

## **Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest**

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## Wildfire Season is Here!

Firefighting crews from the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest have recently been involved in fighting many lightning-caused and a number of small human-caused fires. Now is the time to start practicing good fire prevention actions when recreating in the national forests.

Folks recreating in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest need to continue to be very careful with campfires, cigarettes or any device that involves open flames or could cause a wildfire. Please make sure that all campfires are dead out! Drown campfires with lots of water, stir the ashes, add more water, then feel all areas of the campfire to make sure that there is no warmth left. NEVER leave a campfire unattended! For those who smoke, remember NEVER throw cigarette butts out a car window. Please dispose of cigarette butts in appropriate receptacles. Be careful about driving in areas of tall grass or brush, as automobile catalytic converters have caused a number of fires in those areas in the past.

Fire season is here and firefighters are working hard to extinguish fires locally and throughout the western U.S. Local recreationists need to be especially careful with fires so that no new fires occur here, adding to the drain on firefighting resources. Always check to find out what the current campfire restrictions are before arriving in the national forest.

As fire season progresses, please be careful with fire when recreating in the woods. To report a forest fire in central Washington call 1-800-826-3383. The statewide phone number to report fires is 1-800-562-6010. Wherever recreationists choose to recreate this summer, please remember to always be fire safe.

Remember—never fly a drone in a wildfire area. If you fly, we can't! If a drone is spotted over a wildfire, all aerial resources—air tankers, helicopters, and lead planes—will be grounded and not able to help put out the fire. Please be a responsible drone operator and keep these machines away from wildfire areas.

## Other Forest Related Information

#### **CAMPFIRE RESTRICTIONS:**

Campfire restrictions are in effect on national forest lands in **Chelan, Kittitas and Yakima Counties**. Effective at 1 a.m. on August 5, campfires will be allowed only in established campgrounds and congressionally-designated Wilderness Areas. In all other areas, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, including a fire made from briquettes, will be prohibited with certain exceptions. These restrictions are the result of increasing fire danger in national forest areas within these three counties. Certain sites are exempt, such as group camps and summer homes under permit. Please visit or call the appropriate ranger station to obtain information on specific campground information and restrictions. Most locales within the Glacier Peak, Chelan-Sawtooth, Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, Goat Rocks, Norse Peak, and William O. Douglas Wilderness Areas are also exempt. However, some locations within these Wilderness Areas have standing campfire restrictions. Please contact the appropriate ranger station for specific fire regulations pertaining to Wilderness Areas. Persons using or maintaining pressurized liquid gas stoves or an enclosed solid fuel fire using a wick are also exempt from this campfire restriction. Contact Okanogan-Wenatchee NF offices for more information.

#### **NEW F**OREST SERVICE OFFICE IN OMAK:

**NEW--**The much anticipated move of visitor services from the Forest Service office in Okanogan to Omak has finally occurred. Forest Service visitor information services for the central and south part of Okanogan County have moved to 401 Omak Ave in Omak WA, near the Omak Stampede Grounds. We share a building with the Omak Visitor Center; there is a separate Forest Service entrance. The new office is staffed Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the office is closed for lunch from 11-11:45 a.m.

The new phone number is **509-486-5145**. Visitor services are no longer available in Okanogan.

#### **OFFICE ADDRESSES and PHONE NUMBERS:**

Chelan Ranger District, 428 W. Woodin Ave., Chelan, WA 98816; 509-682-4900; hours M-F 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., closed for lunch 11:30 to 12:30 Cle Elum Ranger District, 803 W. 2nd Street, Cle Elum, WA 98922; 509-852-1100; summer hours 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m. daily; closed for lunch 12:30-1:15 p.m. Entiat Ranger District, physical address 2108 Entiat Way, (P.O. Box 476), Entiat, WA 98822; 509-784-4700; hours M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Methow Valley Ranger District, 24 West Chewuch Road, Winthrop, WA 98862; 509-996-4000; hours M-F 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Naches Ranger District, 10237 Hwy. 12, Naches, WA 98937; 509-653-1401; hours 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; closed for lunch noon to 12:30 p.m. NEW--Omak Visitor Center, 401 Omak Ave., Omak, WA 98841; 509-486-5145; hours Tues-Sat 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed for lunch 11 a.m. to 11:45 Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Headquarters office, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA 98801; 509-664-9200; hours M-F 7:45-4:30 Tonasket Ranger District, 1 W. Winesap, Tonasket, WA 98855; 509-486-2186; hours M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; closed for lunch 12:30 to 1 p.m. Wenatchee River Ranger District, 600 Sherbourne, Leavenworth, WA 98826; 509-548-2550; summer hours Mon-Sat 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

#### **WOODCUTTING INFORMATION:**

The Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) is I for all zones in the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF except for zone 675 and 684 which are at level II (see the map at <a href="http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ifpl">http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ifpl</a>). Always be aware of the IFPL on the day that woodcutting will occur.

The minimum firewood permit is \$20 for four cords of wood. The cost for permits over the four-cord minimum is \$5 per cord. The maximum number of cords that may be purchased for personal-use is 12 cords per household per year.

Generally, woodcutters may cut wood lying on the forest floor and standing dead trees, except wildlife habitat trees. Falling snags is not permitted on the Cle Elum Ranger District. No woodcutting is allowed in congressionally designated Wilderness areas.

Things to keep in mind when woodcutting:

- Do not drive off of roads onto wet ground to load firewood. Don't travel on roads if road surfaces are slippery and muddy, let them dry out before traveling on them. This will prevent deep ruts from developing.
- Be aware of other forest users, especially mushroom hunters, in areas burned by recent fires.
- The best time to cut firewood is in the late spring and early fall; avoid mid to late summer as woodcutting restrictions may be imposed due to severe fire danger.

- Permits must be purchased in person, no permits will be sold through the mail. Individuals purchasing
  woodcutting permits need to present a driver's license or other form of picture identification at the time of
  purchase; they will also need to supply their phone number and address.
- Woodcutters need to abide by the terms and conditions listed on their woodcutting permit. Be sure to read all conditions and requirements listed on the woodcutting permit and be familiar with the info on the map.
- A woodcutting area map is a necessity. These maps show the areas that are open and closed to woodcutting and are available free with the woodcutting permits.
- Special woodcutting rules and conditions apply on the Naches Ranger District; contact their office at 509-653-1401 for specific information. Firewood cutting season on the Naches Ranger District ends on September 30 or the first Sunday in October if Sept. 30 falls on a weekday.

Firewood permits are good through December 31 in the calendar year they are purchased, with the exception of the Naches District, or until areas are no longer accessible.

#### PERSONAL USE MUSHROOM GATHERING INFORMATION:

Harvest of five gallons per person per day is free for personal use mushroom gathering.

- Free *Incidental Use Mushroom Gathering information* sheets must be in the mushroom collector's possession while harvesting and transporting mushrooms for personal use. These information sheets are free and can be downloaded from the forest website at <a href="http://go.usa.gov/ct6Ej">http://go.usa.gov/ct6Ej</a> and are also available at local national forest offices.
- For more information about commercial or personal use mushroom harvesting, please contact any Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest office during business hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or go to the forest website at <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/okawen/mushroom">http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/okawen/mushroom</a>.
- Washington State forest product transportation requirements can be found under RCW 76.48.060 and at http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=76.48.

#### **HAZARDS FOUND IN WILDFIRE AREAS:**

Following are a variety of hazards to watch out for when traveling through areas burned in wildfires.

- Snags and damaged trees—blackened dead trees or green trees burned through at the bottom—can fall at any time possibly striking people or property; they can block trails or roads, including your exit even though travel was unimpeded when you entered the area.
- Snags can make travel difficult if a lot of trees have fallen across the landscape.
- Stump holes and root channels can still be burning and often are hidden from sight until stepped upon.
- Steep slopes and loss of vegetation may cause rolling rocks and debris flows off hillsides at any time but the likelihood increases with rain and freeze-thaw events.
- Loss of vegetation increases the potential for erosion to occur with any rain event. Water runoff may cause flooding that impacts or clogs road culverts and storm drains; sediment may move downstream affecting lands a long distance from the burned areas.
- Even with minor precipitation, road culverts can become plugged with material and cause debris flows.

Some things to do to be prepared when traveling through burned areas:

- Don't loiter in the burned areas, travel quickly through burned areas to reach your favorite recreation sites outside of the burns
- Carrying a saw or axe with you is a good idea when traveling on forest roads
- Stay current on weather forecasts and avoid areas that have been severely burned
- Do not try to cross an active mud or debris flow
- Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return home

For more information, please call the local national forest office or go to the forest web site at <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/okawen">www.fs.usda.gov/okawen</a> .

## INTERAGENCY PASS PROGRAM (America the Beautiful National Parks & Federal Recreation Lands Pass):

This pass combines the benefits of existing recreation passes from five federal agencies into one comprehensive Interagency Pass called "*America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass.*"

• The pass covers recreation opportunities on public lands managed by National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and U.S. Forest Service.

- The pass applies to those locations that currently have entrance or standard amenity fees.
- The annual pass sells for **\$80**, the lifetime senior pass is **\$10**, and the lifetime access pass and the volunteer passes are **free**.
- Passes are valid for one full year from the month of purchase.
- Passes provide entrance or access to the pass holder and accompanying passengers in a single, private, non-commercial vehicle at federally operated recreation sites across the country.
- Passes cover the pass holder and three (3) accompanying adults age 16 and older at sites where per person entrance fees are charged. No entry fee for children 15 and under.
- Passes are NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE, and cannot be replaced if lost or stolen.
- This program replaces the Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and the Golden Access Passports as well as the National Parks Pass. Existing passes will remain valid until expired, lost or stolen.
- These passes can be used in lieu of the Northwest Forest Pass.

#### **RECREATION PASS PURCHASE INFORMATION:**

A \$5 day use fee is required at many trailheads and day use sites across the national forest. The Northwest Forest Day Pass, Northwest Forest Annual Pass, and America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass are honored at all Forest Service-operated recreation sites where a day use fee is required. For a complete list of recreation sites where a day use fee is required, please visit <a href="http://go.usa.gov/2YXA">http://go.usa.gov/2YXA</a> or call your local ranger station.

Passes are available at **all ranger district offices** and the **forest headquarters** office in Wenatchee. The cost is **\$30** for an annual pass and **\$5** for a day use pass. For information about the Northwest Forest Pass call 1-800-270-7504 or to order it online go to <a href="https://www.discovernw.org">www.discovernw.org</a>.

