

Deschutes National Forest

Fall Trail Access and Conditions Update

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Updated October 26, 2012



Late October snowfall begins to block summer trail access & bring out early season skiers at higher elevations. Warmer weather and rain into next week expected to change that.



Early snow fall with minimal depths brings out early snowmobile use with impacts to the ground. Dutchman Flat and other traditional snowmobile terrain remain closed to winter motorized use until there is adequate snow depth with a solid base to prevent damage to vegetation and soil. Also, early winter motorized use can result in vehicle damage and rider injury when encountering minimally covered hazards in low snow. Please save snowmobile use for deeper and more reliable snow conditions.

Fall Trail Summary

- More typical Fall like weather conditions recently, complete with periods of rain, snow, wind, freezing temperatures have reduced the fire danger, prompted removal of public use restrictions related to high fire danger and resulted in some seasonal road closures and coated high elevations in snow.
- Paulina Peak Road and Road 370 from Todd Lk parking area to road junction 4601 now closed to motorized use due to snow and for resource protection.
- Recent snow at higher elevations with up to 16" on some trails, makes for some difficult to inaccessible summer trails above 6,000'.
- Strong Fall winds increase blow down on some trails.
- Pole Ck Fire closure reduced: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>
- Volunteers and trail personnel begining winter trail maintenance and warming shelter stocking.
- Tumalo Falls Trailhead and access road 4603 are scheduled to reopen Oct. 27. Until further notice, Bend Municipal water system improvement project has been put on hold.
- With change in season, go prepared with your Ten Essential Systems:

Navigation (map and compass)
Sun protection (sunglasses/sunscreen)
Insulation (extra clothing)
Illumination (headlamp/flashlight)
First-aid supplies
Fire(waterproofmatches/lighter/candles)
Repair kit and tools
Nutrition (extra food)
Hydration (extra water)
Emergency shelter

Reminder: PLEASE, PRACTICE THE SEVEN LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPALS:

Plan Ahead and Prepare

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Dispose of Waste Properly

Leave What You Find

Minimize Campfire Impacts

Respect Wildlife

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

For details on the 7 LNT Principles: <http://lnt.org/learn/7-principles>

GENERAL FALL TRAIL CONDITIONS AS OF OCTOBER 26:

Most high use summer trails were cleared of blowdown over the summer season. With Fall season upon us, little to no clearing is occurring. Falls storms over the past week have brought moderate to strong winds that have brought down new trees across some trails, and unlikely these will be cleared until next summer. Mid to high elevations (5,500-10,000') have received 4-24" or more of snow over the past 7-10 days with some warming and rain in the forecast. Many high elevation trails have likely begun this winter's snow accumulation and will not see bare ground until next summer. Seasonal snow closures have begun on some high elevation roads (road 370 and Paulina Peak rd). Trail and road closures will take place with little to no advanced notice!

HIGHWAY AND FOREST ROAD ACCESS:

For more information on road or public use restrictions, visit the Deschutes and Ochoco website at www.fs.usda.gov/centraloregon or the website of the area you plan on visiting.

- Seasonal road closures due to snow may occur with little to no notice due Fall and Winter storms over the coming weeks and months. Watch weather forecasts closely, prepare your vehicle for winter conditions and avoid traveling if you can during severe winter weather.
- Pole Creek Fire closure has been reduced. For latest closure notices: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>
- **Hwy 46** Currently open from Bend to Crescent Cutoff road but do expect little to possibly no notice of closure due to moderate snow fall. Deschutes County Road Department determines closure on this section of Hwy 46 and moderate snow depth creating hazardous travel are the primary conditions officials take into consideration.

