

# TRINITY ALPS WILDERNESS TRAIL CONDITION REPORT SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 2008

*The Trinity Alps Wilderness was fortunate to receive a significant snowpack this winter. The first snow storm in mid-January was a whopper. It created conditions above 3500' in elevation that caused more toppled over and snap-topped trees than anyone can remember. Every trail surveyed so far in the Wilderness has been overwhelmed with downed trees. Passage will be slow going on many trails for hikers this season, and virtually impossible for stock users on infrequently maintained trails. Be sure to check with the Weaverville Ranger Station for the latest trail conditions BEFORE driving all the way to a remote trailhead (especially if you are a stock user).*

## **ATTENTION HIKERS**

*The fires that started back on June 20<sup>th</sup> are now contained, and the smoke that has plagued the Alps has fully dissipated. Those areas within the Buckhorn Fire (which was west of the North Fork of the Trinity River) are now reopened for use by the general public. These areas include the Manzanita Ridge, Green Mountain, French Creek, Oak Flat, and Treloar Ridge trails. Only the area around the helicopter crash on August 5<sup>th</sup> is still closed by Forest Order.*

*On the Klamath Forest the trails to Caribou Lakes out of Big Flat and the Petersburg Station are now reopened to the public. The Caribou Lakes basin itself is also now reopened for use by the general public. This includes the Caribou Scramble trail from the Stuart Fork trail (9W20). The roads to China Gulch and the Cecil lakes trailhead have now been re-opened to the general public. There are a few remaining fallen trees on these trails though, so be sure to check the trail conditions (on page 6 and 7) before embarking down these trails.*

*The fires have caused resource damage to trails within these burned areas. Wilderness users should be aware that incinerated duff and underground burning (roots and stumps) often causes holes in the trail tread and boulders to become loose or dislodged. Additionally, burnt trees (especially snags) can become compromised and subject to toppling over. If you plan to enter these areas proceed with caution.*

## CANYON CREEK WATERSHED

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**The Bear Creek trail (10W06), the main Canyon Creek trail (10W08) and the Boulder Creek Lakes scramble have now been reopened to the general public.**

The fire on Little Granite Peak is no longer burning. Wilderness Users will notice that a section of the trail past the Bear Creek crossing will show indications of the recent fire (on the east side of the trail). Wilderness Users are asked to pass through this area on the main system trail and not to venture off-trail into the freshly burned area. Damaged trees, burnt-out stumps, and freshly dislodged boulders could pose a hazard to off-trail hikers in this freshly burned area.

**Bear Creek Trail #10W06** – No Information

**Boulder Creek Lakes Trail #10W02** – The trail is clear of debris all the way to the Lakes.

*Remember, NO CAMPFIRES AT ANY OF CANYON CREEK'S LAKES!*

**East Fork Lake Trail #9W22** – No Information (*This is an un-maintained trail.*)

**Canyon Creek Trail #10W08** – The trail is clear of debris all the way to Lower and Upper Canyon Creek Lakes.

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## COFFEE CREEK WATERSHED

**Adams Lake Trail #9W73** – The Adams Lake trail is in good condition all the way to the top of the first climb, there you will find an 18 inch down tree with no branches. The rest of the Adams Lake trail is clear and easy to follow.

**Battle Canyon Trail #9W59** – As of 08/01/2008 the trail is clear from the Sugar Pine trail junction to the top of the ridge overlooking the Union Creek watershed. The number of fallen trees from this ridgetop down toward Union Creek is not known at this time

**Billy's Peak Trail #7W08** – No Information (*This is an un-maintained trail.*)

**Boulder Creek Trail #8W08** (Goldfield Campground Trailhead) – As of 05/26/2008 hikers report that there are 10 trees down per mile from the trailhead to the Boulder Creek trail junction. The RCD should start clearing this trail starting on 08/18/08.

**Caribou Lake #9W180** – *On the Klamath Forest, the Caribou Lakes Basin and the trails to Caribou Lakes out of Big Flat and the Petersburg Station have been reopened to the general public* – The post-fire trail conditions are not known at this time.