- **Wenatchee area:** Northwest Forest passes are available at Arlberg Sports Inc., Hooked on Toys, Bi-Mart, and Big 5.
- Chelan area: Passes are available at the Chelan Ranger District office.
- Entiat area: Passes are available at Cooper's General Store and at the Entiat Ranger District office.
- Lake Wenatchee area: Passes are available at Midway Village Grocery, Parkside Grocery and Plain Hardware.
- **Leavenworth area**: In Leavenworth passes are available at Der Sportsman, Icicle Quik Stop 76 gas station, Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat Gift Shop, and Pioneer Market in Cashmere.
- Cle Elum area: Northwest Forest Pass vendors include Cle Elum Ranger Station and
  - Sportland Mini Mart Shell Station, 4402 Bullfrog Road, Cle Elum. Located 1 mile north of the Ranger Station on Hwy 903. Their phone number is 509-649-2260.
  - Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce Cle Elum Visitor Center, 312 W 1st, Cle Elum, 509-674-6880
  - Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, 609 N Main, Ellensburg, phone 509-925-2002.
  - o Mountain High Sports, 105 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Ellensburg, phone 509-925-4626.
  - o Bi-Mart, 608 East Mountain View, Ellensburg, phone 509-925-6973.
  - Mac A Bee Gifts of the Southwest, 1401 Airport Road, Cle Elum, phone 509-674-7055.
  - o Stewart Lodge LLC, 805 W 1st St Cle Elum, phone 509-674-4548
- Methow Valley area: Passes are available at the Methow Valley Ranger Station office, 24 W.
   Chewuch Road in Winthrop, and
  - Winthrop Mountain Sports, 257 Riverside Avenue, Winthrop, phone 509 996-2886.
  - o Methow Cycle and Sports, 19210 Hwy 20, Winthrop, phone 509 996-3645.
  - Valley Hardware/Do-It Center Hardware, 429 E. Methow Valley Hwy., Twisp, 509-997-3355.
  - o Mazama Country Inn, 15 Country Road, Mazama, phone 509-996-2681 (Day passes only).
  - Goat Beard Mountain Supply, 50 Lost River Road in Mazama, 509-996-2515.
  - o Do It Center Valley Hardware, 309 Highway 20 South in Twisp, 509-997-8541.
- Naches area: Northwest Forest passes can be purchased at the following locations.
  - Naches Ranger District office, 10237 U. S. Hwy 12, Naches, phone 509-653-1401.
  - Slim's Market, 9951 US Hwy 12, Naches.
  - o Rimrock Grocery Store, 34090 U.S. Hwy 12, Naches, phone 509-672-2251.
  - Bi-Mart stores in Yakima, Sunnyside and in Ellensburg.
  - Naches Chinook Center, 10450 Hwy 12, Naches, WA 98937, 509-653-2797

## CHELAN RANGER DISTRICT

Office phone number: (509) 682-4900

**OFFICE HOURS:** The Chelan Ranger District office is located at 428 West Woodin Avenue in Chelan with office hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday with a one hour closure for lunch from 11:30 to 12:30. The Chelan Ranger District also serves as an information center for the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

**ECHO RIDGE:** All Echo Ridge trails are open for summer non-motorized use.

**LAKE LEVEL**: The level of Lake Chelan is 1,099.67 feet above sea level. For more information on the lake level, please visit the Chelan County Public Utility District website at <a href="http://www.chelanpud.org/parks-and-recreation/lake-chelan-lake-levels">http://www.chelanpud.org/parks-and-recreation/lake-chelan-lake-levels</a>.

**ROADS:** Please call the district office for the most current road information.

#### **TRAILS:**

Holden Village area non-wilderness trails				
Holden Nature Trail #1253 Closed due to mine remediation work.				
Ten Mile Creek Trail #1241 Closed due to fire damage and related hazards.				
Ten Mile Falls Trail #1270 Maintained to rock wall over look (mile 0.74). Closed beyond due to fire damage a related hazards				
Monkey Bear Falls Trail #1273	Closed due to mine remediation work and fire damage hazards			

Lucerne area non-wilderness trails				
Domke Lake Trail #1280 Closed due to fire damage and related hazards.				
Domke Mt. Lookout Trail #1280.1	Closed due to fire damage and related hazards.			

Glacier Peak Wilderness trails					
Agnes Gorge Trail #1281	Maintained.				
Company Creek Trail #1243	Snow free to 5,500 feet elevation. Snow above that. Closed due to fire damage and related hazards.				
Copper Basin Trail #1240.22	Closed due to mine remediation work.				
Devore Creek Trail #1244	Snow free to 5500 feet elevation.				
Emerald Park Trail #1230	Closed due to fire damage and related hazards.				
Hart / Lyman Lake Trail #1256	Maintained to Lyman Lake. Snow free.				
Holden Lake Trail #1251	Maintained.				
Lower Railroad Creek Trail #1240	Closed due to fire damage and related hazards.				
Upper Lyman Trail #1256.2	Small patches of snow.				
Spider Gap	Snow. This is not a trail, but a cross-country route through the pass between Spider Meadows and Upper Lyman Lakes. Spider Glacier is no longer a glacier, just a snow field at best and it is relatively flat. On the Lyman side of the gap there is a snowfield on the slope that is the route down to the Upper Lyman Trail; an ice-axe is recommended.				
Pacific Crest Trail #2000	Maintained to 12 mile. Trees killed by insects are falling. Be sure to check for snags around any place you are thinking about camping. Snow free and/or small snow patches from 12 mile up through Sitting Bull and Plummer Basin up to top of Suiattle Pass.				
South Fork Agnes Trail #1239	Trail is no longer maintained.				
Suiattle/Cloudy Hiker Shortcut	Snow free.				

Lake Chelan-Sawtooth wilderness trails					
Eagle Pass Trail #1259.12	Maintained				
Fish Pass Trail #1248	Maintained				
Lower Fish Creek Trail #1248	Maintained. Even though the trail has been maintained, the part of the trail in the burned over area will continue to have trees fall throughout the season. There have been several wind storms this season and there are reports of numerous logs down on this trail.				
Lakeshore Trail #1247.1702	Maintained. <u>Warning</u> : The new reroute through Meadow Creak is not passable by stock. Ticks and rattlesnakes are out. Even though the trail has been maintained, the part of the trail in the burned over area will continue to have trees fall throughout the season.				
North Fork Fish Creek Trail #1248.1	Maintained. Even after the trail has been maintained the part of the trail in the burned over area will continue to have trees fall throughout the season. There have been several wind storms this season and there are reports of numerous logs down on this trail.				
N. Fork Prince Creek Trail #1254	Snow free				
Oval Pass Trail #1259.13	Maintained				
Prince Creek Trail #1255	Maintained. The tread at the 1.75 mile point, through a small cliff, is washed out. Rock steps have been installed for hikers down and around the washout. The trail is not passable by stock. There is no bridge or foot-log across Prince Creek at mile 4 and the creek is still running high making crossing challenging. Even though the trail has been maintained the part of the trail in the burned over area will continue to have trees fall throughout the season. There have been several wind storms this season and there are reports of numerous logs down on this trail.				
Round Lake/Horton Butte Trail #	# Maintained to Round Lake. Snow free to 6,000. Trail above is snow covered and has not been maintained since 1995.				
Summit Trail #1259	Maintained. There is still snow on the north sides of the passes over the ridges (like Merlin and Robinson passes).				
Surprise Lake Trail #1249	Snow free				

Sawtooth Backcountry Non-Wilderness Trails					
Hoodoo Pass Trail #1259.31 (hiker & horse)	Maintained.				
Prince Creek Trail #1255.2 (motor & mtn. bikes, horse, hiker)	Snow free. The section of trail on the Chelan side of Horsehead Pass is rated Most Difficult for motorbike travel. <u>Caution</u> : Part of the trail has collapsed and the remaining tread is very narrow on the first switchback down from the top of Horsehead Pass.				
Safety Harbor Trail #1261 (motor & mtn. bikes, horse, hiker)	Maintained through mile 6, but the next half mile has about one hundred trees down on the trail. Even when this trail is maintained, the part of the trail in the burned over area will continue to have trees fall throughout the season.				
Summer Blossom Trail #1258 (hiker only)	Sections and patches of snow. South Fork Gold Cr and Black Canyon access road are washed out. Road access to trailhead via Grade Creek Road is snow free.				
Summit Trail #1259.3 (motor & mtn. bikes, horse, hiker)	Maintained. There is still snow on the north sides of Deadmans Pass. Even when the trail has been maintained, the part of the trail in the burned over area will continue to have trees fall throughout the season.				
Uno Peak Trail #1260 (motor & mtn. bikes, horse, hiker)	Maintained to Crow Cabin. High water in the creek ford. Even when the trail is maintained the part of the trail in the burned over area will continue to have trees fall throughout the season. This is a Most Difficult trail for motorbikes.				

25 Mile Creek & Stormy Mountain area trails				
(Open to motorbikes, mountain bikes, horses and hikers)				
Devil's Backbone Trail #1248 Maintained from Crescent Hill Trailhead (near Handy Spring) for 5.5 miles. Since from there.				
Pot Peak Trail #1266 Maintained to saddle with Pot Peak. Snow free above.				
Lone Peak Trail #1264 Snow free. Can use as access to North Fork 25 Mile Trail #1256.				
North Fork 25 Mile Trail #1265  First 2.0 miles are snow free. The tread has washed out and the trail is in bed at 2.0 mile. The wash out is passable to hikers only. Not passable by motorcycles, horses, or mountain bikes, but these users can access the re: N. Fork 25 Mile trail via the Lone Peak trailhead and trail. Lone Peak trail ir the N. Fork 25 Mile trail at N. Fork mile 2.6. From mile 2.6 trail is snow free feet elevation. Snow above.				
Stormy Mt. Trail #1233 Snow free.				

All Other Trails				
Trails not included on this report	The trails are snow free about to 6,000 feet, however, areas of snow can still be encounter in shaded areas and valleys especially between 5,000 and 6,000 feet. Elevations above 6,000 are still mostly snow covered (unless they face the sun, like the Summit Trail along the Sawtooth Crest. Trails listed below as <b>maintained</b> have been cleared of logs. However, wind storms can occur at any time and more trees are likely to fall across the trails. In burned areas, there can be quite a few newly fallen trees across the trails. Ticks, rattlesnakes, bears, and nuisance deer will continue to keep you good company. There are bear proof boxes installed at the Prince Creek, Moore Point, Holden-Forest Service campgrounds. Streams are still running high with early season run off. Crossings can be hazardous to impassable. Be aware that streams will have lower flows in the morning, but much higher flows in the afternoons as more snow is melting in the heat of the day.			

#### **CAMPING:**

Drive-To Campgrounds					
Campground Status Elevation General Info/Services					
Antilon Lake	Closed	2,400 feet Dispersed camp sites, no services available. No fees.			
Grouse Mountain	rouse Mountain Open 4,425 feet Dispersed camp sites, no services available. No fees.				
Handy Springs	Open with some snow	6,300 feet	6,300 feet Primitive camping conditions, no services. No fees.		
Junior Point	Open with some snow	6,600 feet Primitive camping conditions, no services. No fees.			
Snowberry Bowl	Snowberry Bowl Open 2,000 feet Fees are being charged; water and garbage services are available. \$10/night and \$8/extra vehicle.		<b>Fees</b> are being charged; water and garbage services are available. \$10/night and \$8/extra vehicle.		
Windy Camp	ly Camp Open with some snow 5,900 feet Primitive camping conditions, no services. No fees.				
South Navarre Open with some snow 6,475 feet Primitive camping conditions, no services. No fees.					

Boat-In Campgrounds				
Campground	Status/Dock Information			
Corral Creek Open, no fees charged for camping; dock permit required.				
Deer Point	Open, no fees charged for camping; dock permit required.			
Domke Falls	Open, no fees charged for camping; dock permit required.			
Graham Harbor Open, no fees charged for camping; dock permit required.				
Graham Harbor Creek Open, no fees charged for camping; dock permit required.				
Lucerne The area is <b>closed</b> due to hazards resulting from the Wolverine Fire.				
Mitchell Creek  Two sections of the dock have been removed for repair, leaving a portion of the dock available for use.				
Moore Point Open, no fees charged for camping; dock permit required.				
Prince Creek Open, no fees charged for camping; dock permit required.				
Refrigerator Harbor	The area is <b>closed</b> due to hazards resulting from the Wolverine Fire			
Safety Harbor Open, no fees charged for camping; dock permit required.				

Dock permits are required May 1 through October 31. Season dock permits are \$40 and day permits are \$5. Season dock permits are available at the Chelan Ranger District office, Kelly's Ace Hardware, Reed's Marine, Manson Parks and Recreation, North Cascades Lodge at Stehekin, Lake Chelan State Park, 25 Mile Creek State Park Store, and the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest Headquarters in Wenatchee.