- **Road 370** now **CLOSED** due to snow from Todd Lake to Road 4601. This includes Road 380 and up to Broken Top Trailhead.
- **Road 21 into Newberry Caldera** – OPEN currently with closure expected at end of October.
- **Road to Paulina Peak** CLOSED for the winter season.
- **Road 4603 to Tumalo Falls TH** and Tumalo Falls TH scheduled to reopen Oct. 27. Until further notice, Bend Municipal water system improvement project has been put on hold. Expect road to close due to seasonal snow closure when there is approximately 8-10” of snow at the gate.
- **Lava Lands with vehicle access to Lava Butte closed for the season.** Hikers and bikers will find parking at the Blackrock Trailhead just south end of Lava Lands.
- **Hwy 242, McKenzie Pass,** Highway OPEN at this time but subject to seasonal closure due to snow.
- **16 Road reopened with public access on the east side of road. West side of road is closed due to the Pole Creek Fire.** Go to: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>
- **On Crescent Ranger District: Road 60 – Open!** Road access to Summit Lake/ Immigrant Pass, OPEN, is rough (high clearance 4wd strongly recommended), Windigo Pass Possibly closed due to wildfire activity in area, rough road. Pengra Pass Road is open. **For more wildfire information and trail/road closures: <http://www.inciweb.org/>**

DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST SUMMER TRAILHEADS/TRAILS

Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District summer trails/access:

- **Phils TH** area trails are reported in great shape but you will encounter some snow higher up.
- **Tumalo Falls Trailhead** and Road 4603 access is scheduled to reopen Oct. 27. Until further notice, Bend Municipal water system improvement project has been put on hold. Expect road to close due to seasonal snow closure when there is approximately 8-10” of snow at the gate.
- **North Fork Trail** is blow down free to Metolius/Windigo Trail and open to hikers and uphill biking. A few to several inches of snow is currently in the area. **Warning, two low log bridges in Happy Valley are in decayed condition and caution is recommended if using.** Bridge Creek Trail is hiking only and closed to bikes, stock animals and dogs, as it passes thru the Bend Municipal Watershed; it has been cleared. Mrazek is blowdown free. South Fork trail to Swampy trail system has been cleared of blowdown. Tumalo Creek Trail is in good condition. Flagline Trail, is open but currently blocked by snow.
- **Tumalo Creek 2 Trail** just upstream of Shevlin Park is a “hiker only” and has not been maintained this year but likely has only occasional blowdown.
- **Deschutes River Trailheads/Trails** are in good condition from Entrada to Sunriver and on to Lava Lands (closed Sept. 30). Recent snow may yet be found in a few patches in shady areas.

- **Lava Lands areas trails** – Lava Lands is closed, but trail access and road to Lava Butte will be accessible to hikers and bikers. Parking available at Blackrock Trailhead!
- **Wanoga (Steve Larsen Trailhead) and Edison mt. bike trails** are cleared of blowdown to Bend and up to the Cascade Lakes area. There was 3-4” of snow on area trails on Oct. 24. Expect to find some snow remnants over the coming days with increased snow depths higher up.
- **Swampy Lake Trails** have been cleared of blowdown. Flagline is now open for the remainder of the 2012 season. 6-10” of snow from Swampy and above on Oct. 24.
- **Tumalo Mt.** – Trail is cleared of blowdown but had 8-11” of snow on Oct. 24. Trail is hiker only!
- **Todd Lake Trailhead** and parking area are accessible but had 8-9” of snow on Oct. 24. Road 370 is now closed for the season from Todd Lake to Road 4601 with snow blocking 370 to Road 16.
- **Todd Creek Horse Camp** –Access on the Metolius-Windigo Horse trail (north and south) reported clear of most blowdown but was under 6” of snow on Oct. 24..
- **Sparks Lake Trailhead** – Trail will have blowdown and was under 6” snow on Oct. 24
- **Ray Atkison Trailhead and Sparks Lake boat ramp** – Accessible and trails cleared of blow down but under 6” of snow on Oct. 24
- **Green Lakes/Soda Creek Trailhead** – Accessible and trails blowdown free but under 6-10” snow on Oct. 24. Green Lakes Trail is closed north of north Green Lake due to Pole Creek Fire. See Wilderness sections below!
- **Devils Lake/South Sister Trailhead** – Accessible and blowdown free but under 6 or more inches of snow on Oct. 24. Climbers trail higher up may be under 20-24” of snow. See Wilderness sections below!
- **Quinn Meadow Horse Camp area trails** – Will be new blowdown in area. Oct. 24 – 4-6” of snow. Quinn Creek bridge is no longer safe for stock use. Please ride/lead stock thru the ford next to bridge. See Wilderness sections below for Wilderness access.
- **Metolius-Windigo Trail** is reported mostly cleared of blowdown from Bear Valley TH in the north to Windigo Pass in the south. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Met/Win is closed in the area of the Pole Creek Fire from Hwy 242, south to Trapper Creek Meadow:** <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>
Expect to encounter an occasional but normally passable down tree that may have fallen since earlier clearing work. This trail is closed to all motorized use, open to stock, hikers and bikers (exception: closed to bikes in Wilderness sections).
- **Cultus Lake and Winopee Lk TH** - Winopee Lk Trail cleared to Winopee Lk with some minor detours. Snowshoe Lk Trail cleared to PCT above Snowshoe Lk with some narrow treed sections. Non-wilderness section of the Cultus Lake loop between Little Cultus Lake and West Cultus boat-in camp is cleared as well as the Many Lakes Trail to Irish/Taylor Lakes. Be aware that the foot bridge at the West end of Cultus Lake is nearing the end of its usable life. Cross

