This week cool temperatures have prevented additional trails from opening, however, we remain nearly a month ahead of usual spring conditions.

This spring please help minimize damage to wet trails by:

- Honoring trail closure signs.
- Turning back on trails that are muddy but are not yet marked as CLOSED.
- Staying in the center of the trail if you encounter very short patches of ice or mud. THANKS!

OPEN THIS WEEK: Several south facing trails remain partially opened as “out and backs” at Greenhorn Gulch, Adams Gulch, Lake Creek and at Oregon Gulch. Short “out and back” hikes are available on Bear-Parker Gulch Trail #121 and Johnstone Ck Trail #206 (access to both is from Hyndman Road #203). See the trail descriptions below.

CLOSED THIS WEEK: North facing and shaded trails at Fox Creek, Saddle Trail and Chocolate Gulch are still buried under snow and ice and are starting to thaw out creating muddy conditions and have been signed closed.

This view of Greenhorn Trail #156 (above left) shows the closed section just south of the trailhead that is still holding snow. Trail users can go around this closed portion by using Mahoney Ridge Trail #153 which starts at the northwest side of Greenhorn Trailhead. Moose near Greenhorn-Mahoney Trail (above left). Remember to leash dogs if you are in moose habitat and if you see moose, walk well around them, leaving the trail if necessary to give them as much distance as possible. Approaching moose or passing close by can be dangerous for you and very stressful for the moose.
Greenhorn Trailhead (left photo) has many south facing trails now open but access from the trail pictured above is still closed due the snow that is visible in the background. To access trails at Greenhorn go the the NORTH side of the trailhead (by the equestrian parking area) to either Mahoney Ridge Trail or Cow Creek Trail. Trails at Fox Creek are now closed due to ice and mud (right photo).

Oregon Gulch Trail is open and dry for 2 miles (left photo), while Saddle Trail (center photo) is closed due to mud and Chocolate Gulch (right photo) is weeks away from opening.
Harpers Trail from Lake Creek Trail head (above) is closed at the ¼ mile mark.

Bear-Parker Gulch Trail #121 (above left) and Johnstone Ck Trail #206 (center above) are each open for approx. 1 - 1.5 miles. Hyndeman Ck Trail #166 (above right) is still closed by snow.
Current Ketchum Ranger District Trail Conditions as of 4/9/2015:

- **Adam’s Gulch Trailhead:** Open
  - Lake Creek Connector Trail #321 is open for 1.2 miles as an “out and back”
  - Sunnyside-Lanes Trail #316 is open all the way to Citizens Trail #143.
  - Citizens Trail #143 is open for 1 mile as an “out and back”.
  - Old Adams Gulch Road Trail #146 is closed 1/2 mile above Adams Gulch Trailhead, (closed just above the first trail bridge). Past the first trail bridge it is closed for 1 mile due to ice and mud. It is OPEN above the 1-mile mark (near the second trail bridge) to the junction with Citizens Trail. This open section of the #146 trail/road can only be accessed from the Sunnyside-Lanes Trail #316. The #146 trail (old road) is closed above its junction with Citizens Trail.
  - Adams Rib Trail #142 (“Porkchop” section) is open for approx. 1 mile (closed about ½ mile above the pond).

- **Trail Creek Trailhead:** Trail Creek trailhead parking is open and DRY!
  - Trail Creek Trail #305 is open:
  - Corral Creek Trail #325 is open for 1 and ½ miles as an “out and back”.
  - Proctor Trail #119 is open (expect short patches of ice) * reminder: Hiking Only
  - Aspen Loop Trail #841 is closed – long ice field toward the lower north side and patchy snow/mud.

- **Lake Creek:**
  - Trail #323 is open for 1/8 mile as a very short out-and-back.
  - The portion of the Fox Creek Loop Trail #149 that runs through the low Lake Harpers Creek Trailhead meadows (xc ski trails in winter) is melted out and open for about 1 mile as an out-and-back opportunity. The remainder of the trail is closed at this time due to wet conditions.

- **Fox Creek Trailhead:** All Trails are closed due to melting ice/mud.

