



News Release

Fishlake National Forest



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INDIAN CREEK ROAD CLOSED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ROAD PROTECTION

Indian Creek Road was closed Monday for public safety, water flows and road protection. Road will be reopened when ground conditions permit. Fishlake National Forest and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) encourages individuals to be very cautious when driving on forest and BLM roads and trails. Other areas of high concern are North Creek (FR-591), Kents Lake Road (FR-137), South Creek (FR-008), Birch Creek (FR-121), Cottonwood and Bullion (FR126), Mill Creek (FR-113), Shingle Creek (FR114) roads.

Due to the amount of snow in the mountains access will be later this year. As of May 9 Snotel sites reported

- Big Flat has 101 inches of snow
- Merchant Valley has 45 inches of snow
- Kimberly Mine has 41 inches of snow.

Snotel sites are areas that the Natural Resource Conservation Services measure snow depth, water content, temperatures and other weather conditions throughout the western United States.

Spring run off is just beginning and rivers are already overflowing their banks. If at all possible, postpone trips up the mountain until snow has melted and roads are dry. Roads are most vulnerable to erosion in the spring time. When encountering muddy areas, turn around and return later when dry. DO NOT go off the trail or road to avoid the wet areas.

Mud bogging is not safe; also it is very costly to the environment. Ruts and illegal trails are visible for decades and/or very costly to rehabilitate, if they are at all. It is your tax dollars that may be used to rehabilitate meadows and roads.

Call your local District Office or Agency for current road and trail conditions.