carefully and one at a time. Deer Lk TH cleared with trails above. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.

- **Lemish Lake TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. Lilly Lk trail does have heavy blowdown. The bridge to Lemish Lake is in need of replacement and not recommended for stock use. Please find alternate route.



Lemish Lk Bridge, not usable for stock.

- **Charlton Lake TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Beware of possible PCT and other trail and road closures due to wildfire activity south of Charlton Lk. For more wildfire information: <http://www.inciweb.org/>**
- **Osprey Point TH** – Accessible and light blow down likely.
- **Fall River Trail** – Partially cleared.
- **South/North Twin Lakes area trails** - light blowdown.
- **Horse Butte to Swamp Wells area trails** – Mostly good to fair trail access, expect moderate to heavy blow down south of Swamp Wells. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. Road to Swamp Wells rough.
- **Newberry Caldera trails** – overall access is good with Paulina Lakeshore, Silica, Little Crater, Paulina Falls, Lost Lake and 95% of Newberry Crater trails cleared of blow down. Crater Rim Trail nearly cleared of all blowdown. Big Obsidian Flow trail has received tread work and is in improved condition. Wear hiking boots for better protection from tripping and sharp obsidian (glass like) rock. **Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow..** The road to Paulina Peak is CLOSED for the season and road into the crater normally closes for the season at the end of Oct.
- **Peter Skene Ogden Trail** - Cleared from trailhead to Paulina Lake, over 8 miles. Bikers are allowed in uphill direction only. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.

- **Lava Cast Forest Trailhead** – Trailhead and trail are accessible and free of blow down. Hiker only trail. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.
- **Hoffman Island Trailhead** – Trail cleared of blowdown; trail ends approx. 1 mile from TH. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.
- **Lava Lands and Lava Butte Trails** are in good condition. Lava Lands is closed for the season but parking is available at the Blackrock Trailhead. Lava Butte Road is closed to vehicles but open to hikers and bikers.
- **PCT** – All sections of the PCT thru the Deschutes National forest received 6-14 or more inches of snow over the past week. Some of this has melted off and likely more will with warmer temperatures and rain to rain/snow mix in the forecast for the next few days. Fall is here and expect fall and winter storms to begin depositing more snow along with blowdown over the coming weeks/months. The PCT has reopened in the area near the Pole Creek Fire. For more info on that go to: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>
Go to: <http://www.pcta.org/>
- **Wilderness Trails** – See special wilderness trails section below.

Sisters Ranger District:

Attention: The northeast corner of Three Sister Wilderness remains closed due to severe fire impacts from the Pole Creek Fire. For latest trail, road and area closure information go to: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>



Some ski and snowmobile trails west, north and south of Upper Three Creek Sno-Park and Road 16 were severely burned within the Pole Creek Fire and will remain closed thru the winter season due to hazardous conditions. Details in future reports!