## CLE ELUM RANGER DISTRICT

The office phone number is (509) 852-1100.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Open seven days a week (closed on holidays) 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a 45-minute closure for lunch from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

**SNOQUALMIE PASS VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER** is open for the summer season. The visitor center offers passes and permits, map, books, and up to date recreation information for the greater Snoqualmie Pass area. Hours are **8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m**. Thursday through Sunday.

**INVASIVE WEEDS:** Crews continue treatment to eradicate noxious weeds. A wide variety of invasive species including knapweed, orange hawkweed, thistle, and Dalmatian toadflax, as well as many other weed species, will be treated using herbicides applied by a licensed technician. Signs will be posted in areas that have been treated using herbicides. Weeds will also be hand-pulled in many areas. For more information contact Cle Elum District Botanist Helen Lau at 509-852-1100.

**LOGGING UPDATE:** Logging operations are underway in the Lost Lake area. Please use caution and observe all warning signs in the area. Expect log truck traffic on Lost Lake Road No. 5480 and 5480-124. Operations are also continuing on FS Road No. 9070 in the Cold Creek area.

**FIREWOOD:** Permits to cut firewood for personal use are available at the Cle Elum Ranger Station and the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce Visitor Centers in Cle Elum and Ellensburg. The minimum purchase is four cords for \$20 and a maximum of 12 cords for \$60 per household per year. A valid firewood permit must be in the woodcutter's possession when removing firewood from National Forest lands. It is not necessary to have a permit to collect campfire wood that will be burned on the National Forest.

Firewood collection areas are limited to the greater Buck Meadows area in the South Fork Manastash and the lower Reecer Creek area and the Ken Wilcox Horse Camp on the Cle Elum Ranger District; snag felling is not permitted. Check frequently with the ranger station for information on newly opened woodcutting areas.

**ROADS:** All roads snow free. Please report damage or other concerns to the Cle Elum Ranger Station.

- North Fork Teanaway Road No. 9738 Temporary repairs have been made; the Esmeralda Basin/Ingalls Way trailhead can now be accessed by all vehicles except those with extremely low clearance.
- The Liberty Beehive Road No. 9712 is closed below its junction with Road No. 9718 due to a washout.
- · Please to not drive through or around washouts.

**TRAILS:** Almost all district trails are now snow free. An incredibly high number of blow down are being reported on all trails. The trail crew staff at the Cle Elum Ranger District greatly appreciates early season trail reports from members of the public. Your reports can help trail crew members plan trail maintenance. When reporting blowdown, in addition to the number of blowdown and approximate location, include the diameter of the largest trees as this will determine what tools will be needed for removal.

Trail Name and Number	Condition			
Iron Creek Trail #1351	Snow free to the ridge.			
Beverly Creek Trail #1391	Open and maintained			
Bean Creek Trail #1391.1	Open and maintained			
Stafford Creek Trail #1359	Open, maintained and snow free to Navaho Pass.			
Davis Peak Trail #1324	Open and maintained to the switch backs.			
North Fork Taneum #1377	Open and maintained. The Nature Conservancy will be doing restoration work along the trail. While restoration work is in progress the trail will be signed closed. We anticipate closure will be short-term.			
Taneum Ridge #1363	Open and maintained			
Cle Elum Ridge #1326	Open and maintained			
Lightning Point #1377.2	Open and maintained			
Fishhook Flat #1378	Open and maintained			
Pete Lake #1323	Open and maintained			
Cooper River #1311	Open and maintained			
Thorpe Creek #1316	Open and maintained			
Knox Creek #1315.1	Open and maintained			
French Cabin Creek #1305	Open and maintained			
Waptus River #1310	Open and maintained to the lake.			
Iron Peak #1399	Open and maintained			

**MOTORIZED TRAIL UPDATE**: All motorized trails are now open. Crews and volunteers continue to log out and clear trails at the higher elevations.

#### **CAMPGROUNDS:**

Campground Name	Status	Cost per night	
Icewater Campground	Open	\$18/single site and \$36/double site	
Cle Elum River	Open	\$18/single site and \$36/double site Group site \$115 by reservation only	
Salmon La Sac	Open	\$21/single site and \$42/double site	
Taneum Creek	Open	\$18/single site and \$36/double site	
Red Mountain	Open	\$14 per site	
Mineral Springs	Open	\$18 per site	
Beverly	Open \$ 8 per site		
Owhi	vhi Open \$14 per site		
Kachess	Open	\$21/single site and \$42/double site	
Wish Poosh	Closed for the 2016 summer season	Closed	
Cayuse Horse Camp	Open	\$21/single site and \$42/double site	
Swuak	Open	\$18/single site and \$36 double site	

Kachess, Salmon La Sac campgrounds and Cayuse Horse Camp are now taking reservations for the summer season on <a href="www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a>. Reservations for group camp sites need to be made through the National Recreation Reservation Service by calling their toll free number 877-444-6777 or by going online to their web site at <a href="www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a>.

**CABIN RENTALS:** The **Teanaway Guard Station** is once again available for public rental. This rustic one room cabin is situated along North Fork Teanaway Road No. 9737 a short walk from the icy waters or the North Fork Teanaway River. The cabin accommodates two people, with a set of bunk beds, a table and chairs, a wood stove for heat, and a Coleman stove for cooking. For more information or to make reservations, contact National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 or online at <a href="https://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a>.

Taneum Guard Station Cabin is a small four room Forest Service cabin located approximately 20 miles from Ellensburg, WA. The cabin is located on Taneum Creek in a quiet secluded area. There is a small campground just up the road, less than a quarter of a mile from the cabin. There is running water in the cabin and propane is used to provide light, cooking and operating the refrigerator and water heater. There is a fire ring and picnic table outside.

The cabin is available by reservation only. Phone 1-877-444-6777; TDD 877-833-6777; International 518-885-3639 or visit www.**recreation.gov** 

### ENTIAT RANGER DISTRICT

The office phone number is (509) 784-4700.

**WOODCUTTING:** The Industrial Fire Precaution Level for zone 675 will be level II on August 6. **CAMPGROUNDS:** 

Campground	Location	Status	Fees	Amenities
Pine Flats	14 miles from Highway 97A, Mad River Road	Open	<b>\$8</b> vehicle per night (extra vehicle \$6)	6 Campsites and 1 Group Site Water, vault toilets and garbage service
Lake Creek	28 miles from Highway 97A, Entiat River Road	Open	\$10 vehicle per night (extra vehicle \$8)	18 Campsites Water, vault toilets and garbage services
Fox Creek	27 miles from Highway 97A, Entiat River Road	Open, day use only	No Fee	No water, vault toilets and garbage services. <b>No overnight camping.</b>
Silver Falls	30 miles from Highway 97A, Entiat River Road	Open, day use only	\$5 day use fee	One vault toilet. No water or garbage services. <b>No overnight camping.</b>
North Fork	33 miles from Highway 97A, Entiat River Road			
Spruce Grove	34 miles from Highway 97A, Entiat River Road.	Closed to overnight camping due to impacts resulting from wildfires.		
Three Creek	36 miles from Highway 97A, Entiat River Road			
Cottonwood	38 miles from Highway 97A, Entiat River Road			

**ROADS:** Four-wheel-drive and high vehicle clearance are always recommended for travel on forest roads. If roads are muddy and snowy and your vehicle is damaging the road surface, please turn around to prevent further road damage. Remember, there is limited turn around space available on most forest roads.

Road and trail conditions can change quickly so check for current conditions and closures before you go. The best way to be prepared is to think ahead about what you would do in a potential emergency and have proper equipment and supplies with you.

Road Name	Road #	Status
Entiat River Road	5100	The road is gated <b>closed</b> at about mile post 31 and the road is closed to the Cottonwood/Entiat River Trailhead. Vehicles, motorcycles, livestock, bicycles, and foot traffic are prohibited on the road.
Mills Canyon/ Entiat Ridge	5200	Open
Dinkelman	5210	Open; repairs have been made to the road.
Preston Creek	5501	Open. A rock slide is not passable in the Brennegan Creek-Beebe Memorial area.
Tommy Creek	5605	Open
North Fork Entiat Road	5606	The road is gated <b>closed</b> at about mile post 32. Vehicles, motorcycles, livestock, bicycles, and foot traffic are prohibited on the road. The road is washed out at 2½ miles.
Tyee	5700	Open
Tillicum Creek	5800	Open from Entiat to Leavenworth.
Forest Service Road/ Moe Ridge	5801	Open
Shady Pass & Big Hill	5900 & 112	Open from Entiat to Chelan.

#### Tips to be safe on forest roads:

- Drive defensively. Although most Forest Service roads are unpaved with infrequent traffic, drivers still must
  expect to encounter other cars and trucks, dirt bikes, hikers, equestrian riders, and logging trucks.
- Obey the rules of the road. You may be in the middle of nowhere, but the rules of the road (and basic common sense) still apply.
- Be careful braking on gravel roads. Give yourself more time and distance when coming to a stop.
- Keep to the right.
- Be prepared. Expect to encounter rocks and boulders, road washouts, downed trees and other hazards.
- Recreation trails sometimes cross the road... and are not always visible. Drive slowly and be aware of off-road vehicles, hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrian riders on the road.
- Obey road closures. Roads and trails are closed for a variety of reasons, which may include unsafe conditions
  or environmental reasons.

**ATVs, WATVs & SIDE BY SIDES:** All Entiat Ranger District Forest Service roads and trails are closed to these vehicles.

<u>UPPER MAD RIVER TRAILS:</u> All Seasonal Upper Mad River trails--Blue Creek Trail No. 1426, Upper Mad River Trail No. 1409.1, Alder Ridge Trail No. 1523 and Upper Chikamin Trail No. 1561--are now open. If you are coming from the Lake Wenatchee side it is best to come in from Maverick Saddle on Upper Mad River Trail No. 1409.1. When originating from the Entiat side it is best to come in from Pine Flats or Lake Creek trailheads.

The annual seasonal closure is to protect natural resources, minimize damage to trails, and maintain quality trail systems. The seasonal closure protects trails from damage caused by wheeled and stock travel on muddy trails. When closed, the trails are open to hikers only. **Be sure to stay on open trails and out of meadows.** 

**TRAILS:** Spring conditions still exist on some forest trails. Good resources to check for recent postings and conditions from fellow hikers are <a href="www.NWHikers.net">www.NWHikers.net</a> <a href="http://www.wta.org/">http://www.wta.org/</a> and <a href="www.Cascadeclimbers.com">www.Cascadeclimbers.com</a>.

Trail Name	Trail #	Current Trail Conditions
25 Mile	1265	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
45 Mile Sheep Drive	1432	The trail is temporarily <b>closed</b> due to hazards resulting from the Wolverine Fire.
Alder Ridge	1523	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Angle Peak	1444	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Anthem Creek	1435	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Billy Creek	1416	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Billy Ridge	1413	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Blue Creek	1426	Seasonal trail now open and cleared of winter debris.
Butte Creek	1440	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Chickamin Tie Upper	1561	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Chikamin Creek	1534	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Chiwawa Lower	1548	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Cool Creek	1431	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Cougar Ridge	1418	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Cow Creek	1404	The trail is temporarily <b>closed</b> due to hazards resulting from the Wolverine Fire.
Davila Daaldaana	4440	Open and cleared of winter debris from Handy Spring to Angle Peak. From Angle Peak the trail
Devils Backbone	1448	has been cleared half way to Windy Camp.
Duncan Hill	1434	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Emerald Park	1230	The trail is temporarily <b>closed</b> due to hazards resulting from the Wolverine Fire.
Four Mile Ridge	1445	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
North Fork Entiat	1437	Open and cleared of winter debris from North Fork Trail Head to Junction of FS Trail No. 1433.
Entiat River	1400	The trail is temporarily <b>closed</b> due to hazards resulting from the Wolverine Fire.
Fern Lake	1436	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Four Mile	1445	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Garland Peak	1408	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Hi Yu	1403	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Hunters Trail	1417	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Ice Creek	1405	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Ice Lakes	1405.1	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Jimmy Creek	1419	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Klone Peak	1427	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Lake Creek	1443	Open and cleared of winter debris from Entiat River Road to Handy Springs.
Larch Lakes	1430	The trail is temporarily <b>closed</b> due to hazards resulting from the Wolverine Fire.
Larch Lakes Spur	1430A	The trail is temporarily <b>closed</b> due to hazards resulting from the Wolverine Fire.
Lost Lake	1421	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Mad River Lower	1409	The trail is maintained from Pine Flats Trailhead to Maverick Saddle.
Mad River Upper	1409.1	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Middle Tommy	1424	Open and clear of winter debris.
Miners Ridge	1411	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Minnow Ridge	1524	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Myrtle Lake	1401	The trail is temporarily <b>closed</b> due to hazards resulting from the Wolverine Fire.
Myrtle Lake Spur	1404A	The trail is temporarily <b>closed</b> due to hazards resulting from the Wolverine Fire.
North Tommy	1425	Open and clear of winter debris.
Pomas Creek	1453	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Pond Camp Tie	1409.2	Open and cleared of winter debris.

