

# Deschutes National Forest

## Summer Trail Access and Conditions Update

**KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!**

Updated June 30, 2017

July Fourth Report!



Trails near snow lines (approx. 6,000-7,000') are likely muddy. Please avoid using muddy trails as early season use causes erosion and tread damage. Higher elevation trails under patchy, sectional to near solid snow. 70% of PCT under snow.



Trail clearing in progress on snow free trails with approx. 50-60% of trails are cleared of down trees.

### Summer Trail Highlights

- Summer season high use at recreation sites and trails.
- Fire season in effect. Possessing or discharging of fireworks prohibited on National Forest Lands.
- Summer trails below 5,800' elevation are mostly snow free and accessible. Trail clearing (mostly volunteers) in progress on lower/mid elevation trails. Snow lines are rising to 6,000-7-,200 ft. Please avoid using muddy trails. 60-70% of Wilderness trails are blocked by snow! Wilderness permits required.
- Biking prohibited in Wilderness!
- Be aware of weekday (M-F) trail, road and area closures for logging operations, south and west of Cascade Lks Welcome Station.
- May 15-Sept 15, dog leash requirement in effect on Deschutes River Trails.
- Northwest Forest Passes required at various trailheads and day use sites.
- Cascade Lakes Welcome Station and Lava Lands are open 7 days/wk. NW Forest Passes available.
- Hwy 46 open but June 19-October 31 bridge related construction at Fall Creek and Goose Creek (Sparks Lk area) will have delays.
- Cultus Lk and Soda Creek campgrounds are closed until further notice.
- Go prepared with your Ten Essential Systems.

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## GENERAL SUMMER TRAIL CONDITIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2017:

Most Deschutes National Forest non-Wilderness summer trails below 6,000' elevation are snow free and accessible. Most Wilderness trails above 5,800'-6,000' are **BLOCKED BY SNOW!** Patchy snow may be found below these elevations. Depending on distance from Cascade Crest, snow lines vary from 6000' just east of the Crest to 7,000' (patchy/sectional) in Newberry Caldera. The section of Pacific Crest Trail from Mt. Jefferson south to Mt. Thielsen is approximately 70% under sectional to solid snow and possibly up to 6' deep in some drifted areas.

**EXPECT DELAYED SEASON ACCESS!** Wilderness trails in the Green Lakes and South Sister area may yet be under 6+ ft. of snow. General snow free access to Wilderness trails is not expected to be available until possibly into late July-August for higher elevations (Green Lks) and much of the South Sister Climbers Trail. Logging out (tree clearing) of these trails does not occur until the trail is snow free. Plan accordingly for any backcountry Wilderness day or overnight hikes and stock rides. **This will be a delayed season for backcountry and Wilderness access.**

## DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST SUMMER TRAILHEADS/TRAILS:

### **Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District summer trails/access:**

- ❖ **Phils TH** - Good trail access with most trail in good condition. Be aware of trail obliteration/closure of user created trail from road 4610 west for approx.. 2 miles. A new section of Kent's Trail begins is in place. Be aware of closed trails Mon-Fri (COD between Junctions 21 and 32 and Grand Slam Trail), roads and area closures due to West Bend logging activities. All logging is finished along the Deschutes River Trails with trails open. For more information on COTA, who they are, what they do and how you can help, go to: <http://cotamtb.com/>
- ❖ **Tumalo Falls Trailhead** - Road to trailhead now open for the season. Trail to overlook and just beyond snow free for first 1½ mile of trail then increasing to a few feet of snow on the North Fork Trail. Bridge Creek, North and South Fork Trails likely blocked by snow until late June-mid-July. North Fork is normally open to uphill biker traffic only...when snow and down tree free to Happy Valley so bikers are not forced to turn around and ride back down the North Fork. Please park your bike at Tumalo Falls Trailhead area and hike up to upper overlook and beyond. Be aware that Bridge Creek Tr is thru the Bend Municipal Watershed and open only to day hikers. Stock, dog, bikes and camping are

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prohibited from entering the BMW. Farewell/Mrazek Trails - likely in good condition downhill to Shevlin Park. Higher elevations snow/down trees likely.

Be aware that due to very limited parking and high use, there is a 27' vehicle length limit at TH. Even then, the parking area fills early and can often remain at overflow capacity on busy days; good chance you will have to park along the road  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile or more from the trailhead. Please pay close attention to "NO PARKING" signs on one side of the entrance road. An "overflow parking" area may be opening in the near future and it will be  $\frac{3}{8}$  mile below the main trailhead parking area. A new short connecting trail is in place now on the north side of road; so you don't have to hike on the roadway from overflow to Tumalo Falls Trailhead.