## **COFFEE CREEK WATERSHED Continued:**

**East Boulder Lakes Trail #8W02** – As of 06/25/08 Wilderness Patrol writes “The turn off to Marshy Lake from Tangle Blue is unclear. There exists an unsigned, but well maintained trail that does not match up with the map. Further up the Tangle Blue trail is another unsigned trail. This trail does match with the Marshy Lakes trail. Along this trail there is an 18” down tree. When the trail joins the road there is a 4” tree across the road. The plastic trail signs along the road are present, but all are missing part of their labels. The junction to Big Marshy Lake is not signed and the trail fades away, but the lake is close enough that you can find it. The trail going from Big Marshy Lake up to the PCT (8W02) also fades out in the meadow. It occasionally reappears as you hike up the ridge to the PCT.”

**Big Boulder Lake Trail #8W20** – The trail to Big Boulder Lake is clear of debris all the way to the lake. As of 08/27/2008 the trail from Big Boulder Lake to the junction with the Lion Lake Trail (8W12) has four trees down including three stock stoppers (a 36”, 18” and 12”). There are three fallen trees from Big Boulder Lake to Poison Canyon including one 12” stock stopper.

**Deadman Peak Trail #9W16** – The trail is now cleared of fallen trees.

**Doe Lake Trail #8W05** – The trail is now clear of down trees to Granite Lake.

**Dorleska Mine Trail #9W65** – From the Union Lake Spur/ Lion Lake trail junction to the Yellow Rose/Dorleska Mine trail junction there are five trees down including two stock stoppers (two 20” trees).

**East Fork Saloon Creek Trail #9W03** – No Information

**Lady Gulch Trail #9W05** – The trail is now cleared of fallen trees.

**East Fork Coffee Creek Trail #8W06** – As of 08/01/2008 the trail is clear of debris all the way to the Stoddard Lake trail turn off.

**Granite Creek Trail #8W09** – The trail is now cleared of downed trees to just before the junction with trail 8W03. One 25” tree is down before the junction. 8W03 is cleared of downed trees to the PCT, and the PCT is cleared of trees from 8W03 to the junction with Saloon Creek. There are four large stock stoppers down along the Granite Creek trail from the junction with 8W03 to the PCT.

**Lion Lake Trail #8W12** – From the 8W08, 8W12, and 8W20 trail junction to Lion Lake there is only one 4” tree across the trail at chest height. The trail is now clear from Lion Lake to Foster Lake, and from Foster Lake down into the Union Creek watershed.

**Little Boulder Lake Trail #8W20** – As of 08/01/2008 the trail is clear of obstructions all the way to the lake.

## **COFFEE CREEK WATERSHED Continued:**

**Long Gulch Trail #9W60** – (Klamath National Forest) This trail is open all the way to the lake with one stock passable log near the turnoff to the lake. The Long Gulch trail (9W14) with the trailhead off of County Road #93 on the Klamath side of the Wilderness is also free of trees to the Lake. On 9/20 Wilderness Users reported that the trail from Long Gulch Lake to Fish Lake had several down trees—some of them stock stoppers.

**Trail Gulch #9W15** – The Trail Gulch trail that initiates off of County Road #93 on the Klamath side of the Wilderness is clear of obstructions all the way to the Lake.

**North Fork Coffee Creek Trail #9W02** – The trail is now clear of fallen trees to the Granite Creek trail junction. There is a 32” stock stopper near the Schlomberg Cabin site, and at the trail junction with Steveale Creek Wilderness Patrol writes, “Both trails from this junction disappear in the meadow. It is very unclear and one should proceed with considerable thought and care. Eventually you will find an identifiable trail and it will remain clear all the way to Steveale Meadows.” There are 24” and 18” trees across the trail along the switchbacks descending from the North Fork trail down to Trail Gulch Lake.

**Packers Peak Trail #9W06** – No Information

**Saloon Creek Trail #9W01** – No Information

**South Fork Coffee Trail #9W04** – The trail is now cleared of down trees.

**Steveale Creek Trail #9W61** – Trail conditions are not known at this time

**Stoddard Lake Trail #7W06 (accessed off of Route #3)** – The road is now clear of snow all the way to the trailhead. The last ¼ mile is very steep and rocky however, and only recommended for four-wheel drive vehicles with high clearance. As of 06/18/08 the trail is clear of snow and debris all the way to the lake

**Stoddard Spur Trail #8W24** – This trail is now open all the way to the lake.

**Sugar Pine Lake Trail #8W07** – The trail is now open all the way to the lake.

**Tracy Trail #8W26** – The trail is now clear of down trees from Big Boulder Lake to Lily Pad Lake. The loop around Thumb Rock circling the Lilly Pad Basin is also now cleared of all down trees.