Trail Name	Trail #	Current Trail Conditions
Pot Peak Trail	1266	Maintained from Snowberry Campground to Pot Peak.
Pugh Ridge	1438	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Pyramid Mtn.	1433	Open and cleared of winter debris from Big Hill Trail Head to Saska Pass.
Pyramid Creek	1439	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Pyramid Viewpoint	1441	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Shetipo	1429	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Silver Falls National	1442	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Recreation Trail	1772	Trail bridges are out due to the 2014 Duncan Fire. Expect heavy run-off in Silver Creek.
Silver Falls Riverside Interpretive Trail	1462	Closed due to hazardous trees.
South Tommy	1423	The trail has not been cleared of winter debris.
Steliko Ridge	1454	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Tyee Ridge	1415	Open and cleared of winter debris.
Wilson Creek	1231.1	The trail is temporarily <b>closed</b> due to hazards resulting from the Wolverine Fire.

#### **METHOW VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT**

The office phone number is (509) 996-4003.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**WEATHER:** A local weather forecast is available at <a href="http://go.usa.gov/f4y">http://go.usa.gov/f4y</a>.

**SNOW:** Snow level is about 6,000 feet depending on aspect.

**NORTH CASCADES HIGHWAY 20** is open for the season. Washington Pass Overlook is open.

**ROADS:** There is limited turn around space available on most forest roads. Check for current conditions and closures before you go. The best way to be prepared is to think ahead about what you would do in a potential emergency situation and have proper equipment and supplies with you. Hart's Pass Road 5400 is open.

For the most current road information go online to  $\frac{http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/okawen/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprd3820244 \ .$ 

Road Name and Number	Conditions	Updated
Squaw Creek Road 1004-200	Condition unknown.	5/19/16
McFarland Creek Road 1020-200	Open. Caution: intermittent logging truck traffic	7/15/16
McFarland Creek Road 1020-400	CLOSED, road wash-out just past cattle guard.	5/19/16
Alder Creek 1065-200	Open, but down tree across road, difficult to get around.	5/10/16
Alder Creek 1065-225	Open, condition unknown.	5/18/16
Alder Creek / Look-out Mountain 1065-250	Gate open, and road open to Look-out Mountain Trailhead.	5/19/16
Finley Mountain 1590-4100300	Road is closed to all public motorized vehicles by CFR 261.50(a) order #924 due to road damage.	5/19/16
Finley Canyon 1590-4100-370	Road is closed to all public motorized vehicles by CFR 261.50(a) order #924 due to road damage.	5/19/16
Bear Creek 1631-100	Gate open, condition unknown.	5/19/16
Bear Creek 1631-200	CLOSED, road washed-out again.	5/19/16
Cougar Creek 1631-225	CLOSED	5/19/16
Ramsey / Tripod 1631-100	Condition unknown.	5/19/16
Ramsey / Boulder 1631-200	Gate open, condition unknown.	5/19/16
Ramsey 1631-300	Open.	5/19/16
State Route Highway 153	Open	5/19/16

Road Name and Number	Conditions	Updated
North Cascade Highway State Route 20	The North Cascades Highway is open!	7/15/16
(West to Washington/Rainy Passes)	, , ,	
State Route 20 (east of Twisp to	Open	5/19/16
Loup Loup Pass)		
Jack Creek Hwy 20-103	Gate open, condition unknown.	5/19/16
Frazer Creek Hwy 20-670	Condition unknown.	5/19/16
Boulder 37	Road open.	6/6/16
Lower Boulder 3700-980	Road condition unknown.	5/19/16
Boulder Creek to Rogers Lake 39	Road open.	6/6/16
Black Canyon 4010	ROAD CLOSED from Black Canyon Sno-Park DUE TO LARGE WASH- OUT AFTER 2015 FIRE CFR 261.54(a) order #970	5/19/16
Black Canyon 4010-050	ACCESS ROAD CLOSED DUE TO LARGE WASH-OUT AFTER 2015 FIRE.	5/19/16
Black Canyon 4010-100	ACCESS ROAD CLOSED DUE TO LARGE WASH-OUT AFTER 2015 FIRE.	5/19/16
South Summit 4100	Road is open	5/19/16
Finley Mountain 4100-300	Road is closed to all public motorized vehicles by CFR 261.50(a) order #924, due to a road wash-out.	5/19/16
Finley Canyon 4100-370	Road is closed to all public motorized vehicles by CFR 261.50(a) order #924, due to mud and water on roadway.	5/19/16
Forest Road 4108-670	Road is closed to all public motorized vehicles by CFR 261.50(a) order #924 from intersection with FS Road #4108-665 (T33, R23E, Sec.29) to terminus at state land (T33N, R23E, Sec.9)	5/19/16
Benson Creek 4150	Road is open.	5/19/16
Leecher Look-out 4150-100	Road is <b>closed</b> to vehicles due to many wash-outs. Park and walk into manned look-out.	7/15/16
Yockey Creek 4150-200	Road is damaged and <b>closed</b> to all public motorized vehicles by CFR 261.50(a) order #924	5/19/16
Benson Creek 4150-300	Condition unknown.	5/19/16
Pole Pick 4150-500	Condition unknown.	5/19/16
Pole Pick 4150-600	Condition unknown.	5/19/16
Pole Pick 4150-630	Condition unknown.	5/19/16
North Summit 42	Road from 4235 junction was in the 2015 wildfire area. Road is blocked and closed at Buck Pass	5/24/16
Bear Mountain 4200-200	Open	6/6/16
South Beaver 4225	Open	5/19/16
Volstead/Blue Buck 4225-200	Open	5/19/16
Cougar 4225-230	CLOSED, road washed out	5/19/16
Volstead 4225-400	Open, condition unknown.	6/3/16
Beaver Summit 4230	Condition unknown.	5/19/16
Lightning Creek 4230	Condition unknown.	5/19/16
Starvation Mtn. 4235	Open, snow-free.	5/19/16
Beaver Mtn. 4235-100	Open, snow-free, brushy, high clearance vehicle recommended.	5/23/16
Lightning Creek Ridge 4235-195	Condition unknown.	5/19/16
Buttermilk Libby (Buttermilk portion)43	Road open.	6/6/16
Buttermilk Libby (Libby portion) 43	Road open debris cleared and snow is melted to Blackpine Lake.	5/19/16
Smith Canyon 1051	Open, down trees cleared.	5/19/16
Ben Canyon 4300-100	Open, down trees cleared.	5/19/16
Elderberry Canyon 4300-200	Open, down trees cleared.	5/19/16
Chicamun Canyon 4300-300	Open, down trees cleared.	5/19/16
Poorman Creek 4300-300	This road to Blackpine Lake is <b>very narrow</b> and is <b>NOT recommended for trailers or motorhomes</b> , Buttermilk Creek Road 43 is the best route to Blackpine Lake	7/15/16
Buttermilk Butte 4300-400	Open	7/15/16
West Fork Buttermilk		7/15/16
Trailhead 4300-500	Open	
West Fork Buttermilk 4300-550	CLOSED – the bridge is condemned as unsafe. The road is damaged near the bridge from a 2011 washout	5/19/16
West Fork Buttermilk 4300-560	CLOSED – the bridge is condemned as unsafe. The access road is damaged near the bridge from a 2011 washout.	5/19/16
Buttermilk Creek 4300-600	Gate open, condition unknown	5/19/16
Buttermilk Creek 4300-610	Gate open, condition unknown	5/19/16

Road Name and Number	Conditions	Updated
Newbutter 4300-800	Gate open, condition unknown	5/19/16
Newbutter 4300-820	Gate open, condition unknown	5/19/16
South Fork Gold Creek 4330	Road <b>closed</b> at junction with 4330-100 road, due to a road wash-out.	7/15/16
South Fork Gold Creek 4330-600	Road is open above the junction with the 1020- 200 road, accessed from McFarland Creek Road (county road 1020). Caution, logging trucks using road.	7/15/16
Rainy Creek Road 4330-100 (up the South Fork Gold Creek)	Condition unknown.	5/19/16
North Fork Gold Creek 4340	Open	7/15/16
Middle Fork Gold Creek 4340-100	Open, condition unknown	5/19/16
Foggy Dew 4340-200	Open.	6/6/16
Crater Creek 4340-300	Open to Trailhead	5/20/16
North Fork Gold Creek 4340-700	Road open to Libby Creek Trailhead.	6/6/16
Twisp River 44	Open	5/19/16
Lime Creek 4400-100	Open, conditions unknown.	5/19/16
Coal Rader/Thompson 4410	Open	5/19/16
Thompson Ridge 4410-100	Gate open, condition unknown	5/19/16
Thompson Ridge 4410-200	Gate open, condition unknown.	5/19/16
Little Wolf Creek 4410-500	Open, conditions unknown.	5/19/16
Little Wolf Creek 4410-520	Open, conditions unknown.	5/19/16
Little Wolf Creek 4410-535	Condition unknown.	5/19/16
Little Bridge Creek 4415	Open	7/15/16
Cow Creek 4415-040	Open	7/15/16
Dry Creek 4415-050	Open	7/15/16
Deer Creek 4415-060	Open	7/15/16
Little Bridge Creek Saddle 4415-100	Open, conditions unknown.	5/19/16
Sheep Creek 4415-175	Open	7/15/16
Cabin Creek 4415-180	Open	7/15/16
South Twisp River 4420	Open	7/15/16
West Twisp River 4430	Open	7/15/16 5/19/16
War Creek Trailhead Road 4430-100	Open	
Twisp River Road 4435	Open to Twisp River Horse Camp	5/20/16
Reynolds Creek TH 4435 100	Road is currently not passable as there is a large tree down on the road to the Reynolds Creek Trailhead	5/19/16
Twisp River Road 4440	Open	6/6/16
East Chewuch 5010	Open	5/19/16
Twentymile Creek 5010-700	Open but down tree blocks access to North Twentymile Trailhead.	5/19/16
West Chewuch 51	Open	5/19/16
Eightmile 5130	Open to end of road at Billy Goat Trailhead.	5/23/16
<b>Buck Lake</b> 5130-100	Open to Buck Lake Campground and bicycle trails to First Creek Road 5200-025	7/15/16
Buck Lake 5130-105	Open, conditions unknown.	5/19/16
Buck Lake 5130-115	Caution: active logging contract in area.	7/15/16
Buck Lake 5130-140	Open, conditions unknown.	5/19/16
Buck Mountain 5130-155	Open, conditions unknown.	5/19/16
Buck Mountain 5130-160	Open, conditions unknown.	5/19/16
Falls Creek 5140	Open about 7.5 miles then debris across road from a mudslide.	7/29/16
Doe Mountain 5140-100 Chewuch 5160	Open, conditions unknown.  Open	5/19/16 5/19/16
<b>Lake Creek</b> 5160-100	Open	5/19/16
Chewuch/30-Mile 5160-250	Open to 30-Mile Trailhead.	5/19/16
Cub Creek/Goat Creek 5200	Open <b>Caution:</b> Logging trucks are using road from Road 5200-0115 to Cub Creek Road county road 1215 through August.	5/19/16
First Creek 5200-025	Open, okay for bicycles to go to Buck Lake on the trail to 5130-100 or over Buck Mountain to 5130-100 road.	6/6/16
Second Creek 5200-115	Caution: Logging traffic.	7/15/16
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Second Creek 5200-126	Caution: Logging traffic only.	7/15/16
		7/15/16 5/19/16
Second Creek 5200-126	Caution: Logging traffic only.	
Second Creek 5200-126 Fifth Creek 5200-150	Caution: Logging traffic only.  Open, conditions unknown.	5/19/16