- ❖ **Deschutes River Trailheads/Trails** -River trails are in good condition and cleared of down trees from Rimrock Trailhead to Sunriver. **May 15 thru Sept. 15, dogs are required to be on leash along Deschutes River Trails.** Northwest Forest Passes are required for parking in posted NWFP locations. Iron Ranger fee stations are available at: Meadow Picnic, Road 41 and Hwy 46 junction, Benham East and Lava Lands "After Hours Parking Lot" (Black Rock TH).
- ❖ **Sun Lava Paved Path** between Sunriver, Benham East and Lava Lands (Trailhead accesses south end of Lava Lands parking, Benham East or Circle 7 of Sunriver). Paved path in good condition, heavy use on weekends.
- ❖ **Lava Lands Trails - Lava Lands trails are accessible.** Lava Lands interpretive trails and the trail on Lava Butte are open. Lava Lands summer schedule, 7 days/wk, 9-5 now in effect.
- ❖ **New Rimrock Trailhead** - Previously known as "Good Dog Trailhead", is open and accessible with DRT access trail in good condition. Please cleanup after your pet. Located at MP 5 on Hwy 46, between Entrada Lodge and Widgee Creek. NWFP not required.
- ❖ **Tumalo Creek 2 Trail** - Hiker only, possibly some down trees on trail.
- ❖ **Wanoga Mt. Bike Trails** - Snow free but may have a few down trees.
- ❖ **Swampy Lake Trails** - mostly snow free with some down trees on trails. Flagline trail closed until August 15 for elk calving.
- ❖ **Tumalo Mt. Trail** - Hiker only, patchy to sectional snow, may have light blowdown.

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- ❖ **Todd Lake Trailhead** Road 370 access now open from Hwy 46 to Todd Lake Trailhead parking; closed and gated beyond. Todd Lake basin is under 60% snow, lake is ice free. Road 370 beyond the parking area to Road 4601 gate is blocked by snow and down trees and closed to motor vehicles until possibly into August. This includes access to road 380 which provides vehicle access to the Broken Top Trailhead. Please pay close attention to the new "NO PARKING" zones along the entrance road. These sections of roadway must remain fully accessible to avoid traffic hazards and permit larger emergency vehicle access. Parking area fills early!
- ❖ **Todd Creek Horse Camp** - Open with patchy snow.
- ❖ **Sparks Lake Trailhead** - Snow free and accessible. Down trees on trails.
- ❖ **Ray Atkison Trailhead and Sparks Lake boat ramp** - Snow free and accessible, down trees on trails. Parking area fills early on weekends and busy on weekdays.
- ❖ **Green Lakes/Soda Creek Trailhead** - TH snow free but patchy to solid snow begins approx. 1 mile from TH. Lakes still iced over on June 25. Hwy 46 bridge reconstruction over Fall Creek begins June 19, expect traffic delays thru October. Very heavy use.
- ❖ **Devils Lake/South Sister Trailhead** - Snow free and accessible with snow beginning 1 mile up the Climbers Trail and mostly snow covered to summit. Hwy 46 bridge reconstruction over Fall Creek begins June 19, expect traffic delays thru October. Very heavy use.
- ❖ **Quinn Meadow Horse Camp area trails** - Camp snow free. Nearby trails mostly snow free but increasing snow to higher elevations. Trail clearing in progress. Hwy 46 bridge reconstruction over Fall Creek begins June 19, expect traffic delays thru October.
- ❖ **Metolius-Windigo Trail** Most trail segments to 6,000' elevation are snow free and some trail clearing in progress with elevations above 6,000' blocked by snow.
- ❖ **Cultus Lake and Winopee Lk TH** - Trailhead snow free but closed until approx. July 19 for hazard tree removal with trail cleared of blowdown to Teddy Lakes junction. Expect patchy to increasing snow and down trees beyond. Additional closures around Cultus Lk campground and day use area in place until further notice.
- ❖ **Lemish Lake TH** - Unknown access but may be blocked by snow.
- ❖ **Charlton Lake TH** - Accessible with possible patchy snow and trees across trails.
- ❖ **Osprey Point TH** - snow free with parking access but trails have moderate blowdown.

