



## Aspen-Sopris Road Conditions

July 19, 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.
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	Accessible throughout Cunningham.
Eagle-Thomasville, FS 400	Clear from Eagle to Thomasville. For updates call Sylvan Lakes State Park 328-2021.
Express Creek	Expect seasonal conditions 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	Pass is clear off snow; Be prepared for rough 4x4 driving.
Hubbard, FS 408	Seasonal conditions; Road is slick when wet.
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, and be prepared for precarious 4x4 driving.
Lincoln Creek, FS 106	Open to Portal Campground.
Little Annie Road	Dry to Richmond Ridge. Expect seasonal conditions at higher elevations.
Midnight Mine	Dry to Richmond Ridge. Expect seasonal conditions at higher elevations.
Montezuma Road, 102	Seasonal Conditions; Be prepared for stream crossing.
North Fork Road	Dry and accessible to trailheads beyond.
Pearl Pass	Seasonal Conditions – snow at higher elevations; Be prepared for stream crossing.
Prince Creek Road	Open.
Red Table, FS 514	Open.
Red Rim/Gerbaz Road, FS 534	Open with clear and dry conditions.
Richmond Ridge, FS 123	Accessible; Be prepared for 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. Be prepared for 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 snowfields and snow patches are hovering around +1100 feet on north faces.*

TRAIL	CONDITION*
American Lake	Clear to the lake.
Anthracite Pass/Raspberry Loop	Seasonal conditions.
Arbaney-Kittle	Clear.
Avalanche Lake	Clear to the lake.
Braderich Trail	Clear.
Buckskin Pass	Clear with a melting cornice on the pass.
Capitol Creek	Clear to lake; be prepared for stream crossing.
Capitol Creek Ditch Tr.	Clear; be prepared for stream crossing.
Carbonate Creek	Clear.
Cathedral Lake	Clear to 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	Clear.
Discovery/Braille	Clear.
Eagle Lake	Clear.
East Creek	Debris from 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; 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	Clear to the lakes. Campsites still under snow.
Geneva Lake	Clear of snow to the lake.
Gift Creek	Clear to the pass.
Government Trail	Open.
Granite	Seasonal conditions.
Grizzly Lake	Seasonal conditions.
Hanging Lake	Clear the lake.
Hannon Creek	Seasonal conditions.
Hay Park	Clear.
Hell Roaring	Seasonal conditions, with reports of trees down across the trail.
Hunter Creek	Clear.
Hunter Valley	Clear.
Linkins Lake	Clear.
Lost Man	Lower Entrance: Seasonal conditions. Upper Entrance Linkin lake: Seasonal conditions. Please protect the alpine environment & stay on the trail.
Lyle/Mormon Lakes	Clear to the lakes.
Maroon Creek Trail	Clear.
Maroon Lake Scenic	Clear.
Middle Thompson	Seasonal conditions.
Midway Pass	Seasonal conditions. Reports of melting snow near the pass.
New York Creek	Seasonal conditions.
Perham Creek	Clear.
Petroleum/Anderson	Seasonal conditions.
Placita	Clear of snow and trees for 2 miles.
Rio Grande	Open from Aspen to Glenwood. Clear and dry.
Ruedi Overlook	Clear.
Savage Lakes	Reports of wet conditions in the timber. Be prepared for stream crossing.
Sawyer Lake	Seasonal conditions.
Snowmass Lake	Clear of down trees 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.
Sunnyside/Shadyside	Hunter Valley Entrance: Clear.



	Cemetery Lane Entrance: Clear.
Tabor Creek	Seasonal conditions.
Thomas Lakes	Clear to the lakes.
Weller Lake	Clear.
West Maroon	Clear to the pass; Be prepared for a stream crossing.
West Snowmass	Seasonal conditions.
Williams Lake	Seasonal conditions.
Willow Lake	Seasonal conditions.
Woody Creek	Seasonal conditions, trail cleared for four miles from trailhead.
Yule	Seasonal conditions.

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### Seasonal Advisory

- Conditions are presently not available for all road or trails. Expect seasonal conditions on all roads & trails. The snowfields are above 11,000 ft. on northern faces.
- Be prepared for high stream crossings at 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](#) 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 & Chapman 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.