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KETCHUM RANGER DISTRICT***

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The recent warm temperatures have brought on unseasonably early muddy and icy conditions. Snow melt is appearing to be about one month ahead of normal. Within the next several weeks expect some south facing trails at Greenhorn and Adams Gulch to be closed if above freezing temperatures persist. Until then, consider using cleats or boots with vibram soles as all “over snow” trails ARE VERY SLIPPERY WITH ICE.

Current Ketchum Ranger District Trail Conditions as of 3/2/2015

- **Greenhorn Trailhead:** Greenhorn road at the Forest boundary is CLOSED. Park at the end of Limekiln Road only. All trails are hard pack ice and snow.
- **Adam's Gulch Trailhead:** Parking is muddy and wet. All trails are hard pack ice and snow. Expect south facing trails such as Lake Creek Connector and Sunnyside Trail to be closed due to mud within a week if temperatures continue above freezing.
- **Trail Creek:** Trail Creek trailhead parking is open with patchy snow and ice. The XC ski trail fields on the bench are still being groomed for skiers and are closed to hikers/dog walkers, but Trail Creek Trail is open to hikers: expect hard pack snow, ice and some gravel.
- **Lake Creek:** All trails still snow covered and are being groomed for skiers.
- **Fox Creek Trailhead, Chocolate, Oregon, Corral Creek, Eagle Creek:** Still buried under significant snow. Most Trails are hard pack ice and snow: open to hikers but **very SLICK** conditions.



Sunnyside Trail at Adams Gulch, 3/2/15

Corral Creek Road, flat but icy conditions for hiking

Ketchum Ranger District Road Conditions: **All KRD Forest Roads are closed until MAY 1, after May 1 roads will be opened as conditions allow.**

- **Deer Creek: CLOSED one mile up from Forest Boundary. USE CAUTION!**
- **Greenhorn Gulch Road: CLOSED..PARK AT LIMEKILN ROAD to hike on snow covered trails.**
- **East Fork of The Big Wood River Road:** will be updated next week
- **Oregon Gulch:** not accessible due to snow.
- **Fox Creek Rd:** **signed closed**
- **Hyndman Creek Rd:** CLOSED near the three mile mark..park at designated parking area.
- **Parker Gulch:** not accessible due to snow
- **Independence:** **signed closed**
- **Corral Creek Rd:** **signed closed**
- **Lake Creek:** **signed closed**
- **Taylor Canyon:** not accessible due to snow.

- **Panther Creek:** not accessible due to snow.
- **Eagle Creek Road:** **signed closed**
- **Trail Creek:** Open up to Corral Creek ..patchy snow and ice covered for last mile.
- **Warm Springs Rd:** Open to Red Warrior (CLOSED just above Frenchman's Hot Springs..expect mud and potholes
- **Cove Creek Rd:** not accessible due to snow.
- **Baker Creek Rd:** not accessible due to snow.
- **West Fork Warm Springs:** not accessible due to snow.
- **Copper Creek:** not accessible due to snow.
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A very short wet section on White Cloud Trails on March 2, 2015, shown above. As more snow melts these trails will be temporarily closed, but cool temps and very little snow make the south end of these trails dry enough to hike this week.

Note: Upper north end of these trails are still holding snow and ice.

North Valley Hiking Best Bet: White Cloud Trails (West side of Sun Valley Road) Still a bit muddy but about half of the trails are dry...still TOO muddy for bikes.

South Valley Hiking Best Bet: Carbonate Mtn is dry up to the top of the ridge, with patchy snow on top. Zig-zag Trail is OK for bikes with just a few moist patches!

***The KRD has partnered with the BCRD to help keep our enthusiastic trail users up to date on current trail conditions and information. The new website, launched last summer is:**
<http://summertrailink.bcrd.org/> . While the KRD will continue to publish our text version of the bi-weekly trail updates throughout the summer, users who want a more interactive experience that includes maps, photos and trail descriptions should check out the above link.