Road Name and Number	Conditions	Updated
Goat Peak 5225-200	Open	5/19/16
Rendezvous Pass 5215	Open	6/15/16
Rendezvous/Fawn 5215-100	Open	6/15/16
Blackpine Basin 5225-600	Open	6/15/16
Sweetgrass Butte 5220-100	Open.	6/15/16
Cutthroat 5310-400	Open to trailhead.	6/15/16
Hart's Pass 5400	OPEN	7/8/16
Slate Peak 5400-600	Open	7/15/16
Chancellor 5400-700	Open to South Fork Slate Creek ford at about 4 miles, road beyond ford is closed to vehicles by a locked gate.	7/15/16

**WOODCUTTING:** Firewood permits are available for purchase at the Methow Valley Ranger District office and at Pardners Mini-Mart in Winthrop. In Twisp, permits may be purchased at Twisp Chevron, Hank's, Hank's Mini Mart, and in Carlton at the Carlton Store.

**CAMPGROUNDS:** Not all campgrounds have potable water or garbage dumpsters so remember to bring drinking water and pack out all garbage. For current campground information go online to http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/okawen/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprdb5308308.

Campground Name	Conditions	Updated
Ballard	Open. No potable water system.	8/2/16
Blackpine Lake	Open with potable water available. Campground has campground hosts.	8/2/16
Buck Lake	Open. No potable water system.	8/2/16
Chewuch	Open. Potable water is available. Campground hosts are present	8/2/16
Camp Four	Open. No potable water system.	8/2/16
Early Winters	Open. Campground has campground hosts.	8/2/16
Falls Creek	Open with potable water.	8/2/16
Flat Camp	Open with potable water.	8/2/16
Honeymoon	Open. No potable water.	8/2/16
Foggy Dew	Open, no potable water.	8/2/16
Hart's Pass	Open. No potable water. Campground hosts are present	8/2/16
Klipchuck	Open with potable water.	8/2/16
Lone Fir	Open with potable water on.	8/2/16
Loup Loup	Open, with potable water on. Campground has campground hosts.	8/2/16
Meadows	Open. No potable water system.	8/2/16
Mystery	Open. No potable water system.	8/2/16
Nice Camp	Open with no potable water system.	8/2/16
Poplar Flats	Open with potable water.	8/2/16
Ruffed Grouse	Open with potable water.	8/2/16
River Bend	Open, no potable water system.	8/2/16
South Creek	Open, no potable water system.	8/2/16
War Creek	Open with potable water.	8/2/16

**TRAILS:** There are a few snow patches remaining on the trails. For current trail information go online to <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/okawen/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprdb5308308">http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/okawen/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprdb5308308</a>.

Trail Name and Number	Current Status	Date
Andrews Creek 504	The trial has been cleared of down trees to Boundary Trail 533. The beginning 12 miles of this trail burned over in 2003, trees come down frequently on this portion of the trail.	8/2/16
Bear Mountain 442	Open and trail cleared of down trees.	8/2/16
Beaver Lake 356	Many down trees are on the trail. Area burned over in a 2015 wildfire.	8/2/16
Blue Lake Trail 314	Down trees cleared from trail. WARNING: Habituated Mountain Goats in Area. Habituated wildlife can become aggressive. Keep dogs on a leash. Stay at least 50 yards away from all wildlife. If a goat approaches you, slowly move away to keep a safe distance. If the goat follows, be prepared to chase it off by yelling, waving arms and clothing, or throwing rocks. There is NO camping within 1/4 mile of the lake to help preserve the fragile alpine vegetation, as this is a very popular day hike area. There are no campsites that meet this requirement.	8/2/16

Trail Name and Number	Current Status	<b>Date</b>
Blue Buck Trail 314	The trail burned over in 2006, condition unknown.	8/2/16
Boundary Trail Irongate to Pasayten River 533	Trail is open with some scattered down trees to Apex Pass. A small patch of snow covers the trail on north side of Cathedral Mountain, west of Upper Cathedral Lake, blocking stock but not hikers. Trail cleared of down trees to just east of Ashnola River, also the trail two miles west of Ashnola River is not cleared of many down trees blocking stock passage. The Ashnola River foot-log is gone but the river there in the summer is easy to ford, knee deep in the deepest spot, but it's stock passable. Bridge at Martina Creek, just west of Ashnola River, is broken and impassable to stock. There is a re-route just below the bridge that stock can get through, a little steep on one side. An old mudslide in the area west of from Bunker Pass is impassable to stock and the trail is hard to find in meadow-like area. In 2015, trail was cleared of down trees to 1 mile east of Pasayten River, where trail is blocked to stock by a large pile up of 130 down trees in area west of Bunker Hill that burned over in 2006. The old bridge, crossing Pasayten River is gone, use ford 3/4 mile north of old bridge site.	8/2/16
Boundary Trail Pasayten River to PCT 533	Trail west of Bunker Hill to Soda Creek was burned over in 2006 with many down trees blocking stock (and was not cleared in 2014 and 2015). Old bridge crossing Pasayten River is gone, use ford 3/4 mile north of old bridge site. River ford is usually high until the end of July. The trail going west along Soda Creek was cleared of down trees in 2016, from junction with trail 478 to the PCT.	8/2/16
Burch Mountain 538	The trail is rarely maintained. All of the trail burned over in a 2014 wildfire except the last 1.5 mile of trail at the north end.	8/2/16
Buckskin Ridge 498	Trail has 12 down trees on it on the way to Silver Lake with 169 down trees scattered on the trail. Trail is not recommended for stock. Trail requires trail-finding skills for area north of Silver Lake. Buckskin ridge pass is snow free. Trail is hard to follow north of Buckskin Lake and north of Buckskin Point, no cairns, and with a portion of the trail covered with a rockslide in a gully, blocking trail with very large rocks.	8/2/16
Cady Pass 475	Trail condition is unknown.	8/2/16
Castle Pass 749	The trail has not been maintained for over 8 years. It is impassable to stock with many down trees on the trail especially in the lower elevations making trail very difficult for hikers also. The lower portion of the trail is very brushy with down trees piled on top of each other.	8/2/16
Cedar Creek Trail 476	The trail has been cleared of down trees to Abernathy Pass.	8/2/16
Chancellor/Canyon Creek Trail 754 CFR Trail Closures	Only a short portion of the trail is open as much of the trail is to Chancellor was washed out in 2011. This trail is no longer maintained. Trail has CFR closures due to the 2011 trail wash outs. The trail is closed to stock from Boulder Creek to Mill Creek as there was no place for a horse to turn around past that point in 2011. The trail is closed to hikers from Mill Creek to Cedar Crossing as most of the trail washed out in 2011 and has not been repaired. The trail from Chancellor to Sky Pilot Pass is not maintained, many down trees block stock.	8/2/16
Chewuch 510	The trail is cleared of down trees. Flowers are coming on but the bugs are already here.	8/2/16
Coleman Ridge 505	The trail is no longer maintained since a 2003 wildfire, there are many, many down trees on the trail.	8/2/16
Cooney Lake 434	Down trees have been cleared from the trail.	8/2/16
Copper Glance 519	Scattered down trees block stock access. The old bridge across the creek has collapsed so this trail is not recommended for stock as there is not an alternate route across creek.	8/2/16
Copper Pass 426	The trail from the Twisp River side: Snow free and down trees are cleared about 2 miles to a creek crossing. The trail on the west side of Copper Pass has not been maintained for many, many years.	8/2/16
Crater Creek Trail 416	Scattered 22 down trees have not been cleared from trail yet.	8/2/16
Crater Mountain 746	Down trees have not yet been cleared from the trail.	8/216
Cutthroat Creek 483	Down trees are cleared from the trail. Camping is not allowed within 1/4 mile of the lake to help preserve the fragile alpine vegetation, as this is a very popular day hike area.	8/2/16
Crystal Lake 517	The trail burned over in a 2003 wildfire. In 2015, down trees were cut out of the trail for the beginning 3.5 miles. The remaining trail has many down trees, is very, very brushy and is hard to follow, especially along Disaster Creek to just before Crystal Lake. This trail has not been maintained for many years, and is impassable for stock and challenging for hikers.	8/2/16
Dean Creek Trail 456	This trail has not been cleared of down trees or maintained for many years so it is difficult for hikers and is impassable to stock. Part of this trail has washed out.	8/216

Trail Name and Number	Current Status	Date
Devils Ridge Trail 752	Patchy snow at higher elevations. The trail was maintained last year.	8/2/16
Diamond Jack 514	In 2015 there were about 45 down trees on the trail, it is okay for hikers but 4 to 5 big logs would block stock.	8/2/16
Drake Creek 502A	Trail cleared of down trees.	8/2/16
Driveway Butte Trail 481	Great views of the surrounding mountains. The trail has many down trees in McGee Creek area.	8/2/16
Eagle Creek 410	Down trees have been cleared for 2 miles, remaining trail has 50 down trees that have not been cleared from the trail in the 5 miles before Silver Lake. Wildflowers are nice in the meadows. The trail is brushy in places.	8/2/16
Eagle Lakes 431	Down trees have been cleared from the trail.	8/216
Early Winters Trail 522	There are many, many down trees on the trail.	8/2/16
East Creek 756	The bridge is out over Granite Creek and the trail is no longer maintained with many down trees on the trail making it difficult for hikers and impassable to stock.	8/2/16
East Fork Buttermilk 420	The trail has been cleared of down trees about 1 mile to the wilderness boundary, remaining trail has 200 down trees.	8/2/16
East Fork Pasayten 451	Down trees have not been cleared for 4 years, the trail is very brushy with many down trees so it is difficult for hikers and impassable to stock.	8/2/16
Easy Pass 741	Three large trees are down across the trail. This trail enters North Cascades National Park at Easy Pass so camping beyond Easy Pass requires a backcountry permit from North Cascades National Park before your trip.	8/2/16
Falls Creek Falls	Open, waterfalls are beautiful	8/2/16
Falls Creek Trail 518	Down trees not cleared from the trail. All but 1.5 miles at the north end of trail burned over in a 2014 wildfire.	8/2/16
Ferguson Lake 474A	Down trees on the trail.	8/2/16
	The trail is no longer maintained since a 2003 wildfire. Many down trees block the trail to stock. Difficult to follow the trail.	8/2/16
007	Down trees have been cleared from trail	8/2/16
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Foggy Dew Ridge Trail 438	The trail is cleared of down trees.	8/2/16
Fred's Lake Trail 474	Down trees were cleared from the trail.	8/2/16
Goat Peak Trail 457	Open.	8/2/16
Hidden Lakes 477	The trail has been cleared to Hidden Lakes. The trail from Big Hidden to Pasayten River has not been cleared of down trees for 5 years with many, many down trees in 2006 burn area	8/2/16
Holman Creek 472A	Trail conditions are unknown.	8/2/16
	Patchy snow on the trail at higher elevations. Down trees have not been cleared from the trail.	8/2/16
Larch Creek/Billy Goat Pass 502	The trail has been cleared.	8/2/16
	Trail has some passable scattered down trees and a shrinking patch of passable snow on Maple Pass. Camping is not allowed within 1/4 mile of the lakes or at the passes to help preserve the fragile alpine vegetation, as this is a very popular day hike area. A large area was replanted last year to restore the vegetation. Please stay on the trails.	8/2/16
Lake Creek Trail 500	Down trees were cut out of the trail to the northwest end of Black Lake. The trail is very boggy before the lake. The trail was burned over by a 2003 wildfire and is no longer maintained beyond Black Lake. Snags along the trail come down frequently. The trail to Black Lake is heavily used, and most visitors do not travel beyond it, there is limited camping in the Black Lake area.	8/2/16
Leecher Look-out Trail	The access road is the trail, the road mostly washed out, requiring a 2.5 mile hike on the remaining road to the lookout. Lightening Bill is staffing the Leecher Lookout.	8/2/16
Libby Creek 415	The trail has not been cleared of down trees, there are 76 trees on the trail.	8/2/16
Lightning Creek 425	Trail condition unknown.	8/2/16
Lookout Mountain Trail 412	The trail has areas of various sized down trees across it.	8/216
Lone Fir 535	The trail has many down trees. Work has been done clearing logs off the ADA trail, up to the 0.4 mile point, just before the junction. At that point a log across the trail will stop wheelchair access. Beyond the ADA portion of the trail, the loop has 50+ logs across the trail; some are on the secondary bridges. The main bridges over Early Winters Creek are in good condition, the upper one is still under construction. There are a few minor snow patches. This trail is very difficult for a novice hiker, especially the east side of the loop. Once across the first bridge over Early Winters Creek, at 0.4 mile, until the 1.1 mile point, there are numerous bridges and walkways that are damaged, rotting, and in the rain unsafe to walk on due to slickness. From that point on bridges are being replaced and in good condition.	8/2/16