- **Oregon Gulch Trailhead:**
  - Oregon Gulch Trail #183 is open for 2 miles as an “out and back”.
  - Saddle Trail #326 is closed

- **Greenhorn Trailhead:** Open.
  - Cow Creek Trail # 180 is open to the Cow Creek Short Cut Trail #930. Above this it is open for short out-and-back trips. Please turn around where conditions get wet.
  - Cow Creek Short Cut Trail #930 is open.
  - Mahoney Ridge Trail #153 is open for 2 miles as an “out and back”.
  - Greenhorn Trail #156 is closed.
  - Greenhorn-Mahoney Trail #821 is open as an “out and back” for 2.1 miles: This trail can only be accessed via Mahoney Ridge Trail. (*Please note due to changes in the FS trail inventory this trail is temporarily signed as Greenhorn-Mahoney Trail #156; a new replacement sign will bear the correct trail number of #821).*

- **East Fork Bigwood Area:**
  - Bear-Parker Gulch Trail #121 is open from Hyndman Road #203 (off East Fork of Bigwood Road) for 1.5 miles as an “out and back”.
  - Johnston Creek Trail #206 is open for about 1.5 miles as an “out and back”.

- **Hyndman Ck Trailhead:**
- Hyndman Ck Trail #166 is closed by snow.
- North Fork Hyndman Trail #165 is open for about 3/4 mile as an “out and back”.

Lower Cove Ck Road is being maintained this week and is closed at the Forest Boundary (above left). Main East Fork of Big Wood Road is closed 1/2 mile above Federal Gulch Campground (above right).

Eagle Creek Road remains closed and snow bound (above left). The north side of Trail Creek Road (over Trail Creek Summit) will be under construction this summer. A sign announcing the construction is posted
2 miles north of Sun Valley on Trail Creek Road. However, please note: Trail Creek Road is not expected to open over the summit until late April (at which time there may be delays due to construction).

Ketchum Ranger District Road Conditions: Unless listed otherwise, All KRD Forest Roads are closed to motorized use until MAY 1, after May 1 roads will be opened as conditions allow.

- Deer Creek: CLOSED just above Panther Gulch. USE CAUTION!
- Greenhorn Gulch Road: Open
- East Fork of The Big Wood River Road: CLOSED ½ mile above Federal Gulch Campground.
- Oregon Gulch: Open
- Fox Creek Rd: signed closed
- Hyndman Creek Rd: open to the Trailhead.
- Parker Gulch: no report.
- Independence: signed closed
- Corral Creek Rd: signed closed- recommended for hikers, dog walkers and mountain bikes.
- Lake Creek: signed closed- recommended for hikers, dog walkers and mountain bikes.
- Taylor Canyon: not accessible (behind closed road)
- Panther Creek: not accessible (behind closed road).
- Eagle Creek Road: signed closed
- Trail Creek: CLOSED over the summit till mid-late April. Expect construction on the north side of Trail Creek Summit.
- Warm Springs Rd: Open to Red Warrior (CLOSED just above Frenchman’s Hot Springs..expect mud and potholes.
- Cove Creek Rd: open to the Forest boundary (expect road work on the lower portion).
- Baker Creek Rd: not accessible due to snow.
- West Fork Warm Springs: not accessible due to snow.
- Copper Creek: no report.
- Mormon Hill Road: no report.

South Valley Best Bet:

BLM roads including Lee’s Gulch and Townsend Gulch (both located at the end of Lower Broadford Rd.) as well as Muldoon Road (east of Bellevue) are all closed to motorized use until April 30 and are currently snow free for 3- 5 miles making them ideal for early spring hikers, bikers and riders. Please follow all posted parking restrictions and clean up after dogs, ponies or what have you around your vehicles.

“Toe of the Slope” trail (east of Hailey) is open and dry.

Mid-Valley Best Bet:

Greenhorn Trailhead: take the Mahoney Ridge Trail (this trail begins just west of the rest room), continue to Cow Creek Short Cut Trail then turn onto Cow Creek Trail to return to the trailhead for a 4 plus mile loop!

North Valley Best Bet:
White Cloud Trails (West side of Sun Valley Road): still a bit muddy in the upper sections but the majority of the trails are dry.

Adams Gulch: For the longest loop try riding on Sunnyside-Lanes Trail #316 to Citizens Trail #143 (turning around and backtracking on Citizens) and then dropping down to the Old Adams Gulch Road #146 and climbing back up to return to the trailhead on Sunnyside #316.

Hiking and mountain bike riding available on Corral Creek Road and Lake Creek Road.

Oregon Gulch Trail #183: Beautiful 4 mile roundtrip hike viewing beaver ponds - great for kids!

*The KRD has partnered with the BCRD to help keep our enthusiastic trail users up to date on current trail conditions and information. The website is: [http://summertrailink.bcrd.org/](http://summertrailink.bcrd.org/). While the KRD will continue to publish our text version of the 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.*