

# White River National Forest



## Current Conditions

### Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District

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#### Road and Trail Status for Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District

Trails are seeing high numbers of visitors. If you drive to a trailhead and it's full or near capacity, please choose another location. Call our office if you need ideas. Do not park on roadways, highways, or block the travel way. Search and Rescue and other emergency vehicles must have access.

Bicycle and Motorized Use: All Forest System roads and trails are closed to wheeled use unless otherwise open.

#### Roads

Roads are managed with a season of dates and type of vehicle allowed. Due to low snow, we are opening some roads early. Please refer to the MVUM posted on our website. Road conditions change based on weather. Please do not try to travel through snow. There is rarely less snow the farther you travel up in elevation. You will likely get stuck and there is little to no cell coverage on most forest roads. Towing fees are your responsibility.

Motorized use is restricted to a system of designated roads and trails by the kind of vehicle and time of year. This information is found on the [Motor Vehicle Use Map](#).

#### Trails

Many trails are still under snow or have muddy conditions right now. Trails are open to mountain bikes unless there are other restrictions delaying that date (spring wildlife restrictions).

Our partners in trail management including towns, Eagle County, and local communities are funneling information to our trail partner - Vail Valley Mountain Trail Alliance VVMTA. View VVMTA's interactive map and condition reports at: <https://www.vvmta.org/>

Many trails are closed to all human entry to protect our wildlife in the area. These trails include:

- **Buffehr Creek #2111:** Closed April 15 - June 20
- **Eastern Hillside #2347:** Closed December 1 - June 20
- **Everkrisp #2122:** Closed November 23 - June 20
- **North Trail #1896:** Closed April 15 - June 20
- **Mill Creek #2004:** Closed May 6 - June 30
- **Paulie's Plunge/Stone Creek #2349:** Closed May 15 - June 20
- **Son of Middle Creek #2136:** Closed April 15 - June 20
- **Two Elk #2005** (from the west entrance at the second bridge to the east end at the Vail Bike Path): Closed May 6 - June 30 (Opens on July 1)
- **Whiskey Creek #2348:** Closed November 23 - June 20

We realize these restrictions are challenging but they are short-term limitations for the long-term gain of our local wildlife herds. They need the spring season to rejuvenate their body condition after a winter of starvation.

Remember many of these animals are pregnant. Many females are giving birth and need this security, so their fawns and calves have a fighting chance to live. **Help protect our wildlife herds in the valley, respect these closures.**

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Dirt & 4WD Roads	Conditions
<b>Eagle Area Roads</b>	
Big Park - FSR 421	Road closed. <b>Tentative</b> opening date: May 1, depending on snowmelt.
Eagle-Thomasville - FSR 400	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
East Brush Creek - FSR 415	Road open to Fulford Cave Trailhead.
Gypsum Creek - FSR 412	Road open to LEDE Reservoir.
Hardscrabble - FSR 413	Road open to Forest boundary. <b>Tentative</b> opening date for remainder of road: May 1, depending on snowmelt.
Hat Creek - FSR 416	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
Nolan Creek - FSR 418	Road open to Fulford. <b>Tentative</b> opening date for remainder of road: May 1, depending on snowmelt.
Old Fulford Road - FSR 419	Road closed. <b>Tentative</b> opening date: May 1, depending on snowmelt.
Triangle Park - FSR 435	Road closed. <b>Tentative</b> opening date: May 1, depending on snowmelt.
West Hat Creek - FSR 436	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
<b>SE FLAT TOPS AREA ROADS</b>	
Coffee Pot - FSR 600	Road open to Forest boundary. <b>Tentative</b> opening date from Forest boundary to Crane Park: May 1, depending on snowmelt.
Crescent Lake - FSR 613	Road open. Expect muddy and snowy conditions closer to Crescent and Mackinaw lakes. Technical, high-clearance 4WD vehicles with skilled drivers only.
Derby Loop - County Rd 39	Road open.
Stump Park - FSR 610	Road open but passable for high-clearance vehicles only. Expect muddy and snowy conditions.
<b>VAIL AREA ROADS</b>	
Berry Creek - FSR 774	Road open.
Fancy/French Creek - FSR 727	Road closed. <b>Tentative</b> opening date: May 1, depending on snowmelt.
Holy Cross City - FSR 759	Road closed. <b>Tentative</b> opening date: May 1, depending on snowmelt.
Homestake - FSR 703	Road closed. <b>Tentative</b> opening date: May 1, depending on snowmelt.
June Creek - FSR 717	Road open between Berry Creek and June Creek. Closed heading up June Creek from Wildridge.
Lost Lake - FSR 786	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
McAllister - FSR 708	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.

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Metcalfe - FSR 779	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
Middle Creek - FSR 719	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
Missouri Creek - FSR 704	Road closed. <b>Tentative</b> opening date: May 1, depending on snowmelt.
Moniger - FSR 433	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
FSR 405	<b>NFSR 405 closed due to washout on road.</b>
Muddy Pass - FSR 700 Red Sandstone (Wolcott Side/West Side)	Road open to Muddy Pass. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
No Name - FSR 705	Road closed. <b>Tentative</b> opening date: May 1, depending on snowmelt.
Pearl Creek - FSR 715	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
Piney Guard - FSR 744	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
Red and White - FSR 734	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
Red Sandstone - FSR 700	Road closed. <b>Tentative</b> opening date from Vail to Lost Lake Trailhead: May 1, depending on snowmelt.
Resolution - FSR 702	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
Sheephorn - FSR 401	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
Shrine Pass - FSR 709	Road closed. <b>Tentative</b> opening date: May 1, depending on snowmelt.
Tigiwon - FSR 707	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
Wearyman - FSR 747	Road closed. Opening date TBD, depending on snowmelt.
West Lake Creek - FSR 423	Road open.