**Yellow Rose Trail out of Big Flat** - There are total of 5 down trees from Yellow Rose Mine to Big Flat. There sizes are: a 2' possible stock stopper, a gaggle of an 8", 6" a possible stock stopper, 8" possible stock stopper, and a 6" stock stopper.

**Union Lake Trail #9W64** – The Union Creek trail is now open all the way to the lake.

**Wolford Trail #8W03** – Trail conditions are not known at this time.

## **MAIN STEM TRINITY RIVER**

*Visitors should be advised that the Main Stem area was affected by a massive wildfire in the summer of 2006. Many trails through out the area may still have hazardous conditions for hikers and stock users. All visitors should **ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK!***

**Dolly Ditch Trail #10W12** – No Information

**East Weaver Creek Trail #9W23** – No Information

**East Weaver Lake Trail #10W11** – No Information

**Rush Creek Lakes Trail #10W10** – The road to the trailhead is passable. There are a few trees encroaching on the road, but they are easy to get around. The trail has 28 trees down between the trailhead and the Wilderness boundary. Many of these trees are Stock Stoppers. As of 05/28/08 we do not know where the snow starts along the trail.

### **MAIN STEM TRINITY RIVER Continued:**

**French Creek Trail #8E03** – The trail is clear of down trees to Cherry Flat. However, there are several sections of very thin tread with a steep outslope and, consequently, the trail is not recommended for stock usage. Trail conditions are unknown beyond Cherry Flat.

**Green Mountain Trail #12W09** – The trail is clear of down trees from the trail head to Ladder Camp. However, we do not know the condition of the trail from Ladder camp to Jim Jam Ridge. The Green Mountain trail has been cleared of down trees from the Jim Jam trail junction all the way to the Salmon Summit trail.

**Oak Flat Trail #12W16** – The trail has been cleared only to Oak Flat from French Creek. Most of the rest of the trail conditions are unknown, but we do know that there is at least one significant gaggle of trees between Oak Flat and the Upper Waldorf Ranch.

**Manzanita Ridge Trail #12W15** – Manzanita Ridge is clear of down trees from the trailhead to the Waldorf trail.

**Treloar Ridge Trail #12W17** – Trail Conditions are unknown at this time, but the Buckhorn Fire is known to have burnt this area over intensely in the last two months.

## **NEW RIVER WATERSHED**

*Visitors should be advised that the New River area was affected by a massive wildfire in the summer of 2006. Many trails through out the area may still have hazardous conditions for hikers and stock users. All visitors should **ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK!***

**Battle Creek Trail #8E19** – Many down trees and, due to a lack of funding, the trail has not been maintained for several years.

**Cinnabar Trail #12W06** – This trail has a major slide and is not suitable for stock use. Additionally, due to lack of funding, it has not been brushed for several years.

## **NEW RIVER WATERSHED Continued:**

**Eagle Creek Trail #8E11** – Due to lack of funding, the trail has not been brushed or logged out since the 2006 fire.

**East Fork New River Trail #12W08** – The trail has only been logged out to the junction with the Semore Gulch trail, but numerous burnt out stumps have created the kinds of subterranean holes that make the trail unsuitable for stock usage.

**Lipps Camp Trail #6E01** – Due to lack of funding, the trail has not been brushed or logged out since the 2006 fire.

**Jim Jam Trail #12W1** – The trail is clear of fallen trees and the trail tread has been repaired to the junction with the Green Mountain trail. The trail past the Semore Gulch trail junction was burned over badly several years ago however, and it is very tough to follow.

**Mullane Corral Trail #12W04** – Due to a lack of funding, there has been no trail maintenance since before the 2006 fire.

**Milk Camp Trail #8E16** - No Information

**New River Trail #7E05** – The trail has been cleared of fallen trees to Slide Creek.

**Pony Creek Trail #12W07** – Due to a lack of funding, there has been no trail maintenance since before the 2006 fire.

**Salmon Summit Trail #12W02** – The trail has been cleared of trees from Mary Blaine Meadows to the Cecil Lake trailhead.

**Semore Gulch Trail #8E08** – Due to a lack of funding, there has been no trail maintenance since before the 2006 fire.

**Slide Creek Trail #12W03** – The trail is cleared of fallen trees to the Emigrant Milk Camp trail junction. However, burnt out stumps have created the kinds of subterranean holes that make the trail unsuitable for stock usage.

**Soldier Creek Trail #7E01** – *Due* to a lack of funding, there has been no trail maintenance since before the 2005 season.