Trail Name and Number	Current Status	Date
Louis Lake 428	The trail is open to the lake, down trees are cleared.	8/2/16
Martin Creek 429	Down trees have been cleared from the trail.	8/2/16
Middle Fork Beaver Creek 406	Open and cleared of down trees.	8/2/16
Monument Creek Trail 484	The trail is snow free, there are four logs across the trail, none over knee-high, no other obstacles to hikers. There are areas with lots of brush, in some areas the brush almost completely hides the trail. The old bridge, at 4 miles, across Eureka Creek is washed out. The trail north of the bridge site, at Eureka Creek, has not been maintained for 30 years. The non-maintained trail has many, many down trees and has areas with trail washouts making it impassable to stock and very difficult for hikers to follow.	8/2/16
North Fork 20 Mile Trail 560	The trail is very brushy and has 200 down trees across it. There are many wildflowers blooming in the beginning 1 to 2 miles, before it becomes very brushy. Some of this trail is forested but much of this trail burned over in a 2006 wildfire. Down trees on the trail could cause difficulty for stock.	8/2/16
North Creek 413	Down trees have been removed from the trail.	8/2/16
Oval Lakes 410A	150 down trees not cleared. The trail is brushy in places.	8/2/16
Pacific Crest Trail (Bridge Creek to Stehekin) 2000	The collapsed bridge over Bridge Creek about one mile south of Highway 20 was replaced with a foot log and a stock ford. Stock headed to Fireweed Stock Camp must ford Bridge Creek twice between Highway 20 and Fireweed Camp. This trail enters North Cascades National Park so camping beyond national forest boundary, about 2 miles south of Bridge Creek Trailhead, requires a backcountry permit from North Cascades National Park before your trip.	8/2/16
Pacific Crest Trail (Hwy 20 to Harts Pass) 2000	The trail was cleared of down trees. The trail in summer is impassable for stock from Granite Pass to Methow Pass as it is a very, very narrow trail and has many very large boulders on the trail just north of Granite Pass.	8/2/16
Pacific Crest Trail (Hart's Pass to Canada) Hikers from PCT to Canada need a Canadian entry permit, stamped and signed by a Canadian Border Services Agent.	Note: there is currently no legal way to enter the US from Canada on the PCT 2000. There is no Port of Entry at the Pacific Crest Trail northern terminus. US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) requires that U.S. citizens returning home from Canada by land or sea present one of the travel documents listed at a US Port of Entry: U.S. Passport, U.S. Passport Card, Enhanced Driver's License (EDL), Trusted Traveler Program Cards. This cannot be done at the international PCT crossing. The trail is cleared of down trees to Castle Pass to border is brushy with some blow downs.	8/2/16
Pearrygin Peak 526	The trail condition is unknown. Access road is blocked by mud and debris	8/2/16
Peepsight 525	The trail is no longer maintained. This trail burned over in 2003.	8/2/16
Rainy Lake Trail 310	Down trees have been cleared from the trail. Camping is not allowed within 1/4 mile of the lake to help preserve the fragile alpine vegetation, as this is a very popular day hike area.	8/2/16
Reynolds Creek 402	This trail was cleared of down trees to the wilderness boundary but the area beyond is no longer maintained.	8/2/16
Robinson Pass 478	The trail is cleared of down trees along Robinson Creek and along Middle Fork Pasayten River but the last mile of the trail is not passable to stock pack strings due to two bridges that are gone and a mudslide. The trail has a reroute across the Middle Fork Pasayten River to the Buckskin Ridge Trail #498 continuing north rejoining the 478 trail.	8/2/16
Rock Creek 473	This trail has two trail wash-outs, just east of the Pacific Crest Trail, which are not recommend for stock. The trail had many down trees blocking stock in <b>2015</b> .	8/2/16
Scatter Creek 427	Down trees have been cut out of the trail.	8/2/16
South Creek Trail 401	Down trees are not cleared beyond the wilderness boundary.  The trail has been cleared of down trees. This trail enters North Cascades National Park at South Pass so camping beyond South Pass requires a backcountry permit from North Cascades National Park before your trip.	8/2/16
Stub Creek/Deception Pass 458	The trail from Hidden Lakes was maintained for 2 miles in 2015. The trail beyond has not been maintained for many, many years	8/2/16
Sunrise Lake 417.2	The trail is open.	8/2/16
Tatoosh Buttes 485	Down trees were cleared on the east end of trail from Hidden Lakes to Tatoosh Buttes and down trees were cleared on the west end of trail but a new landslide blocks access to stock.	8/2/16
Tungsten 534	The trail is snow free with scattered down trees blocking stock; there is a boggy area near Cinch Creek. Down trees were cleared from trail in <b>2015</b> .	8/2/16
Twisp Pass Trail 432	The trail is cleared of down trees. This trail enters North Cascades National Park at Twisp Pass, camping beyond Twisp Pass requires a backcountry permit from North Cascades National Park before your trip.	8/2/16
Twisp River Trail 440	Down trees were cut and removed from the trail for 15 miles, from Buttermilk Sno- Park to Gilbert Trailhead.	8/2/16

Trail Name and Number	Current Status	Date
War Creek 408	Down trees have been remove from the trail. This trail enters North Cascades National Park at War Pass so camping beyond War Pass requires a backcountry permit from North Cascades National Park before your trip.	8/2/16
Washington Pass Overlook	The overlook trail is open. <u>Potable water is available in picnic areas.</u> The trailhead does NOT require a Northwest Forest Pass.	8/2/16
West Fork Buttermilk 411	Down trees are cleared from trail.	8/2/16
West Fork Methow Trail 480	This trail is impassable for stock and difficult for hikers in the area badly damaged by avalanche debris in 2013/2014, at 1.7 miles. The damaged portion of the trail needs major overhaul or relocation. The trail has not been cleared of down trees since 2012 so there are many, many, many scattered down trees throughout the old 2003 burn area (avoid this trail during windy weather). The trail has brushy areas, watch for rattlesnakes, ticks and moose.	8/2/16
West Fork Pasayten 472	Large snow patch blocks stock at the south end of the trail with many down trees on the trail making trail challenging for hikers and blocking stock.	8/2/16
Whistler Cutoff 575	There is patchy snow below Slate Pass.	8/2/16
Williams Creek 407	Down trees were cleared from the trail.	8/2/16
Wolf Creek Trail 527	Down trees were cleared from the first 6 miles of the trail, with many down trees remaining on the trail to South Fork.	8/2/16

### NACHES RANGER DISTRICT

The office phone number is (509) 653-1401.

<u>HALFWAY FIRE</u>: PLEASE STAY OUT OF THE HALFWAY FIRE AREA AND DO NOT PARK VEHICLES ALONG STATE ROUTE 410 TO WATCH FIREFIGHTING ACTIVITY.

BOULDER CAVE, BOULDER CAVE DAY USE SITE and TRAIL are CLOSED due to the

**Halfway Fire.** Contact Naches Ranger District for Halfway Fire information.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The Naches Ranger Station foyer is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week with handouts and forest information available to the public during non-office hours. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is closed daily for lunch from 12:00 to 12:30. No permit sales after 4 p.m.

**MOTORIZED TRAILS:** All motorized trails are now open. Passenger cars/truck vehicles are allowed on Forest Service roads only, use of ATV's, UTV's or any other off road vehicle is prohibited on Forest Service roads.

Before leaving home, always leave a detailed written trip itinerary with a responsible family member or friend. Washington Trails Association web site (<a href="www.wta.org">www.wta.org</a>) is also an excellent site for obtaining updates on current trail conditions.

**WILDERNESS TRAILS:** There is still snow in the higher elevation areas in the forest, making access to hiking on the wilderness trails difficult. Be prepared for winter-like conditions while visiting any high elevation area of the forest. Crow Lake Way Trail is closed until further notice due to extensive flood damage. It will be slow clearing out wilderness trails this year because of all the blowdown trees that have fallen across the trails due to wind storms and heavy snow last winter. Be prepared to encounter numerous trees blown down across trails. Mosquitoes are out and very hungry.

