

Spotted Bear Ranger District

Trail Conditions Report

Last Updated: 10/25/2011

Important information, warnings, and road conditions:

All trails affected by fire activity on Spotted Bear Ranger District are now open. Please read below for updates:

****Hammer Creek Fire Area:** *East Side Trail #80, Lime Creek Trail #193, Sandstone Creek Trail #743, Brownstone Creek Trail #465 and Tillson-Shale Trail #127 are all **open**. *Tillson Pk Trail #734 is cleared and passable to stock; Trail #127 continuing to Shale Pk is cleared, but not recommended for stock.

****Big Salmon Lake Fire Area:** *Big Salmon Creek Trail #110, Brownie Creek Trail #451, and Salmon Pt/Garnet Pk Trail #111 are all **open**.

****Stadler Creek Fire and Upper Ayres Fire Area:** *Stadler Creek Trail #271, Ayres Creek Trail #273, Fiction Creek Trail #272 are now **open**. *On the east side of the Continental Divide, Trails #225, #226, and South Fork Sun River Trail #202 are now **open**.

****Puzzle Fire Complex has caused the following road closure on the Hungry Horse District:** * Skyland Road #569, past Morrison Creek Trailhead, remains **closed** to ATV traffic, due to high potential for falling hazard trees. *Skyland Road #569 is now **open** to Morrison Creek Trailhead and Morrison Creek Trail #154 is now **open**. *For further information on any trail closures in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, please call the Rocky Mountain Ranger District at **406-466-5341**.

Visitors are reminded to use caution in areas that had fire activity this past season. Hazards such as falling trees may still be present.

For more information on wildland fires, you can visit the following website:

<http://inciweb.org/state/27/>

There are no fire restrictions in affect at this time for the Bob Marshall Complex or associated fire zones. Visitors are asked to be cautious with campfires and ensure that they are put 'dead out'.

If you have questions, please call the Spotted Bear Ranger District at **406-758-5376**.

The first eleven miles of the West-side Hungry Horse Reservoir Road past the dam (Forest Road #895) remain **closed** for repaving operations. The closed section extends to approximately Lid Creek. From Spotted Bear Ranger Station, the West-side road is open north to approximately Lid Creek and south to Meadow Creek trailhead and Gorge Creek trailhead. Lid Creek campground and campgrounds north of Lid Creek on the reservoir will be available only via water access. For questions or a list of these campgrounds, please call Hungry Horse Ranger Station at **406-387-3800**.

The East-side Reservoir road (Forest Road #38) is in decent condition and will remain open all the way from Martin City to Spotted Bear Ranger Station. Please report

any new slumps, slides, or road blockages to Spotted Bear Ranger District at **406-758-5376**.

****As of September 1st, the Spotted Bear River Road (Forest Road #568) is open to the South Creek, Trail Creek and Beaver Creek trailheads only. Road access to the Silvertip trailhead is closed as of September 1st. Forest Road #9856, leading to the Middle Big Bill trailhead, is closed as of September 1st.****

Road and trail conditions vary. Heavy snow conditions and high water early in the season, combined with later season fires, have resulted in a slower rate of trails cleared.

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Please visit www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead for more information.

Trail No.	Trail Name	Date Updated	Remarks, Projects, Safety
25	Palisade Creek	09/05/11	Cleared approximately 1 mile from junction with Little Salmon Creek Trail #29. Not suitable for stock.
29	Little Salmon	09/05/11	Cleared from both Swan Side and South Fork Flathead River. 09/02/11: Approx. ¾ mi into wilderness from pass, 5 ft high snow drift, 30 ft long, over trail. Sign of horse travel seen.
35	Holland-Gordon	07/30/11	Cleared to Gordon Pass.
43	Gunsight Peak	08/06/11	Cleared to Wilderness Boundary.
56	Meadow Mtn.	07/30/11	Cleared ¼ mi up trail.
69	Tom Tom		
72	Quintonkin Creek	07/01/11	Road #381 cleared to 1 mile from road end.
74	Posy Creek		
75	Green Mtn. Lookout		
80	Main South Fork	10/06/11	Cleared and open for use.
81	Miner Creek	08/10/11	Cleared. Use caution with stock. Some trail sloughing.
82	Bruce Creek	09/14/11	Cleared.
83	Spotted Bear River	07/28/11	Cleared from Spotted Bear to Beaver Creek TH to Pentagon Cabin to Spotted Bear Pass.
83A	Lower Spotted Bear River	06/27/11	Cleared to river crossing.