**Virgin Creek Trail #7E03** – The trail has been cleared of fallen trees only to the junction with Slide Creek. There is a known stock stopper slide at Four Mile Creek

## **NORTH FORK TRINITY RIVER (WATERSHED)**

*Visitors should be advised that the North Fork Trinity area was affected by a massive wildfire in the summer of 2006. Many trails through out the area may still have hazardous conditions for hikers and stock users. All visitors should **ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK!***

**Backbone Creek Trail #11W07** – No Information

**Backbone Ridge Trail #11W40** – No Information

**Bob's Farm Trail #11W03** – The Bob's Farm trail coming up from Brown's Mine is passable for stock usage. However, the trail from the ridgetop down to the junction with the Moliter-Cold Springs trail has over 25 down trees. Many of them are stock stoppers.

**China Spring Trail #11W08** – The road to the China Springs trailhead and the Cecil Lake trailhead has been reopened (it was closed for the Caribou Fire), and the trail over to Lowgap has been cleared of fallen trees. Conditions of the Cecil Lake trail are unknown at this time.

**Green Mountain Trail #12W09** – The Green Mountain trail is now cleared of fallen trees from the Salmon Summit trail to the junction with the Jim Jam Ridge trail.

**Morrison Gulch Trail #11W04** – The trail is now cleared of fallen trees.

**Moliter-Cold Spring Trail #11W02** – No Information

## **NORTH FORK TRINITY RIVER (WATERSHED) Continued:**

**North Fork Trinity Trail #12W01** – The road is now opened to the Hobo Gulch Trailhead. Debris has been removed and the road tread has been graded, but the road is still quite rough and should only be used by vehicles with a high clearance. The main trail (toward Grizzly Lake) is now clear of debris to within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of grizzly Lake. At that point two large trees remain (one 60" and one 40" stock stopper). The road to the China Springs trailhead and the Cecil Lake trailhead has been reopened (it was closed for the Caribou Fire). Additionally, the trail from the China Springs trailhead is now cleared of down trees to Lowgap.

The trail from Hobo Gulch to Bob's Farm (passing by Brown's Mine) is clear for stock usage. The Trail to Bob's Farm coming up from Molier-Cold Spring/North Fork trail junction is impassable with over 25 down trees.

The trail from Hobo to Papoose Lake is clear enough for stock passage to Ennis Camp. After Ennis Camp the trail has a number of down trees some of them stock stoppers.

Rifle Season starts on the third weekend of September (the 20<sup>th</sup>) and the North Fork is the Alps's most popular hunting destination. All Wilderness Users must get a Trinity Alps Wilderness permit for overnight stays. This includes hunters—your hunting license is not considered a Wilderness Permit. For your convenience, outdoor Permit Stations can be found at the Big Bar Ranger Station and the Weaverville Ranger Station. They are accessible 24/7.

If you are coming from the Eureka/Arcata area, you can get a Wilderness Permit at the Six Rivers SO on Bayshore Way in Eureka, the Lower Trinity Ranger Station in Willow Creek, or the Orleans Ranger Station in Orleans. However, these Ranger Stations do not have outdoor sign-ups, you must visit them during normal business hours.

Please do get a Permit. In these days of tight Federal funding, usage counts! And a Wilderness permit is the only way we have of reporting that you were actually a Wilderness User...

**Rattlesnake Creek Trail #11W05** – The trail is known to be passable for stock to Ennis Camp. From Ennis Camp to Papoose Lake a few stock stoppers remain.

**Raymond Flat Trail #11W12** – The trail was cleared of trees in 2006. The downed tree condition is not known for the 2008 season.

**Whites Creek Trail #11W06** – The trail is now open to The Green Mountain trail. Additionally, the Green Mountain trail from the Salmon Summit trail to Jim Jam Ridge is now open. The entire Jim Jam Ridge trail is also cleared of fallen trees, but the trail is hard to follow and the tread is uneven at best.

**Waldorf Crossing Trail #11W13** – The Waldorf Crossing trail is known to have a number of stock stoppers, but we do not have specifics at this time.



## **STUART FORK (WATERSHED)**

**Alpine Lake Trail #10W04** – As of 08/06/2008 Wilderness Patrol writes, “The Alpine Lake trail (10W04) was real brushy for a mile before the lake and had many downed trees (about 50) with lots of limbs (varying in size) that made the trail hard to follow and impossible for stock. The downed trees and obstacles were not creating any hazardous conditions. There was no erosion on the trail and the water drainage was fine. For a good mile or two from the lake, the trail was real rocky with odd shaped rocks that could cause a broken or twisted ankle, so use caution when hiking.”