- 8/01/16 Cougar Valley Trail No. 951 is in good condition. All the trees have been cleared from Raven Roost trailhead to Crow Creek/Sheepherder trail junction. Mosquitoes are very bad in this area so bring repellent.
- 8/01/16 Raven Roost Trail No. 951A has been cleared from the trail junction to the Basin Lake Trail. There are some step over trees across the trail but nothing stock can't handle. Also, Trail No. 953 has been cleared to Sheepherder Lake but not past the lake. There are some slippery logs when crossing the creek. Use Caution. Bees are out and busier than ever.
- 7/25/16 Surprise Lake Loop Trail No. 1120 is cleared all the way through with some sections that are
  rutted out but are passable for stock. No snow on the trail with some places that are brushy, but for the
  most part the trail is in good condition. Water levels are low and crossings are all passable. Mosquitoes
  are out but aren't too bad. Wildflowers are blooming and are beautiful, keep your eyes out for the Glacier
  Lilies.
- 7/28/16 Mt. Aix Trail No. 982 is in good condition, there are about 10 trees down but passable by foot (a struggle with stock). Streams flowing well, water accessible until about 2 to 3 miles from the top. No mosquitoes until you reach the top. Some steep side slopes with the trail slightly more difficult to cross, pay attention and use caution in these sections of the trail.
- 7/18/16 Pacific Crest Trail No. 2000 from Chinook Pass to Dewey Lake Trail No. 968, snow is present, the trail is clear and open except for one tree down just before the lake. As of 7/18 snow fields were still present along the first couple miles until you reach the saddle that descends down to Dewey Lake. Snow was still present along the Pacific Crest Trail for the first couple miles, which could be hazardous. Use caution when crossing since snow could be thin over water crossings/drainages. No fires within a half mile of Big and Little Dewey Lakes. Mosquitoes are out.
- 7/18/16 **Dark Meadows Trail No. 1107**, no snow and cleared of logs. There is a large mud hole at the beginning of the trail, you can go around it but is still very muddy.
- 7/18/16 Indian Creek Trail No. 1105 is clear of logs from Deep Creek trailhead to the junction of Pear Lake Trail.
- 7/18/16 Sand Ridge Trail No. 1104 is clear of logs from Sand Ridge trailhead on U.S. Highway 12 to the McAllister junction. There are two large pools of water on the trail between the first junction and the McAllister junction.
- 7/11/16 **South Fork Tieton Trail No. 1120** to Surprise Lake, no snow, clear of trees to the lake, clear about 1.5 miles after continuing on the loop. Lots of trees are down from there to about one mile to the junction. Deep rutting about ¾ mile up the right side of the junction. Several water crossings, streams flowing, bridge a half mile from the trailhead is passable but very hazardous. Pay attention when crossing the first bridge.
- 7/11/16 Cramer Lake No. 1106 and Dumbbell Lake No. 1156, no snow, trail is logged out from Dog Lake Trailhead to Dumbbell Lake. Clear and passable to stock users. The trail is passable to the Pacific Crest Trail. One water crossing about 1½ miles from the trailhead. Creek is about 6 to 8 inches deep. Mosquitoes are bad.
- 7/11/16 Pacific Crest Trail No. 2000 from White Pass to Dumbbell Lake Trail junction--no snow, around 15 trees down over the trail, but trees were limbed so stock and hikers can pass. Use Caution. A few large trees are down with user routes going around them. Pay attention – the bridge has missing boards just north of Deer Lake. Mosquitoes are out.
- 7/07/16 Burnt Mountain Trail No. 1140, trees are cleared off the trail to Shellrock Peak.
- 7/04/16 Twin Sister Lakes Trail No. 980 and No. 1104 to Blankenship Meadows, very little snow, trail is cleared of logs and passable to stock from Deep Creek Trailhead to Pacific Crest Trail. Access to Blankenship Meadows via Round Lake Trail. Steep downhill on the way to Round Lake from Twin Sisters. Mosquitoes at Little Twin Sisters Lake.
- 7/01/16 **North Fork Tieton Trail No. 1118,** no snow, some down trees, small water crossings that you can rock hop over, mosquitoes and flies, expect trees down, some large and potentially problematic for stock, one very large tree that is difficult to get around because of the slopes around the trail.

**BUMPING LAKE BOAT LAUNCH** is open. The boat dock was found floating in the middle of the lake and has since been brought back to the launch area.

<u>CAMPGROUNDS</u>: Halfway Flat and Sawmill Flat campgrounds are CLOSED until further notice because of the Halfway Fire. The rest of the Naches Ranger District campgrounds are open including Soda Springs, which is a first come, first serve campground this year with only 20 sites available. Hause Creek Campground is closed due to water and sanitation issues.

Campgrounds that accept reservations are now taking reservations for the summer season on <a href="https://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a>. Campers may reserve sites up to six months before their planned stay date.

CAMPGROUND HOSTS NEEDED: The Naches Ranger District is seeking campground hosts to work in local campgrounds during the 2016 camping season, usually May through September. To apply, please contact Kevin Hill at the Naches Ranger District office; his phone number is 509-653-1436 and his email is <a href="mailto:kehill@fs.fed.us">kehill@fs.fed.us</a>.

**GROUP RESERVATION SITES:** American Ridge Lodge and American River Guard Station group reservation sites are open year-round. Other group sites are officially open as well. Reservations for group camp sites need to be made through the National Recreation Reservation Service by calling their toll free number 877-444-6777 or by going online to their web site at <a href="https://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a>.

Area	Group Reservation Sites	Daily Fee	Registration Fee
Chinook Pass	American Ridge Lodge - Open	\$100	\$10
State Route 410	American River Guard Station - Open	\$ 50	\$10
	Indian Flat - Open	\$100	\$10
	Kaner Flat - Open	\$ 60	\$10
	Pine Needle - Open	\$ 50	\$10
	Salmon Cove - Open	\$ 50	\$10
White Pass U.S. Highway 12	Clear Lake/North Group Site - Open	\$ 60	\$10
	South Fork - Open	\$ 60	\$10

#### **CLEAR LAKE DAY USE SITE** is open.

**WOODCUTTING:** Woodcutting permits are available for purchase at the Naches Ranger Station. **ROADS:** South Fork Tieton Road No. 1000 is open with temporary road repairs. State Route 410 over Chinook Pass is open. U.S. Highway 12 is open to traffic. Washington State Department of Transportation has a traffic light that is directing traffic through a single lane near the repaired areas both east and west of White Pass. Drivers can expect delays at the signals.

Please check with the Washington State Department of Transportation for more up to date information on mountain pass road conditions. The most current updates on mountain pass conditions are available at <a href="http://www.Wsdot.com/traffic/passes">http://www.Wsdot.com/traffic/passes</a>.

#### BE AWARE -- DAMAGED ROADS THAT REMAIN CLOSED:

Road Name and Number	Damaged Roads that are CLOSED	
FS Road No. 1040 (Bear Creek area)	Closed due to road damage from a washout.	
Wildcat Road No. 1306	<b>Closed</b> to all motorized traffic because of a 30 foot slump in the road and a large culvert that is eroded and damaged.	
Indian Creek Road No. 1308	Closed due to flood waters and large debris that washed out and blocked the last portion of the road to the trailhead.	
Little Rattlesnake Road No. 1501	The road has been decommissioned 5.1 miles from the junction of Forest Road 1500/1501 to the junction of Forest Road 1501/1503.	
McDaniel Road No. 1502	Closed to all traffic due to bridge damage and road washout.	
Gold Creek Road No. 1703	The road has been decommissioned from Milepost 2.0 to 2.1. Areas below the decommissioned area can be accessed via Forest Road 1703. Areas above the decommissioned area can be accessed via Forest Road No. 1705. The road is open to trail users and snowmobiles.	

**TRAVEL ESSENTIALS:** Always be prepared for any kind of weather and/or road conditions. Bring extra clothes, food and water, map, compass and/or GPS, matches, fire starter, pocketknife, first aid kit, sunglasses, flashlight, and extra batteries. Please have extra blankets, a shovel, flares, tire chains, basic tools, and toilet paper in your vehicle.

## TONASKET RANGER DISTRICT

The office phone number is (509) 486-2186.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a 30-minute closure for lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

<u>WOODCUTTING PERMITS</u> are available to purchase at the Tonasket Ranger District office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They are also available at **The Tonasket Junction**, **North 40** in Omak, and **The Conconully Store**, during normal business hours and on weekends. **These permits may only be used for cutting firewood on the Tonasket Ranger District.** Woodcutting permits are non-refundable, please review the updated Firewood Removal Guide Map, for more information.

As summer progresses and wildfire season approaches, be prepared for changing Industrial Fire Precaution Levels. These levels can be viewed at your own leisure on our website at <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/okawen/alertsnotices/?cid=fsbdev3\_053603">http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/okawen/alertsnotices/?cid=fsbdev3\_053603</a> or you can call the Tonasket Ranger District for information on current conditions.

**CAMPGROUNDS**: All district campgrounds are now open! At this time, only Bonaparte, Lost Lake, and Beth Lake Campgrounds have water services.

The group sites at Lost Lake Campground and Bonaparte Lake South Loup are now available for reservation. Go online at <a href="www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> or call 877-444-6777 for reservations. All other campsites on the Tonasket District are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**ROAD CLOSURES:** Road No. 4200 is closed past Road 300. It is closed due to hazards resulting from the Okanogan Complex Fires. Go to the forest interactive closure map at <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/okawen/alerts-notices/?aid=30418">http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/okawen/alerts-notices/?aid=30418</a> for closure locations. Please call 509-486-2186 for more information or visit our website <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/okawen/home">http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/okawen/home</a>.

**ROADS:** Please exercise caution when traveling on narrow forest roads. Call the Tonasket Ranger District office for road condition information or visit Washington State Department of Transportation's website <a href="https://www.wsdot.wa.gov">www.wsdot.wa.gov</a>. Be sure to look at the free Okanogan National Forest Travel Plan Map for more information (available at national forest offices or online at <a href="http://go.usa.gov/64Kk">http://go.usa.gov/64Kk</a>). Some closures are year round and this Travel Plan Map can help you know where you can go.

Road Number and Name	Condition
3200 Bonaparte Lake to Beaver Lake	Open
3200-050 Strawberry Mountain	Open
3230 Henderson Creek/Mill Creek	Open
3235 Phoebe Mountain (Burge Mtn.)	Open
3300 Meyers Creek and 3300-100 Spur	Onen
Mountain Road to Lost Lake	Open
34 Four Corners to Chesaw	Open
30 Aeneas/Crawfish	Open
3000	Open
3000-200 Aeneas Valley to Tunk Mtn.	Open
3000-285	Open
3000-290	Open
3000-100 Dugout Mountain Road	Open
3000-100 Barnell Meadow	Open
3115-100 West Fork Sanpoil Road	Open
3120 Coco Mt Road	Open
3125 Gardner Creek Road	Open
3575-120 Cow Camp Road	Open
37 Middle Salmon-Boulder Creek to 3700 West Fork	Open
3800 North Fork Salmon Creek	Open
3800-025 Ray Road/Muckamuck	Open
3810	Open
3820 Lone Frank Pass	Open
39 Toats Coulee to Long Swamp	Open
3900-100 14 Mile	Open
3900-500 Iron Gate	Open
4200 southwest of Conconully	Closed- Fire area closure, hazard trees.

**TRAILS:** All trails are now open. Be aware though, there may be trees across trails. We anticipate more trails to be maintained throughout August. Some trails in the Pasayten Wilderness have patchy snow or snowy conditions, depending upon elevation. There may be new snowfall at high elevations due to predicted rain storms this week.

No trail clearing is occurring in the Pasayten Wilderness at this time; expect delays due to the overwhelming amount of tree and tree limb breakage due to wind damage and winter snow load.

A portion of the Pacific Northwest Trail No. 340 is closed until further notice due to Newby Lake Fire damage. This trail is in the extreme northeast corner of the Pasayten Wilderness. Please call 509-486-2186 for more information. Go to the forest website at <a href="http://go.usa.gov/8fKA">http://go.usa.gov/8fKA</a> for a complete list of trails and directions.

Trail Name and Number	Current Status
Antoine #304	Open and maintained.
Beth Lake #316	Open and maintained.
Big Tree #311	Open and maintained.
Bonaparte #306	Open and maintained.
<u>Cabin</u> #303	Open and maintained.
4th of July #307	Open and maintained.
Pipsissewa #383	Open and maintained.
Southside #308	Open and maintained.
Strawberry #309	Open and maintained.
Angel Pass #344	Open
Basin Creek #360	Open
Bernhardt Mine #367	Open
Bottle Spring #398	Open
Clark Ridge #363	Open and maintained.
Freezeout Ridge #345	Open and maintained.
Golden Stairway #354	Open
Granite Mountain #355	Open
Muckamuck #346	Open
Mutton Ridge #365	Open
North Summit #369	Open
Schalow #361	Open
Shrew Creek #321	Open and maintained.
Smarty Creek #371	Open
Sugarloaf #384	Open
Tiffany Lake #373	Open; maintained
Tunnel #353	Open
Fir Mountain #320	Open and maintained.
Albert Camp #375	Open and maintained.
Boundary #533	Open and maintained.
Cathedral #510.1	Open and maintained.
Clutch Creek #343	Open
Deer Park #341	Open and maintained.
Long Draw #340	This trail is closed due to the Newby Fire. The Pacific Northwest Trail reroute begins at DNR Cold Springs Campground, south on DNR road 1000 to FS trailhead at Fourteen Mile, then west up the Albert Camp Trail No. 375 to Boundary Trail No. 533.
Middle Fork #387	Open and maintained.
Smith Lake #361	Open and maintained.
Windy Creek #362	Open and maintained.
Windy Peak #342	Open
Bannon ATV Trails	Open

## WENATCHEE RIVER RANGER DISTRICT

The office phone number is (509) 548-2550.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. <u>Monday through Saturday</u> during the Enchantment permitting season.