- **Black Butte Trail** is hiker only and in good condition. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.
- **Metolius River Trail** conditions are mostly good, cleared of blowdown. An ongoing trail project involving rock hardening of eroding river bank from Head of the Metolius to Bridge 99 is about finished for 2012. Recently, Northwest Youth Corps and Forest Service trail crews replaced trail structures, such as bridges and puncheon, hardening trail tread in muddy sections and restored sections of the river bank by planting natural landscaping and placing rocks. At different times during the project, most of the 8 miles of trails between Camp Sherman and Lower Bridge will be affected. The majority of work occurred in two locations. One area is just north and south of Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery and the second is between Camp Sherman and Allingham Guard Station.



During summer 2012, Northwest Youth Corp assists in “heavy” trail work on the Metolius River.

- **Suttle Lake Trail** is in good condition. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. Last year’s shoreline/trail stabilization project to repair shoreline trail erosion continues; watch for ongoing trail restoration work and rock materials that have been moved onto the trail for repairs. Please, do not move or play on any of this rock as it may move unexpectedly. The new Link Creek Trail Bridge is in place and open.
- **Lake Creek Trail** may have light blowdown and is open to biker/hiker use along its entire length from Suttle Lake Resort to Camp Sherman. This trail is mostly located on closed roads and makes for mostly easy, family friendly biking and hiking. Watch your head when going under

the Hwy 20 bridge and with its limited vertical clearance of less than 6 ft. Approximately 2 miles of the mid section are open to horse traffic with access from the Metolius-Windigo Trail.

- **Peterson Ridge Trails** have reopened and are in good condition. **For updated information on the Pole Creek Fire and reduced closure area, go to:** <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>
- **Metolius-Windigo Trail** is reported mostly cleared of blowdown from Bear Valley TH in the north to Windigo Pass in the south. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Met/Win is closed in the area of the Pole Creek Fire from Hwy 242, south to Trapper Creek Meadow:** <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>
Expect to encounter an occasional but normally passable down tree that may have fallen since earlier clearing work. This trail is closed to all motorized use, open to stock, hikers and bikers (exception: closed to bikes in Wilderness sections).
- **Horse trails out of Sheep Springs Horse Camp** – Metolius-Windigo Horse Trail has been cleared of blowdown in this section (see report above). Rock Pile Lake trail cleared from Bear Valley TH to PCT. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. Be aware that approx. 1 mile of this trail is becoming difficult to navigate due to increasingly dense brush.
- **Head of Jack Creek Trail** – Cleared of heavy blow down from the trailhead and the campground to the head springs area. The hiker only foot bridge at the head of the Jack Creek has been removed due to poor condition. Please stay on trail in this area and avoid walking in the remaining fragile riparian area.
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- **Wilderness Trails** – See special wilderness trails section below.

Crescent Ranger District:

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- **Oldenberg Trail** cleared from trailhead to Oldenberg Lk to Windigo Pass. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. One difficult creek crossing on the trail may be impassible to stock.
- **Summit Lk Trail** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.

- **Meek Lk Trail** – Trail mostly cleared. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.
 - **Windy Lakes Trail** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow with light blowdown reported.
 - **Windigo Pass** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.
 - **Whitefish Horse Camp** - Whitefish Ck Trail cleared from horse camp to just north of Diamond View Lk. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.
 - **Metolius-Windigo Trail** is reported mostly cleared of blowdown from Bear Valley TH in the north to Windigo Pass in the south. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Met/Win is closed in the area of the Pole Creek Fire from Hwy 242, south to Trapper Creek Meadow:** <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>
Expect to encounter an occasional but normally passable down tree that may have fallen since earlier clearing work. This trail is closed to all motorized use, open to stock, hikers and bikers (exception: closed to bikes in Wilderness sections).
- Met/Win Trail bridge construction crossing Odell Creek is complete. Bridge is open to horse, hiker and mt. bike traffic; closed to motorized use. Enjoy the beautiful new crossing.
- **Maiden Peak/Lake Trailhead** – Trailhead accessible, blowdown cleared from nearby trails to PCT. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.
 - **Wilderness Trails** – See special wilderness trails section below.

Special Deschutes National Forest Wilderness Trails Report: Updated 10/26

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Unless affected by wildfire closures or seasonal snow and road closures, most Deschutes National Forest Wilderness trailheads are currently accessible. All areas of Wildernesses within the Deschutes National Forest have received 4-24" or more of snow in the past week. Conditions will change with little to no notice as fall and winter storms deliver more snow to the backcountry; watch weather forecasts and go prepared!.