*Remember, NO CAMPFIRES AT ALPINE LAKE*

**Bear Creek Trail #10W06** – No Information

**Blacks Basin Trail #9W12** – As of 06/25/2008 Wilderness Patrol report, “From Blacks Basin through Mumford Basin to Swift Creek the trail was hard to follow at times but snow and downed trees was not an issue”.

**Caribou Lake #10W01** – The post-fire trail conditions to the Caribou Lakes are not known at this time.

*PLEASE NO CAMPFIRES AT CARIBOU LAKES !*

**Deer Creek Trail #9W17** – The Deer Creek trail is now cleared of fallen trees from Stuart Fork all the way to Siligo Meadows. The tread is quite thin though in places (with a steep out-slope) coming up from Morris Meadows. One root-wad hole in the tread further complicates matters. It is not impassable for stock, but currently, only the most experienced stock users should use this trail.

**Elk Gulch #9W31** – This is an un-maintained trail.

**Four Lakes Loop Trail #9W13** – The Four Lakes Loop trail is now clear of snow and debris along its entire length. The Stoney Ridge trail that leads to Deer Pass is now clear of snow and debris.

*PLEASE NO CAMPFIRES AT THESE LAKES !*

**Granite Peak Trail #9W18** – No Information

**Long Canyon Trail #9W14** – As of 07/25/2008 Wilderness Patrol reports that Long Canyon is now free of down trees and snow.

**Bowerman Meadows #8W22** – Bowerman Meadows has been cleared of trees for the first one mile of the trail.

**Seven-Up Peak Trail #9W67** – Trail conditions are not known at this time.

**Stoney Ridge Trail #9W21** – As of 07/02/08 Wilderness Patrol reports that the trail is free of down trees from the trailhead all the way to Deer Lake.

**Stuart Fork Trail #9W20** – There is now only one 12” tree down from Morris Meadow to Emerald Lake.

*Remember, NO CAMPFIRES AT ANY OF STUART FORK’S LAKES.*

**Willow Creek Trail #9W11** – No Information

## **SWIFT CREEK WATERSHED**

**Bear Basin Trail #9W10** – Stock Users report that there is one tree down in Bear Basin that can be easily negotiated by stock.

**Landers Lake Trail #9W09** – The trail is now clear to Landers Lake from both Union Creek and Swift Creek.

**Lilypad Lake Trail #8W21** – The trail to Lilypad Lake is now clear of debris. 8W10, 8W21, and 8W16 (the loop around thumb rock is also clear of debris). The trail to Big Boulder Lake (8W26 The Tracy Trail) is now clear of fallen trees.

**Deer Flat Trail #8W13** (Lake Eleanor) – We have no trail information at this time.

**Granite Lake Trail #8W14** - As of 06/20/08 all of the trees have been removed from the trail all the way to Granite Lake. The trail and the lake are now clear of snow.

**Mumford Basin** – (This is an un-maintained trail.) – Wilderness Patrol reports, “From Blacks Basin through Mumford Basin to Swift Creek trail was hard to follow at times but snow and downed trees were not an issue”.

**Parker Creek Trail #9W19** – The Parker Creek trail is now clear of fallen trees.

**Poison Canyon Trail #8W10** – As of 06/20/2008 the trail is clear of snow and obstructions all the way to Lily Pad Lakes.

**Seven-Up Peak Trail #9W67**– We have no trail information at this time.

**Swift Creek Trail #8W15** – Swift Creek is now clear of debris all the way to Ward and Horseshoe Lakes

**Sunrise Basin Trail #9W15** – We have no trail information at this time.

**Thumb Rock Trail #8W16** – The thumb rock trail is now clear of fallen trees.

**Ward Lake Trail #9W66** – The trail is now clear of debris all the way to Ward Lake.

## **UPPER TRINITY (WATERSHED)**

**Bear Lake Trail #7W03** – As of 06/20/2008 the trail is cleared of downed trees and snow all the way to the lake, and all of the lakeside campsites are now free of snow. Overnight hikers please note that the campsites on the north side of the lake are rapidly becoming devoid of firewood. If you must have a campfire, make it only a small social fire at night in a pre-existing fire ring. The last Wilderness Patrol visit entailed removing six new fir rings on the white granite just to east of the lake’s outlet...