84	Spotted Bear Lookout	07/13/11	Cleared to Spotted Bear Lake and the Lookout.
87	Dean Creek	06/29/11	Cleared. Not recommended for stock 5 miles up and beyond.
88	Sergeant - Harrison Cr.	09/16/11	Cleared from Beaver Creek campground 7 miles up Sergeant Cr.
89	Silvertip Creek	09/16/11	Cleared.
90	Wall Creek	08/12/11	Cleared.
91	Middle Fork Bunker Creek		
92	Hart Creek	08/10/11	Cleared.
93	South Cr. - Nanny Cr.		
94	Trail Cr - Sergeant Cr.	06/27/11	Cleared to river.
99	Bunker High Country	09/14/11	Cleared but not passable to stock on Cedar Creek Road.
100	Helen Creek	07/26/11	Cleared.
101	Bunker Creek		
102	Lost Jack	07/30/11	Cleared to jct with #102 and ¼ mi up Meadow Mtn.
103	Mid Creek	07/06/11	Cleared 6 miles up, to junction with #525 (Upper Mid Cr). Passable to stock with caution. Draws @ 2-miles and 3-miles compromised by high water. #103 to Mid Mtn is not maintained.
105	Hungry Creek	07/30/11	Cleared to curve before spring where trail changes to #107.
107	Picture Ridge/Sara Peak	09/22/11	Cleared.
109	Elk Ridge West		
110	Big Salmon Creek/Pendant Creek Trail	10/19/11	Cleared and open .
111	Salmon Pt/Garnet Pk	10/19/11	Not maintained, but available for use.
112	White River	07/31/11	North and south sides of White River are cleared to the confluence and passable to stock. #112 cleared north to within 2 miles of jct with Pagoda Cr Tr (#100). #112 cleared from jct with Pagoda Cr Tr (#100) north to Larch Hill Pass. White

			River is fordable on foot.
115	Stadium/Trickle Creek	09/22/11	Cleared to 1.5 miles past junction with #493.
118	Albino	08/20/11	Cleared.
120	Smoky Creek Trail/Necklace Lakes	08/03/11	Cleared to within one mile of pass, hit snow. May be some trees down once snow melted.
123	Otis		Not maintained
124	Hahn Cabin	08/03/11	Cleared.
125	Hahn Creek	07/30/11	Cleared to pass. Young's Creek is fordable with stock.
126	Eastside South Fork	06/04/11	Cleared from Big Prairie south to boundary at Dry Fork Flathead Divide. (#31 and #32 continue onto to N. Fork Blackfoot TH and were also cleared at this time.)
127	Tillson - Shale	10/19/11	Trail is cleared and open . Tillson Pk Trail #734 is passable to stock. Trail #127 continuing on to Shale Pk is cleared, but not recommended for stock.
128	Pilot Peak		
129	Bartlett	07/26/11	Cleared.
130	Babcock	07/16/11	Cleared 3 miles up.
131	Holbrook Creek	08/12/11	Cleared
132	Bartlett Mtn.	09/09/11	Cleared.
133	Butcher Mtn.	07/25/11	South side cleared.
135	George Creek		
136	Cardinal Peak Divide	09/09/11	Cleared from junction with #205 to Cardinal Peak.
137	Marshall Creek		
138	Molly Creek	07/16/11	Cleared.
139	Rapid Creek	07/16/11	Cleared. Observation Pass is passable and suitable for stock.
140	Bar Creek	08/7/11	Cleared.
141	Youngs Creek	07/26/11	Cleared.
142	Foolhen Creek	08/09/11	Cleared
143	Limestone Creek	08/07/11	Cleared.
144	Spring Creek		
147	Badger Pass Cutoff	07/20/11	Cleared.

154	Morrison Creek	09/28/11	Cleared and open for use.
155	Big River Trail	09/02/11	Cleared from Bear Creek to Granite Cabin to Gooseberry Cabin and passable to stock.
160	Clack Creek	07/16/11	Cleared.
161	Strawberry Creek	07/20/11	Cleared.
173	Dolly Varden-Pentagon	08/09/11	Cleared.
175	Cox Creek	07/20/11	Cleared.
177	Switchback Pass	08/09/11	Cleared. Caution to stock users.
179	Lodgepole Creek	08/10/11	Cleared to pass.
183	Crossover Mtn.		
189	Argosy	07/27/11	Cleared.
193	Lime Creek	10/06/11	Cleared and open for use.
195	Burnt Creek	08/07/11	Cleared.
200	Twin Peak	09/16/11	Cleared from junction with #442 to junction with #166. Not recommended for stock.
201	Bradley Lake		GONE
205	Cabin Creek	08/26/11	Cleared to junction with #136.
212	Shaw Creek	07/16/11	Cleared.
213	Cedar Flats Access	06/15/11	Cleared.
214	Westside Big River	07/27/11	Cleared.
215	Flotilla Lake	07/27/11	Cleared.
216	Trail Creek	07/20/11	Cleared. Trail extends to 1 mi. past Jeff Creek.
218	Gorge Creek	07/27/11	Cleared to Inspiration Pass.
220	Black Bear Creek	09/02/11	Cleared 1 mile past junction with #524.
221	Spruce Creek		
224	Shaw Mtn.		
225	Lena Lake		
226	Picture Point	09/22/11	Cleared from junction with #218 halfway to junction with #107.
228	Silvertip Connection	06/15/11	Cleared.
229	Middle Fork Wall Creek		
230	Twin Creek	09/16/11	Cleared.
231	Good Trail	07/19/11	Cleared.
233	Camp Creek	07/25/11	Cleared.