Mt. Jefferson Wilderness:

- **BEWARE! Since 2003 Brush Ck, Minto Lake, Sugar Pine Ridge Trails and northern sections of Summit Trail have been in a "no current maintenance" condition. With heavy blowdown, dense brush, lack of identifiable trail surface and erosion due to B and B Fire damage, these trails are considered impassable and are not recommended. In recent years several hikers have reported becoming lost trying to follow these trails from the west, with a few turning into search and rescue missions. Jefferson Lake Trail has**

become impassable for hikers and impassable for stock as well due to dense brush and blow down.

- **Jefferson Lake TH** – **Accessible with no trail clearing/brushing in progress; expect extremely heavy brush and blow down on Jefferson Lk Trail, starting 1 mile in; trail impassable by stock and hikers. Sugar Pine Ridge Trail is also impassable to all traffic.**
- **Brush Creek TH** – No longer accessible. Brush Creek Trail impassable to all traffic.
- **Cabot Lake TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. Moderate brush on approx. ½ mile of trail. See Jefferson Lk TH above for heavy blowdown/brush warning on Jefferson Lk and Sugarpine Ridge Trails.
- **Bear Valley TH** – Rockpile Lake Trail to PCT cleared of blowdown but has approx. 1 mile of moderate to dense brush making navigation somewhat challenging. **Minto Lake Trail is impassable to all traffic due to erosion, brush, blowdown with no maintenance since the 2003 B and B Fire.**



Aug. 3 photo of a 6' 2" trail volunteer in deep snowbrush on Rockpile Lake Trail. Possibility of losing trail increases if you are not careful.

- **Jack Lake TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. Wasco Lake trail to PCT at Minto Pass was cleared of heavy blowdown by volunteers on Aug. 3. Heavy blowdown reported on PCT north of Minto Pass but may have been cleared recently. Old Summit Trail south of TH has moderate blow down and brush to Booth Lake and is difficult for some hikers and stock to follow.
- **Round Lake TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.

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Mt. Washington Wilderness:

- **Dry Creek TH** – Dry Creek trail has not been maintained for years and has heavy blow down through extensive fire kill forest. Last year's Shadow Lk fire burned so hot that the trail can no longer be found in areas. **This trail is under a non-maintenance condition and not recommended.**
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Go to: <http://www.pcta.org/>

Three Sisters Wilderness:

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- **Three Sisters Loop** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. This popular loop involves approx. 45 miles of the PCT, Scott Pass Trail, Green Lakes Trail, Moraine Lake Trail and Wickiup Plains Trail. **Currently and for the remainder of 2012, the northeast section of loop trail from Scott Pass in the north to north Green Lake is closed due to the Pole Creek Fire. Go to: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>**
- **PCT** – All sections of the PCT thru the Deschutes National forest received 6-14 or more inches of snow over the past week. Some of this has melted off and likely more will with warmer temperatures and rain to rain/snow mix in the forecast for the next few days. Fall is here and expect fall and winter storms to begin depositing more snow along with blowdown over the coming weeks/months. The PCT has reopened in the area near the Pole Creek Fire. For more info on that go to: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>
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- **Many Lakes TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.
- **Deer Lake TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow..