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- ❖ **Fall River Trail** - Snow free and may have trees across trail.
- ❖ **South/North Twin Lakes area trails** - Snow free and trails mostly cleared.
- ❖ **Horse Butte to Swamp Wells area trails** - Trails out of Horse Butte TH are firm and in good condition to Swamp Wells horse camp with a few down trees possible on trails.
- ❖ **Newberry Caldera trails** - Road 21 into Newberry Caldera is plowed and open with snow patches in caldera floor and sectional to increasing snow on higher elevation trails. Paulina Peak road is closed due to snow.
- ❖ **Peter Skene Ogden Trail** - Snow free and cleared of trees.
- ❖ **Lava Cast Forest Trailhead** - snow free and accessible with parking and trail in good condition. NWFP required!
- ❖ **Hoffman Island Trailhead** - Accessible, snow free and clear of down trees.
- ❖ **Pacific Crest Trail** - Most area access trailheads to PCT are now snow free and accessible. Approximately 60-70% of the PCT on Deschutes and Willamette NF is currently under approx. 10-70" of snow. See PCT notes below under Wilderness Trails. <http://www.pcta.org/>
- ❖ **Wilderness Trails** - 60-70% of Deschutes National Forest Wilderness trails are currently inaccessible due to snow. Trailheads yet blocked by snow include: Broken Top and Many Lakes/Irish-Taylor. Higher elevation, snow free trail access will be later than average years! Above average winter snowfall and colder spring temperatures at higher elevations will likely set back higher elevation snow free access along the PCT from Diamond Peak to Mt. Jefferson into possibly early August. Clearing of down trees will also be weeks behind average schedule. Hiking over these snow covered trails during early summer will be difficult and likely result in "postholing" and losing the trail in many cases.

**Schedule your Wilderness trips accordingly!**

**See Special Wilderness trail section below for more details!**

### **Sisters Ranger District summer trails/access:**

- ❖ **Black Butte Trail** - TH and trail is snow free. There may be a down tree or two but passible. NWFP required at TH.

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- ❖ **Metolius River Trails** - Overall trail access is good with just a few down trees possible. Campground and day use sites now open.
- ❖ **Suttle Lake Trail** - snow free and cleared of down trees.
- ❖ **Lake Creek Trail** - snow free and mostly cleared of down trees.
- ❖ **Whychus Creek** -Trailhead (6 vehicle capacity) and lower end of canyon trail is in good condition. **Please, stay on the main designated trail and avoid using posted and closed social trails in restoration sections.**
- ❖ **Whychus Overlook Trail** (barrier free, closed to stock and bikes) - Trailhead and trail are in good condition. Please stay on designated trails. Expect high use over coming weeks with limited parking available.
- ❖ **Peterson Ridge Trails** out of Sisters town are snow free and most trails cleared of down trees.
- ❖ **Metolius-Windigo Trail** - SEE DETAILS IN BEND/FORT ROCK RANGER DISTRICT SECTION ABOVE!
- ❖ **PCT** - SEE DETAILS IN BEND/FORT ROCK RANGER DISTRICT SECTION ABOVE!
- ❖ **Horse trails out of Sheep Springs Horse Camp** - Snow free and accessible with trail brushing/clearing in progress.
- ❖ **Head of Jack Creek Trail** - Snow free and cleared of down trees.
- ❖ **Wilderness Trails** - - SEE DETAILS IN BEND/FORT ROCK RANGER DISTRICT SECTION ABOVE.

### **Crescent Ranger District summer trails/access:**

- ❖ **PCT** - SEE DETAILS IN BEND/FORT ROCK RANGER DISTRICT SECTION ABOVE!
- ❖ **Oldenberg Trail** Patchy snow starting 5,600' with down trees likely.
- ❖ **Summit Lk Trail** - Patchy snow starting 5,600' with down trees likely.
- ❖ **Meek Lk Trail** - Patchy snow starting 5,600' with down trees likely.

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- ❖ **Windy Lakes Trail** - Patchy snow starting 5,600' with down trees likely.
- ❖ **Windigo Pass** - Patchy snow starting 5,600' with down trees likely.
- ❖ **Whitefish Horse Camp** - Patchy snow starting 5,600' with down trees likely.
- ❖ **Pretty Lk/Fawn Lake Trails** - Patchy snow starting 5,600' with down trees likely.
- ❖ **Metolius-Windigo Trail** - SEE DETAILS IN BEND/FORT ROCK RANGER DISTRICT SECTION ABOVE!
- ❖ **Maiden Peak** - Patchy snow starting 5,600' with down trees likely.
- ❖ **Wilderness Trails** - - SEE DETAILS IN BEND/FORT ROCK RANGER DISTRICT SECTION ABOVE!

### **Special Deschutes National Forest Wilderness Trails Access Report: Updated 6/30/17**

Wilderness trailheads yet blocked by snow include: Broken Top and Many Lakes/Irish-Taylor. Snow line east of the Cascade Crest varies from 5,800-6,100 ft. with patchy to sectional snow below that. Snow free trail access at higher elevations (6,300 ft.+) will be later than average years! Above average winter snowfall and colder spring temperatures at higher elevations will likely set back snow free access along the PCT from Diamond Peak to Mt. Jefferson into possibly early August. Clearing of down trees will also be weeks behind average schedule. Hiking over these snow covered trails during early summer will be difficult and likely result in "postholing" and losing the trail in many cases.