236	Grouse Creek	09/16/11	Cleared. 1990 BMWC map is not accurate; the trail stays on northeast side of creek.
237	Upper Twin Creek	09/16/11	Cleared.
238	Spy Mtn.		
241	Chair Mtn. Trilobites	8/4/11	Cleared to Switchback Pass. Use caution with stock.
243	Bungalow Mtn.	8/5/11	Cleared.
246	Una Mtn.		
248	Lena Peak		Not maintained
249	Charlotte Peak		Not maintained
256	Mount May	08/10/11	Cleared.
261	Slim Creek		
263	Westside South Fork	07/16/11	Cleared from Black Bear ford to Big Prairie. All trails leading to fords cleared. South Fork is fordable on foot from Salmon Forks and upstream. All creeks passable on foot.
265	Alloy Creek	08/09/11	Cleared.
267	Basin Creek		Not maintained
268	Soldier Creek	06/17/11	Cleared.
269	Catchem Creek	08/09/11	Cleared 2 mi. up.
271	Stadler Creek	10/06/11	Cleared and open for use.
272	Fiction Creek	09/23/11	Not maintained, but available for use.
273	Ayres	09/23/11	Cleared 8/3 and open for use.
277	Calf Creek		
278	Blackfoot Divide		Not maintained
279	Otter		Not maintained
283	Pyramid Pass-Youngs	08/03/11	Cleared.
284	Ross		Not maintained
291	Doctor Creek		
292	Koessler Lake		
317	Winter Creek	08/25/11	Cleared. Not recommended for stock.
318	Roaring Creek	07/27/11	Cleared.
322	Gateway Gorge	07/05/11	Cleared.
324	Bowl Creek	08/10/11	Cleared.

327	Schafer Creek	08/10/11	Cleared.
329	Twin Falls		Not maintained
333	Elk Ridge		
337	Lodgepole Mtn.	8/5/11	Cleared.
338	Cap Mtn.	08/25/11	Cleared.
340	Red Plume	07/30/11	Cleared.
343	Conner Connection		
345	Lodgepole LO trail	08/10/11	Cleared.
346	Clack - Trilobite	07/20/11	Cleared.
359	Pot Mtn.	08/10/11	Cleared from Pentagon to junction with #109. Between this junction and Shadow Lake, there are 10 trees down. The trail is not maintained and faint from Shadow Lake to Pentagon Pass.
368	Chasm		
371	East Fork Strawberry	08/10/11	Cleared.
378	Basin Creek North	07/20/11	Cleared.
380	South Fork White River	07/16/11	Cleared to junction with #138.
385	Lower Twin	07/24/11	Cleared to wilderness boundary.
391	Calbick Creek	08/10/11	Cleared. Not recommended for stock.
396	Conner Creek	07/01/11	Sullivan Rd. cleared one mile past junction with Conner Creek.
435	Limestone Peak		Stock is not recommended past the ridge, 2 miles up.
440	Lemonade Springs	07/24/11	Cleared 2 ½ miles to wilderness boundary.
442	Head Creek	09/16/11	Cleared.
447	Three Sisters		
451	Brownie Creek	10/19/11	Not maintained, but available for use.
455	Tango Point		Not maintained
457	Pendant Creek	08/03/11	This trail is now #110 on the 2011 map. Cleared and passable.
465	Brownstone Creek	09/03/11	Not maintained, but available for use.
468	Crimson Peak		
470	Mud Lake Mtn.	08/19/11	Cleared.
476	Winter Cox Divide	08/25/11	Cleared.

478	Strawberry-Cap Connector	08/25/11	Cleared. Steep.
479	Trail Creek Connector	08/10/11	Cleared. Use caution with stock.
486	Stock Driveway		
493	Cannon Creek		
506	Cardinal Creek		
522	Capitol Mtn.		
524	Rambler Creek	09/02/11	Cleared.
525	Upper Mid Creek	09/02/11	Cleared from junction with #103 to junction with #524.
569	Jumbo Mtn.	07/30/11	Cleared.
584	Harrison Creek	09/16/11	Cleared.
626	Haystack Mtn.	07/16/11	Cleared.
628	Kid Mtn.		Not maintained.
643	Rampart Mtn.		Not maintained.
686	Chair Mtn. Cutoff	07/30/11	Cleared.
693	Sunburst Lake	07/30/11	Cleared. Avalanche debris from 2009 prevents most camping at the lakeshore.
701	Hodag Ridge		
730	South Creek	06/17/11	Cleared past wilderness boundary to junction with #237.
731	Trail Creek	06/17/11	Cleared to within ½ mile of wilderness boundary.
732	Kevan Mtn.		
734	Tillson Peak	10/19/11	Trail is cleared and open , passable to stock.
737	Sentinel Mtn.	07/05/11	Cleared.
739	Spotted Bear Pass	07/30/11	Cleared.
743	Sandstone Creek	10/06/11	Not maintained, but available for use.