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# Big Timber Ranger District News Release



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## Forest Service Proposes Trail Upgrade in Main Boulder Drainage

Big Timber, MT... The Big Timber Ranger District is proposing to conduct heavy maintenance to the Bridge Creek Trail, Trail #25, located some 50 miles south of Big Timber and is now seeking public comment on this proposal.

This trail provides access to Bridge Lake in the heart of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness and follows the route of a historic sheep driveway. "The trail is steep, which causes excessive erosion and unacceptable hazards to Forest users," according to Big Timber District Ranger, Bill Avey.

The Forest Service plans to relocate certain higher elevation stretches of the trail to provide safer grades and protect soils. Rock waterbars will also be installed to redirect runoff from the trail as quickly as possible. Ranger Avey explains that, "the character of the trail will remain the same after the project and it will continue to provide opportunities for access into the Wilderness. All work will be done by primitive means and no mechanized equipment used."

The Forest Service is now seeking public comment on this proposal. Written comments should be received by July 28<sup>th</sup> and be addressed to Big Timber District Ranger, Attn: Frank Cifala, P.O. Box 1130, Big Timber, MT 59001. For additional information please contact the Big Timber Ranger District at (406) 932-5155.

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