- **Cultus Lake and Winopee Lk TH** - Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. Be aware that the foot bridge at the West end of Cultus Lake is nearing the end of its usable life. Cross carefully and one at a time. Deer Lk TH cleared with trails above.
- **Corral Swamp TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.
- **Lucky Lake TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.
- **Six Lakes TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.
- **Elk Lake TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.
- **Mirror Lk TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. Campfires prohibited within ¼ mile of Mirror Lakes management area.
- **Devils Lakes TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.
- **South Sister Climbers** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Go prepared for winter conditions.**
- **Green Lakes TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Go prepared for winter conditions. Campfires prohibited and please practice Leave No Trace! Due to severe fire impact from the Pole Creek Fire, the Green Lakes Trail north of north Green Lake is closed to Scott Pass.** <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>
- **Broken Top TH** – **Road 370** now **CLOSED** due to snow from Todd Lake to Road 4601 and blocked by snow from there to Road 16.
- **Tam Rim/Three Creek Lake area Trailheads** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Go prepared for winter conditions. Some area/trail restriction in place due to Pole Creek Fire.** <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>
- **Park Meadow TH** – Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Closed due to severe fire impacts from Pole Creek Fire.** <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>
- **Pole Creek TH** – **Closed due to severe fire impacts from Pole Creek Fire.** <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>
- **Scott Pass and Millican Crater Trailheads** – **Closed due to severe fire impacts from Pole Creek Fire.** <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3244/>
- **Black Crater TH** – Reopened from fire activity. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Go prepared for winter conditions.**
- **Lava Camp Lake TH** – Reopened from fire activity. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Go prepared for winter conditions.**
- **Mathieu Lakes** - Reopened from fire activity. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Go prepared for winter conditions.**

Diamond Peak Wilderness:

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- **Pengra Pass TH** – See PCT report above.
- **Yoran Lk TH** - Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Go prepared for winter conditions.**
- **Fawn Lk TH** - Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Go prepared for winter conditions.**
- **Whitefish Horse Camp** Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow.
- **Summit Lk/PCT** – Reopened from fire activity. Area is beginning to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Go prepared for winter conditions..**

TEN ESSENTIAL SYSTEMS:

“What are The Ten Essentials?”

”The Ten Essentials are items The Mountaineers recommends everyone carry on all trips. The Pacific Northwest is a beautiful place that can be wild and unpredictable. Being prepared for anything is essential. This is as important on short, local trips as it is on long, backcountry trips. It is easy to forget first aid kits and warm layers short trips, but a short trip can quickly turn to a long trip if you get lost or injured.”

“The Ten Essentials started as a list of ten simple items and is now a systems approach that guides you in preparing for any trip in any season. The two basic questions are: (1) Can you respond positively to an accident or emergency? (2) Can you safely spend a night or more out? **Here is a list of The Ten Essential Systems:**

1. **Navigation (map & compass)**
2. **Sun Protection (sun glasses, sun screen, lip balm)**
3. **Insulation (extra clothing)**
4. **Illumination (flashlight or headlamp, spare bulb & batteries)**
5. **First-Aid Supplies (gauze, tape, etc.)**
6. **Fire (fire starter, matches, lighter)**
7. **Repair Kit (knife, duct tape, tools, spare parts)**
8. **Nutrition (extra food)**
9. **Hydration (extra water, water purification)**
10. **Emergency Shelter (tarp, garbage bag)**

Further details on the “Ten Essential **Systems**”:

http://www.rei.com/expertadvice/articles/ten+essentials.html?s_kwcid=TC|13029|ten%20essentials|S|p|7499840765&cm_mmc=ps_google_CH-_-Category%20-%20Camp%2fHike-_-Camping%2fHiking_GeneralTerms_Essentials-_-ten%20essentials&gclid=CNq_h8Xbsq4CFQN8hwodYhH-PQ

SPECIAL SAFETY NOTES:

Go prepared for changeable weather conditions. Fall to Winter season conditions exist! Area backcountry, roads and trails have begun to receive seasonal blowdown and snow. **Go prepared for winter conditions.** Continued Fall and Winter storms will bring additional snow and blowdown over the coming weeks and months. Area roads and trails will become blocked by snow and downed trees with little to no notice.

Watch weather forecasts closely and go prepared with plenty of warm clothing, water, and food as well as other emergency essentials.

For further Deschutes National Forest winter or summer trails information, please call:

Deschutes National Forest Headquarters: (541) 383-5300

Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District: (541) 383-4000

Sisters Ranger District: (541) 549-7700

Crescent Ranger District: (541) 433-3200

WE'VE MOVED! The Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District Office and the Deschutes National Forest Supervisor's Office have moved into one office complex in the northeast part of Bend. New address: 63095 Deschutes Market Road, Bend.

Find this weekly trail access and condition report in the Deschutes National Forest Website at:
http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5299503.pdf

Have a safe and enjoyable winter season!