**NO THROUGH ACCESS ALLOWED AT LEAVENWORTH RANGER STATION**: There is no public access through the ranger station compound, all gates are locked because of safety issues and vandalism.

**BUCK CREEK FIRE CLOSURES:** The Buck Creek Fire, burning in the Glacier Peak Wilderness 20 miles northwest of Leavenworth, is now 150 acres in size. Buck Creek Trail No. 1513, Chiwawa River Trail No. 1550, Phelps Creek Trail No. 1511, Carne Mountain Trail No. 1508, and Phelps Creek Campground are closed due to the Buck Creek Fire. Forest Road No. 6200 is closed immediately north of Alpine Meadows Campground. Leroy Basin is accessible from the Rock Creek Trailhead.

**WEATHER:** Go to <u>www.NOAA.gov</u> for current weather conditions; use zip code **98826** for conditions in the Leavenworth and Lake Wenatchee areas. Remember, weather conditions can change rapidly.

<u>CAMPGROUNDS</u>: All campgrounds in the Icicle River drainage, except for Chatter Creek Campground, are now open. Chatter Creek Campground will remained closed until further notice due to hazard trees caused by root rot.

Please do not camp in any closed campgrounds or closed campsites due to extensive hazard trees in these areas. Forest Service employees are working hard to identify and remove these hazards as soon as possible.

- Please do not park vehicles in front of locked gates at campground entrances.
- Check road conditions before traveling, some roads leading to these sites suffered storm damage.

Campground Name	Status	Fees
Tumwater	CLOSED due to flood hazard potential. No camping permitted.	
Eightmile	Open with some reservation sites available (see *on page 27)	\$20/night (extra vehicle \$12/night)
Bridge Creek	Open	\$17/night (extra vehicle \$10/night)
Upper Johnny	Open	\$17/night (extra vehicle \$10/night)
Lower Johnny	Open	\$20/night (extra vehicle \$12/night)
Ida Creek	Open	\$17/night (extra vehicle \$10/night)
Chatter Creek	<b>CLOSED</b> for the season, no camping permitted.	
Rock Island	Open	\$16/night (extra vehicle \$9/night)
Blackpine Horse Camp	Open	\$15/night (extra vehicle \$8/night)
Nason Creek	Open	\$21/night (extra vehicle \$12/night)
Glacier View	Open	\$16/night (extra vehicle \$9/night; boat launch \$7)
Goose Creek	Open	\$13/night (extra vehicle \$8/night)
Grouse Creek Group Camp	Open	\$50 make reservations through www.recreatiopn.gov or call 877-444-6777
Finner Creek	Open	\$13/night (extra vehicle \$8/night)
Riverbend	Open	\$13/night (extra vehicle \$8/night)
Rock Creek	Open	\$13/night (extra vehicle \$8/night)
Chiwawa Horse Camp	Open	\$13/night (extra vehicle \$8/night)

Campground Name	Status	Fees
Schaefer Creek	Open	\$13/night (extra vehicle \$8/night)
Atkinson Flat	Open	\$13/night (extra vehicle \$8/night)
19 mile	Open	\$13/night (extra vehicle \$8/night)
Alpine Meadows	Open	\$13/night (extra vehicle \$8/night)
Phelps Creek	CLOSED DUE TO THE BUCK	
	CREEK FIRE	
Phelps Creek Equestrian	Open	\$13/night (extra vehicle \$8/night)
Soda Springs	Open for day use only	No overnight camping allowed until hazard trees
Soda Springs		can be assessed and treated.
Lake Creek	Open	No fee
Rainy Creek	Open	No fee

<sup>\* &</sup>lt;u>CAMPGROUND RESERVATION SITES:</u> To reserve one of the large group sites at Eightmile, Bridge Creek and Grouse Creek Campgrounds, or campsites at Eightmile Campground, please call the National Reservation line at 1-877-444-6777 or via the Internet at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance **but cannot be made less than seven days from the stay date**.

**ROADS:** The gate is open on the road at Bridge Creek which leads to the Eightmile and Colchuck/Stuart Lake trailheads.

- The White River Road is washed out and is impassable to vehicles.
- The Little Wenatchee Road is open, there are areas of road damage so proceeded with caution and use good judgement as road conditions can change rapidly.

As roads are melting out we are finding extensive damage from intense fall rains and winter storms. Some areas normally accessible this time of year will not be due to road damage. We appreciate your patience as we deal with these issues and try to get areas open as soon as possible.

Road Name	Road No.	Status
Beehive	9712	The gate is open.
Upper Devil's Gulch Gate	9712	The gate is open.
No. 2 Canyon		The gate is open.
Mission Creek	7100	The road is open to the junction with Road No. 7101.
Shaser Creek	7322	The <b>road has washed out</b> . There is no entry at this time.
Icicle	7600	Icicle Road is open to the end of the roadway.
Derby Canyon	7400-7401	The gate is closed at Derby Canyon Road No. 7400. Road No. 7401 will remain open approximately 1.5 miles.
Chiwawa Road	Road 6200	<b>CLOSED</b> immediately north of Alpine Meadows Campground due to the Buck Creek Fire.
	6211	Phelps Creek Road is open.
System	6300	Meadow Creek Road is open to the junction with Road 6306.
Little Wenatchee	6500	Open and drivable to the end, watch for damaged areas. Soda Springs and Lake Creek Campgrounds are flagged off and signed no overnight camping allowed until hazard trees can be assessed and treated.
White River	6400	The road is open up to Tall Timbers Ranch. The road has major damage and washouts above there. No estimate for reopening at this time.

Note: Please do not park vehicles in front of any gates whether they are open or closed!

**TRAILS:** Good resources to check for recent postings and conditions from fellow hikers are <a href="https://www.NWHikers.net">www.NWHikers.net</a>, <a href="https://www.WTA.org">www.WTA.org</a> and <a href="https://www.Cascadeclimbers.com">www.Cascadeclimbers.com</a>.

Trail Name	Trail No.	Status
		(Logged out means that trees and other large debris has been removed from the trails)
Boulder Pass	1562	Logged out to Boulder Pass.
Buck Creek	1513	Closed due to the Buck Creek Fire.
Carne Mountain	1508	Closed due to the Buck Creek Fire.
Chiwawa River	1550	Closed due to the Buck Creek Fire.
Chatter Creek	1580	Self-registration wilderness permits are available at the trailhead. Not yet logged out this season.
Chiwaukum	1571	Open, no dispersed camping allowed in the trailhead area. The trail has not yet been logged out this season.
Devils Gulch	1220	Landslides may be possible. Logged out.
Eightmile	1552	Logged out to the lake. Self-registration wilderness permits are available at the trailhead.
Fourth of July	1579	Not logged yet this season. Wilderness permits are available at the trailhead.
French Creek	1595	Logged out to Klonaqua Lake.
Frosty/ Wildhorse	1592	Not yet logged out this season, expect to encounter some brushy conditions.
Hatchery Creek	1577	The road is now open. Trail not yet logged out this season. Self-registration wilderness permits are available at the trailhead.
Heather Lake	1526	Expect a few logs over the trail.
Icicle Creek	1551	Logged out, expect brushy conditions. Self-registration wilderness permits are available at the trailhead.
Icicle Gorge	1569	Logged out.
Ingalls Creek	1215	Logged out for 3.5 miles, snow free for approximately 6 miles.
Indian Creek	1502	Logged out.
Jack Creek /Trout Lake	1558	Wilderness self-registration permits are available at the trailhead. Logged out to Meadow Camp.
Little Wenatchee	1525	Not yet logged out this season. Expect to encounter trees and other debris on the trail.
Lower Chiwawa	1548	Logged out.
Minnow Ridge	1524	Logged out.
Minotaur Lake	1517	Not yet logged out this season. Expect to encounter trees and other debris on the trail.
Mission Ridge	1201	Logged out.
Nason Ridge	1583	Logged out.
Pacific Crest Trail	2000	Logged out from Stevens Pass to White Pass.
Phelps Creek	1511	Closed due to the Buck Creek Fire.
Rock Mountain	1587	Logged out.
Smithbrook	1590	Expect snow patches on the Pacific Crest Trail.
Snow Lakes	1553	The trailhead is accessible but the trail is not yet logged out. The trail is snow free above Snow Lake. Self-registration wilderness permits are available at the trailhead.
Stuart & Colchuck	1599/ 1599A	Expect snow in the Enchantment Core. The trail is snow free to Colchuck and snow free to Stuart Lakes. Above Colchuck, expect snowpack and route finding skills are essential. An avalanche occurred recently on Colchuck glacier; please be careful in this area. Self-registration wilderness permits are available at the trailhead.
Top Lake	1506	Not yet logged out this season. Expect to encounter trees and other debris on the trail.
White Pine	1582	Not yet logged out this season. Expect to encounter trees and other debris on the trail.
White River	1507	Logged out to the junction with Boulder Pass Trail No. 1562

**ENCHANTMENT PERMITS: NEW!** To protect the Enchantments area from overuse, the Wenatchee

River Ranger District has expanded its limited entry overnight permit season for the entire Enchantment Permit Area within the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Permits for overnight stays will be required from **May 15 through October 31**. Remember, when purchasing permits online you must list your alternate group leaders, **this will be your only opportunity to do so.** Four parking passes are provided with each awarded overnight permit. Wilderness party size is limited to eight and no overnight camping in excess of 14 days is allowed. Permits can be printed from your computer two weeks prior to your hike, no changes to existing permit can be made once permits are printed.

For more information please go to the *Enchantments Permits webpage*.

Wilderness self-registration day hiking permits are still required and available at Alpine Lakes Wilderness trailheads. A Northwest Forest Pass for your vehicle is required at trailheads accessing the Enchantments; these passes are available at Enchantment trailheads, at many businesses in Leavenworth, and at the Wenatchee River Ranger Station. *Be prepared for all types of weather conditions.* 

**RECREATION PASSES** are required at the following trailheads on the Wenatchee River Ranger District.

This list includes only the trailhead names and does not show each individual trail.

Alder Ridge
Basalt Ridge
Buck Creek (Trinity)
Blackpine
Chiwaukum Creek
Devil's Gulch (Lower)
Dirtyface
Eightmile
Estes Butte

Heather Lake
Hidden Lake
Ingalls Creek
Icicle Creek
Icicle Gorge
Jack/Trout
Little Wenatchee
Lower Chiwawa
Nason Ridge

Red Hill Rock Creek Round Mountain Snow Lakes Stuart Lake Twin Lakes White River

Recreation day use passes cost \$5 per vehicle per day or \$30 for an annual **Northwest Forest Pass.**Passes are available locally at the Wenatchee River Ranger District office, Dan's Market, Leavenworth 76 gas stations on Highway 2 and at Icicle Junction, Der Sportsman, Sleeping Lady Gift Shop, and Pioneer Market in Cashmere. In the Lake Wenatchee area, passes are available Midway Village, Parkside Grocery and Plain Hardware. Interagency Passes are also honored at trailheads and available for purchase at all Ranger Districts.

