattle Creek, FS 509	Open.
Cottonwood Pass	Open. For updates call Garfield Road & Bridge at 970-945-1223.
Cunningham Creek	Expect seasonal conditions of pockets of mud in shady areas.
Eagle-Thomasville, FS 400	Clear to through traffic from Eagle to Thomasville. For updates call Sylvan Lakes State Park 328-2021.
Express Creek	Dry at lower elevation. Expect seasonal conditions of mud and pockets of snow near Taylor Pass.
Four Mile, FS 300	Open, with gate closures on roads FS 321 (Twin Peaks) & FS 300.4m to allow road conditions to stabilize from pockets of wet and muddy conditions.
Hagerman Pass, FS 105	Road is clear of snow to Lyle & Mormon Lakes trailhead with reports of melting snow on the pass.
Hubbard, FS 408	Expect seasonal conditions with pockets of muddy in the shady areas.
Kobey Park, FS 103 & 508	Open. Expect seasonal conditions of wet & muddy spots in the shady areas.
Lead King Basin Loop Crystal, 314+ Lead King, 315	Loop is drivable. Expect seasonal conditions throughout the loop – muddy and slick in spots.
Lincoln Creek, FS 106	Open to Portal Campground.
Little Annie Road	Dry down low. Expect seasonal conditions at higher elevations.
Midnight Mine	Dry down low. Expect seasonal conditions at higher elevations.
Montezuma Road, 102	Seasonal Conditions – snow at higher elevations; be prepared for stream crossing.
North Fork Road	Accessible to Elk Wallow campground and trailheads beyond.
Pearl Pass	Seasonal Conditions – snow at higher elevations; be prepared for stream crossing.
Prince Creek Road	Open.
Red Table, FS 514	Open. Expect seasonal conditions – patches of snow and mud.
Red Rim/Gerbaz Road, FS 534	Open with clear and dry conditions.
Richmond Ridge, FS 123	Seasonal conditions.
Smuggler Mine	Clear and dry to overlook.
Summer Road	Open. For updates call Aspen Ski Co at 970-925-1220.
Taylor Pass	Seasonal conditions.
Thompson Ck, FS 304/305/306	Open. Drive with caution because the road is slick & dangerous when wet. High stream crossing at junction of FS306 & Middle Thompson Creek.

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## 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 +10,800 feet in northern facing timber.*

TRAIL	CONDITION*
American Lake	Reports of patches of snow in the timber to the lake.
Anthracite Pass/Raspberry Loop	Seasonal conditions, wet and muddy down low & melting snow up high.
Arbaney-Kittle	Clear.
Avalanche Lake	Clear of snow to Duley Park and beyond.
Braderich Trail	Clear of snow with some mud throughout the trail.
Buckskin Pass	Patches of snow near the pass, with a melting cornice on the pass.
Capitol Creek	Clear to the stream crossing on Capitol Creek; be prepared for stream crossing.
Capitol Creek Ditch Tr.	Clear to the stream crossing on Capitol Creek; be prepared for stream crossing.
Carbonate Creek	Clear for 2 miles from trailhead.
Cathedral Lake	Reports of patches of snow in the timber and near the lake.
Conundrum Creek	A large avalanche debris pile 4 miles in obstructs the trail. Third stream crossing is difficult and dangerous. 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	Clear.
Difficult Creek	Wet conditions due to high stream along Difficult creek crossing.
Discovery/Braille	Clear.
Eagle Lake	Seasonal conditions.
East Creek	Mud slide across trail beyond junction of Lily Pad Lake trail.
East Maroon Creek	Clear of snow for 5 miles to stream crossing; be prepared for high stream crossing.
East Snowmass Creek	Seasonal conditions, snow at higher elevations near the pass; be prepared for stream crossing.
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, melting snow.
Frying Pan Lakes	A mix of mud and patches of snow throughout the trail to the lakes. Campsites still under snow.
Geneva Lake	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Gift Creek	Seasonal conditions, mix of mud and snow.
Government Trail	Open.
Granite	Seasonal conditions.
Grizzly Lake	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Hanging Lake	Clear and open to the lake.
Hannon Creek	Seasonal conditions, wet and muddy.
Hay Park	Clear.
Hell Roaring	Seasonal conditions, wet and muddy at higher elevations, with reports of trees down across the trail.
Hunter Creek	Clear.
Hunter Valley	Wet and muddy in spots.
Linkins Lake	Seasonal conditions, melting snow.
Lost Man	Lower Entrance: Seasonal conditions, expect wet and muddy conditions. Upper Entrance Linkin lake: Seasonal conditions, expect melting snow. Please protect the alpine environment & stay on the trail.
Lyle/Mormon Lakes	Reports of melting snow above 10,000 feet.
Maroon Creek Trail	Wet with small patches of snow in the timber.
Maroon Lake Scenic	Clear.
Middle Thompson	Seasonal conditions.
Midway Pass	Reports of melting snow near the pass.
New York Creek	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Perham Creek	Clear.
Petroleum/Anderson	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Placita	Clear of snow and trees for 2 miles.
Rio Grande	Open from Aspen to Glenwood. Clear and dry.
Ruedi Overlook	Clear of snow.
Savage Lakes	Reports of wet conditions and melting snow in the timber. Be prepared for stream crossing.
Sawyer Lake	Seasonal conditions, snow.



Snowmass Lake	Clear of trees and snow to 10,00 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: Clear to shady side junction. Melting snow beyond. Cemetery Lane Entrance: Clear to shady side junction.
Tabor Creek	Seasonal conditions, melting snow.
Thomas Lakes	Clear of snow to the lakes.
Weller Lake	Clear.
West Maroon	Clear of snow the first stream crossing; Be prepared for a stream crossing.
West Snowmass	Seasonal conditions, snow at higher elevations.
Williams Lake	Seasonal conditions, wet and muddy.
Willow Lake	Seasonal conditions, snow.
Woody Creek	Clear for 4 miles.
Yule	Seasonal conditions, snow.

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### Seasonal Advisory

- Conditions are presently not available for all road or trails. Expect seasonal conditions on all roads & trails. The snowline is hovering around 10,800 in northern facing timber. Watch out for slick and muddy conditions on all roads this time of year.
- Stream crossing are near flood stage at this time. Be prepared for high stream crossings.
- 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](#) prior to your outing.

### Wildlife Advisory

- The bears are awake from hibernation and hungry. Please keep your food & trash secured.
- A food storage order is in effect for all campgrounds & dispersed campsites on the district. All food must be secured & stored in a vehicle or proper bear storage locker.
- **Recent bear activity, encounters, & sightings include – Lincoln Gulch Campground, Lincoln Creek Dispersed campsites, Weller Campground, & Difficult Campground. Be advised that camping in these locations puts you at risk of having a possible negative encounter with a bear. Should you decide to camp in these locations, you are required to follow all proper food storage techniques as pertaining to the Food Storage Order.**
- 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.