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**SEASONAL TRAIL, ROAD AND SHEEP UPDATE – August 25, 2008**

**Fall is almost here and motorized trails in the Warm Springs area and in Oregon Gulch will be closing to motorcycle use on AUGUST 29. The following trails that are open each year to motorcycle use from May 1 – August 29 will be closed to motorcycles this Friday:**

- 1. Placer Creek Trail**
- 2. Castle Creek Trail**
- 3. Warm Springs Ridge Trail**
- 4. Barr Gulch Trail**
- 5. Rooks Creek Trail**
- 6. Lost Shirt Trail**
- 7. Oregon Gulch Trail**

**Please note: The East Fork of Baker Creek Road also closes to motorized users on August 29 but remains open to all non-motorized users including mountain bikes.**

**The following trails within the Castle Rock Fire Area remain closed for the season to all uses except hiking: 1. Rooks Creek, 2. The west “leg” of Red Warrior (otherwise known as ‘Roots’ or the downhill only section) \*\*please note the that the east “leg” of Red Warrior trail (connecting Lodgepole to Red Warrior) is open so riding from Greenhorn to Warm Springs on this route is possible, 3. Warfield, 4. Eves Gulch. 5. West Fork of Warm Springs.**

**\*\*\*\* PLEASE HELP US PRESERVE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED TRAILS\*\*\*\***

**MOTORCYCLISTS AND MOUNTAIN BIKERS: PLEASE KEEP SPEEDS LOW AND ACCELERATE AS SLOWLY AND SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE THROUGH NEWLY CONSTRUCTED TURNS – SOILS ARE POWDER DRY AND ARE HIGHLY EROSION! PLEASE TAKE EXTRA CARE AND TRAVEL SLOWLY ON NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PORTIONS OF THE MAHONEY-LODGEPOLE TRAIL, ON A NEW REROUTE ON MAIN DEER CREEK AND ON THE NEW REROUTE ACCESSING WARM SPRINGS RIDGE AND ADAMS GULCH TRAIL FROM THE EAST BAKER CREEK ROAD. THANKS AND ENJOY!**

**Please Note: Easley Gulch Trail (“Curlies”) – work on this trail has been deferred to the last week of September; a crew will be putting in a reroute to add several sweeping turns towards the bottom of the trail.**

**CLOSED ROADS:**

**East Fork of Baker Creek Road – closes August 29 to motorized users, re-opens for snow machines on 11/30.**

**Rooks Creek Road (closed due to surface damage)**

**SUGGESTED RIDES AND HIKES: If you haven't yet made the classic ride or hike from East Baker Road to Adams Gulch Trail or Oregon Gulch, including a ride on Easley Gulch (Curlies), now is a perfect time, since motorized traffic on the East Fork of Baker Creek Road will end on August 29. Motorcyclists might want to check out the new reroute, about 3.5 miles up Deer Creek trail, let us know how it is riding...please keep speeds low on this new section, it is still very soft!**

**SHEEP REPORT:**

In late August a band will be moving through the lower Corral Creek area, in the vicinity of Uncle Johns, also in the last week of August a band will be trailing down from the Grays Peak area toward the Long Gulch area in the Little Wood River drainage.

In late August and through the first week of September a band will be shipping lambs out of Placer Creek and then the dry ewes will be trailing toward Placer and Castle Creek drainages and moving on toward Barr Gulch.

From late August through mid September a band will be moving through Cove Creek in the vicinity of Hooks Draw.