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Trail Report September 26, 2014 - Update

Motorcyclists: Remember, the following trails in the Warm Springs area and in Oregon Gulch close to motorcycle use on AUGUST 29, 2014 and reopen May 1st, 2015.

1. Castle Creek Trail #140

2. Oregon Gulch Trail #183

3. Rooks Creek #145

(Other motorized trails including Placer Creek Trail #141 and all trails in Deer Creek are still closed to motorcycles, mountain bikes and equestrians due to Beaver Creek Fire).

Please note: The East Fork of Baker Creek Road also closed to motorized users on August 29 but remains open to all non-motorized users including mountain bikes.

Note: The entire Beaver Creek Fire Area is open to HIKING: Use caution if you are traveling in or near the Beaver Creek Fire when rain is forecasted. The area is susceptible to flash flooding and mudslides.

Minor reconstruction and installation of new area maps continues at Greenhorn, Adams Gulch and Fox Creek trailheads. Please excuse impacts from heavy equipment and workers.

Current Ketchum Ranger District Trail Conditions

Greenhorn Trailhead:

- Cow Creek #180 – open,
- Cow Creek Connector- #930- open,
- Mahoney Ridge-#153- open
- Red Warrior-Lodgepole - #310 (open) –
- Greenhorn #156 – OPEN
- Mahoney #821 –open
- Lodgepole-Mahoney Connector #819 –open
- Imperial Trail #315– OPEN! Thanks to Sage School and Wood River Bike Coalition volunteers for working on reroutes!

Adam's Gulch Trailhead:

- Lake Creek Connector Trail # is open.
- Lanes-Sunnyside Trail #316 is open.
- Citizens Trail #143 open.
- Pork Chop section of trail #142 is open.
- Adams Gulch Loop #142 is open but has not been cleared above the "Pork Chop" - The Old Adams Gulch Road Trail is open.
- Adams Gulch #177 open but has not been cleared, expect logs.
- Shadyside Trail #317 is open.
- Heidelberg Hill Trail # is open

- Griffin Butte Trail #839 is **open**.
- Eves Gulch #146 **open**
- Forbidden Fruit - **open** *this trail is exclusively open to bikes going downhill .

Boundary Trailhead-Trail Creek:

- Trail Creek #305 is **open**.
- Corral Creek Trail #325 is **open**.
- Proctor Trail #119 is **open**
- Aspen Loop Trail #841 is **open**.

Fox Creek Trailhead and Lake Creek:

- Harpers Trail #323 is **open**,
- Fox Creek Loop Trail #149 is **open**
- North Fork Loop Trail #303 **open**
- **Chocolate Gulch Trail #312 is Open**
- **Oregon Gulch Trail #183: open**
- **Saddle Trail #326:**

Bald Mountain Trails: Chairlift Service for Hikers and Bikers is closed for the season:

Bald Mountain Closures

Saddle Up Trail on Bald Mountain is closed. The trail is being reworked with heavy equipment making travel on the trail dangerous. The trail tread is disturbed and unrideable in places. Additionally, the Sun Valley has a major dig going on in support of a large snow-making project. A ditch has been dug across the Saddle Up Trail to accommodate the snow-making project. The closures are in place to protect people's safety and to allow the Sun Valley Company to get important work done safely and efficiently. It is anticipated that the Saddle Up Trail will be closed for the remainder of the season.

The Sun Valley Company is reshaping portions of the Blue Grouse ski run on Bald Mountain. As a safety precaution the Roundhouse Lane cat-track and the Mid-River ski run are temporarily closed at this time. Please heed all closures.

Baker Lake Trailhead:

OPEN as of JULY 3, 2014 - Norton Lake Trail, Apollo Trail and Baker Lake Trail_

Note: Baker Lake Trail is open to HIKERS only.

NOTE: Alden Trail and Osberg Ridge Trail are still closed due to the Beaver Creek Fire. **Reconstruction of Osberg Trail will begin in the fall of 2014 and wil be completed in the summer of 2015, reopening is anticipated for August of 2015.**

Easley Gulch Trail #148 (aka “Curlies”) – open and cleared.