### Special Alerts and Notices:

**The White River National Forest Travel Management Plan is in effect. For a free map of the existing summer and winter routes, visit the [WRNF Travel Management Website](#).**

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<b>Eagle Area Trails</b>	
Antoness #1871	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Brown's Loop #1874	Trail is mostly dry.
Fulford Cave #1875	Trail is mostly dry.
Green Gate #1903	Annual wildlife closure. Open 6/21 - 10/9 only.
Ironedge #1873	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Lake Charles #1899	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Lost Lake #2224	Trail snow-packed.
McKenzie Gulch #1869	Expect spring conditions.
Mount Thomas #1870	Trail snow-packed.
New York Lake #2221	Trail snow-packed.
New York Mtn #1876	Trail snow-packed.
Nolan Lake #1898	Trail snow-packed.
Salt Creek #1878	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Sneve Gulch #1872	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Sundell Trail #1863	Expect spring conditions.
Yeoman Park Discovery	Trail is mostly dry.
<b>SE FLAT TOPS AREA TRAILS</b>	
Cross Creek #1855	Expect spring conditions.
Grizzly Creek #2065	Trail is closed at mile 0.3 for reconstruction.
Hanging Lake #1850	RESERVATION REQUIRED and Trail Reconstruction in progress. Please see the <a href="#">Hanging Lake recreation page</a> for more info.
Hooper Lake #1860	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Island Lakes #1842	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Johnson Pasture #1852	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Nellie's #1839	Trail is mostly dry.
Prospect #1867	Trail is muddy. Expect spring conditions.
Rim Lake #1856	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Shingle Peak #2042	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Sweetwater #1854	Trail is mostly dry.
Trappers Lake #1816	Trail snow-packed.
Turret Creek #1832	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Ute-Sweetwater #2032	Trail is muddy. Expect spring conditions.

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W Mountain #1817	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Wagon Wheel #2049	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
<b>VAIL AREA TRAILS</b>	
Beaver Lake #2109	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Bighorn #2013	Trail muddy and snow-packed at higher elevations.
Booth Creek #2011	Trail muddy and snow-packed at higher elevations.
Bowman's Shortcut #1851	Trail snow-packed.
Buck Creek #2106	Trail muddy and snow-packed at higher elevations.
Buffehr Creek #2111	Annual wildlife closure. Opens on 6/21.
Colorado Trail #2108	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Colorow Creek #1897	Trail muddy and snow-packed at higher elevations.
Cougar Ridge #2131	As of 4/23, a few snow patches up to Lionshead Rock. Snowy and muddy above that.
Cross Creek #2006	Trail muddy and snow-packed beyond a few miles.
Dead Dog #2220	Trail snow-packed.
Deluge Lake #2014	Trail muddy and snow-packed at higher elevations.
East Lake Creek #1880	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
East Meadow Creek #1886	Trail snow-packed.
Everkrisp #2122	Annual wildlife closure. Opens on 6/21.
Fall Creek #2001	Trail snow-packed.
Fancy Creek #2006	Trail snow-packed.
Game Creek #2130	Trail muddy and some snow at higher elevations.
Gore Creek #2015	Trail muddy and snow-packed at higher elevations.
Grouse Lake #2127	Trail muddy and snow-packed at higher elevations. Mostly dry below Full Nelson intersection.
Grouse Mtn #2010	Trail snow-packed.
Lonesome Lake #2126	Trail snow-packed.
Lost Lake #1893	Trail muddy with some snow patches.
Lower Piney #1885	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Martin Creek #2128	Trail muddy and snow-packed at higher elevations.
Meadow Creek #1891	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
Meadow Mountain #2124	Trail is mostly dry to Line Shack. Whiskey Creek Trail #2348 opens annually on 6/21.
Missouri Lakes #2033	Trail snow-packed.
Mount of the Holy Cross #2009	Trail snow-packed.
North Trail #1896	Annual wildlife closure. Opens on 6/21.
Notch Mountain #2000	Trail snow-packed.
Pitkin Creek #2012	Trail muddy and snow-packed at higher elevations.
Shrine Mountain #2016	Trail snow-packed.
Soda Lakes #1889	Trail snow-packed.
Stone Creek/Paulie's Plunge #2349	Trail muddy and snow-packed at higher elevations. Annual wildlife closure May 15-June 20.

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Two Elk #2005	Trail muddy and snow-packed at higher elevations. <b>Annual wildlife closure May 6-June 20.</b>
Upper Piney River #1885	Trail muddy and snow-packed.
West Grouse #2129	Trail muddy and snow-packed at higher elevations. Mostly dry below Full Nelson intersection.
Whiskey Creek #2348	<b>Annual wildlife closure. Opens on 6/21.</b>
Whitney Lake #2002	Trail muddy and snow-packed.

#### Special Alerts and Notices:

- **Trails are drying out more quickly this year, but snow still exists at higher elevations. Please be prepared for winter and spring conditions.**