**Bloody Run Trail #8W04** – Wilderness Patrol reports that there are three trees down along the Bloody Run trail from the junction with the Eagle Benches trail south to the top of the first ridge overlooking Bloody Run Creek (about one mile down the trail from the Eagle Creek Benches junction). One of these trees is a stock stopper, although it is only 10” in diameter. The trail conditions are not known from this point on to the junction with the Doe Lakes trail.

## **UPPER TRINITY (WATERSHED) Continued:**

**Eagle Creek Trail #7W05** – There are 100 trees down from the trailhead to the Pacific Crest Trail. The majority of them are down between the trailhead and the spot along the trail where Bloody Run Creek merges with Eagle Creek (about four miles up from the trailhead). There are no more stock stoppers beyond this point. Stock users then can access all of the 'Eagle Creek Benches Proper' by coming down from the topside, that is, from the PCT (the PCT is clear from both Scott Mountain and Carter Summit). It is doubtful that anyone will clear the lower portion of the trail before hunting season, but hunters can still get to the benches with stock by coming in from the PCT. The first 1.5 miles of the trail (from the trailhead to the wilderness Boundary) has 65 trees down with many stock stoppers. I would also have to say the trail is not even recommended for hikers or backpackers. Many of trees are tough to get around requiring crawling, climbing, and trail diversions.

Up in the Benches themselves, there are many spots where the trail crosses meadows. Users will find that the trail is clearly marked with cairns (ducks) to facilitate proper orientation. At these meadow crossings (in locations where there is no visible trail tread), please 'meander' across the meadow to keep a visible path from forming. When usage is low in places like the Eagle Creek Benches impacts to the meadows can be reduced if users simply follow individual and slightly winding paths from cairn to cairn across the meadow.

**East Boulder Lake Trail #8W02** – No Information

**Tangle Blue Lake Trail #8W01 and #8W23** – The road to the trailhead is now free of snow and debris. There are only 2 trees down on the trail all the way to Tangle Blue Lake. Neither of these are stock stoppers.

**Telephone Lake Trail #8W25**- No Information

**Pacific Crest Trail #2000** – The PCT is now free of down trees from Scott Mountain to Carter Summit.

**PCT Lake Reports** – The Wilderness Patrol Reports on 07/09/2008:

East Boulder and Upper Boulder- free of snow, minimum mosquitoes and good fishing.

Lower Boulder- Mosquitoes, no snow, little signs of use.

Mill Creek and Washbasin Lake- little snow on the trail approaching mill Creek. Three switch backs up from east boulder there are a 14 in and 10in down trees side by side and then 1 switch back up from there is a 8 in down tree. There are numerous trails switch backing up, please stay on the main one.

Middle Boulder- Excellent fishing, but lots of mosquitoes at the lake and in the surrounding area.

Telephone lake- Several campsites are still marshy from snow melt off. There are little to no signs of fish in the lake. Trail is easily lost at PCT junction, but can be picked up readily from the ridge.

West Boulder- no snow, no signs of use, unknown fishing status.

**UPPER TRINITY RIVER WATERSHED Continued:**

Fox Creek Lake- Excellent fishing, heavy usage, very good swimming opportunities. A trash bag was left at the end of the trail (near first campsite) from a trashed campsite. Two fires had been left hot, one was smoking...

Virginia Lake- no snow, little signs of usage, 14 in + fishes spotted off the log in the middle of the lake.

Section Lake- numerous ducks leading to this lake, please do not add anymore, campsites showed little usage.

Mavis Lake- excellent campsites, with recent usage, fishing conditions are unknown.

South Fork Lakes (upper and lower)- no signs of recent usage, very, very active fish Moderate mosquitoes, but significant amounts of dragon flies. The trail up to South Fork Lakes from the PCT is very steep and loose-not recommended for stock.

We constantly strive to provide you with the most up to date trail and campsite information. When you return home from your Wilderness adventure, if there is something new that you think we should know, please feel free to send me an E-Mail [jholmes@fs.fed.us](mailto:jholmes@fs.fed.us) and I will see to it that it gets posted. For those of you who write asking specific trail condition questions, I will respond as quickly as I can. If my response takes a couple of days, please understand that often I am out in the field clearing trails, or dealing with the overwhelming Fire Situation.

Thanks for Your Help, Jim Holmes (Wilderness Program Manager)