Warm Springs Trails:

- Castle Rock Trail #140 is **OPEN** as an “**Out and Back**” from the Warm Springs Road Trailhead, no access from Baker Lake Trailhead yet! **THIS TRAIL CLOSED TO MOTORCYCLES ON AUGUST 29.** Caution heavy rain DID create mudslides in this drainage. Trail is passable but hazards exist.
- Red Warrior Trail #152 **Partially open** Note: the south end (2.5 mile section) of this trail is **CLOSED** due to the Beaver Creek Fire.
- Warfield Trail #151 **open**
- Rooks Creek #145 **open** to non-motorized. **THIS TRAIL CLOSED TO MOTORCYCLES ON AUGUST 29.**
- Barr Gulch #168, Placer Creek Trail #141 are all **CLOSED** due to the Beaver Creek Fire.
- Red Warrior-Warfield Connector #120 is **open**

Deer Creek Trailhead: all trails originating from Deer Creek drainage are CLOSED due to the Beaver Creek Fire. **Note: this area is open to hiking; Also note: No Camping is available in the Deer Creek Drainage.**

“Eastside” Trails:

- Pioneer –Cabin Trail #122 **open** – *Crews have completed reconstructing sections of this as of August 7. Enjoy!*
- Long Gulch #123 - no report yet
- High Ridge Trail #124 . – **open and cleared.** *Crews have completed reconstructing sections of this as of August 7. Enjoy!*
- Taylor Canyon #324 – **open**

East Fork of the Big Wood:

- Hyndman Creek: **open** cleared , expect snow patches above 9500 ft enroute to the Hyndman Peak
- Johnstone Creek: **open** cleared **SEE SHEEP REPORT (BELOW)**
- North Fork Hyndman Trail: **open** Cleared,
- Bear –Parker Trail: **open** cleared
- Federal Gulch: **open cleared**
- Timber Draw: partially open and cleared, *Crews have completed reconstructing sections of this as of August 7 with one remaining 200 yard section to be completed before the end of August. Enjoy!*

Ketchum Ranger District Road Report:

Adams Gulch Rd: Open

Greenhorn Gulch Rd: Open . Construction at trail head.

Oregon Gulch: Open to trailhead.

Fox Creek Rd: Open to trailhead

Hyndman Creek Rd: Open to the trailhead

Parker Gulch: Open

Independence: Open

Corral Creek Rd: Open to trailhead

Trail Creek RD : Open to MacKay

Park Creek: Open.

Lake Creek: Open.

Taylor Canyon: Open

Eagle Creek Road: Open-

Mormon Hill : Open to the top.

Deer Creek Rd: **Closed just above the junction with Wolfstone Road.** **Caution, be alert for possible mudslides covering the road following rainstorms.**

Panther Creek: Open

Wolfstone: Open Note: trails leading from the end of Wolfstone are still closed.

North Fork Deer Creek: Closed for the summer due to Beaver Creek Fire

Baker Creek Rd: Caution, be alert for possible mudslides covering the road following rainstorms.

Norton Creek Rd: Open as of July 2, 2014.

- **East Fk of Baker Ck Rd.:** CLOSED AS OF AUGUST 29...open to non-motorized users.

Warm Springs Rd – OPEN. Caution, be alert for possible mudslides covering the road following rainstorms.

West Fork Warm Springs: Open 1.2 miles closed by avalanche debris.

Barr Gulch: Closed

East Fork Big Wood Road: Open .

Hyndman Creek Road: Open to the Trailhead

Cove Creek Rd: Open

Sheep Report: September 23, 2014

Sheep may be encountered adjacent to the East Fork road #118 on National Forest through September 30. On October 2 expect to encounter sheep on the East Fork road and the Ketchum-Hailey driveway as the band trails out of the Big Wood River drainage. The band will continue to trail south on the driveway on October 3 and will be proximal to the bike path south of the East Fork road to Hailey.

Expect to encounter sheep near trail #310 in the Lodgepole Gulch drainage thru approximately 9/25. On 9/25 expect to encounter sheep near trails #153, #180, and #930 in the Mahoney Creek drainage thru approximately 9/29. On 9/30 and 10/1 expect to encounter sheep on the Limekiln gulch road #101 as the band tucks off the Forest.

Thru approximately 9/25 expect to encounter sheep in Uncle Johns Gulch. From 9/25-9/26 expect to encounter sheep in the Hyndman Creek drainage and maybe be adjacent to the Hyndman Creek road # 203 for 1 day as the band trials off the Forest.