### **Mt. Jefferson Wilderness:**

- ❖ **BEWARE!** Since 2003 Brush Ck, Minto Lake and Sugar Pine Ridge Trails have been in a "no current maintenance" condition. With heavy blowdown, dense brush, lack of identifiable trail surface and erosion due to B and B Fire damage, these trails are considered impassable and are not recommended. In recent years several hikers have reported becoming lost trying to follow these trails from the west, with a few turning into search and rescue missions.
- ❖ **Jefferson Lake TH - Jefferson Lake Trail** - TH accessible with trail snow free and cleared of down trees for first 4.5 miles. Expect snow/down trees beyond. Trail was brushed out and cleared of worst down trees by small group of volunteers in 2016. Ticks are typically heavy along this trail.

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- ❖ **Brush Creek TH** - TH blocked by blowdown. Brush Creek Trail currently impassable to all traffic due to overgrown brush, loss of tread and heavy blow down.
- ❖ **Cabot Lake TH** - TH accessible. Patchy snow begins approx. 3 miles from TH. Trail clearing not yet in progress.
- ❖ **Bear Valley TH** - TH accessible. Patchy snow begins approx. 3 miles from TH. Limited trail clearing in progress. **Minto Lake Trail is impassable to all traffic due to erosion, brush, blowdown with no maintenance since the 2003 B and B Fire.**
- ❖ **Jack Lake TH** - TH accessible. Patchy to 3' snow begins in the upper canyon loop area. Trail to Canyon Ck Meadow likely not snow free access until mid-July? Trail cleared from TH to Wasco Lk and on to Minto Pass.
- ❖ **Round Lake TH** - TH snow free and accessible to Square Lk with trail reported clear. Snow above!
- ❖ **PCT** - SEE PCT DETAILS IN BEND/FORT ROCK RANGER DISTRICT ABOVE!

### **Mt. Washington Wilderness:**

- ❖ **Dry Creek TH** - Dry Creek trail has not been maintained for years and has heavy blow down through extensive fire kill forest. This trail has been removed from the system and no longer accessible with heavy blowdown and regrowth.
- ❖ **PCT** - SEE PCT DETAILS IN BEND/FORT ROCK RANGER DISTRICT ABOVE!

### **Three Sisters Wilderness:**

- ❖ **PCT** - SEE PCT DETAILS IN BEND/FORT ROCK RANGER DISTRICT ABOVE!
- ❖ **PCT TH at Irish and Taylor Lakes** - Road to Irish/Taylor Lks blocked by snow/blowdown.
- ❖ **Many Lakes TH** - TH blocked by snow? and down trees.
- ❖ **Deer Lake TH** - TH accessible and Deer Lk Trail cleared.
- ❖ **Winopee Lake TH** - Due to hazard tree removal in and around Cultus Campground, boat ramp and trailhead; Winopee TH is currently closed thru July 19. Other area site closures also in effect until further notice. Trail cleared to Teddy Lakes. Expect snow and blowdown above to Winopee Lk and PCT.

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- ❖ **Corral Swamp TH** - TH accessible. Trail clearing not in progress, expect down trees.
  - ❖ **Lucky Lake TH** - TH accessible and trail cleared to Lucky Lake with blowdown and patchy snow beyond.
  - ❖ **Six Lakes TH** - TH accessible with trail to Blow Lk snow free and cleared of blowdown. Snow and down trees beyond Blow Lk starting at approx. 5,600'. Hwy 46 open but new Hwy bridge construction at Fall and Goose Creeks began June 19, expect traffic delays thru October.
  - ❖ **Elk Lake TH** - TH and trails to PCT snow free and cleared of down trees. Snow likely north and south on PCT. Hwy 46 open but new Hwy bridge construction at Fall and Goose Creeks began June 19, expect traffic delays thru October.
  - ❖ **Mirror Lk TH** - TH accessible with snow beginning approx. 5,600'. Campfires prohibited within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of Mirror Lakes management area. Hwy 46 open but new Hwy bridge construction at Fall and Goose Creeks began June 19, expect traffic delays thru October.
  - ❖ **Devils Lake/South Sister Trailhead** - TH snow free/accessible. Expect snow beginning at approx. 5,600' and increasing with the climb. Trail clearing not yet in progress. Very high hiker/stock use at this trailhead and walk-in camp and limited parking, especially on the weekends. Please pay close attention to the new "NO PARKING" zones along the entrance road. These sections of roadway must remain fully accessible to avoid traffic hazards and permit larger emergency vehicle access. Hwy 46 open but new Hwy bridge construction at Fall and Goose Creeks began June 19, expect traffic delays thru October.
- South Sister Climbers** - 70% of South Sister Climber's trail is under 1-6' of snow, patchy snow begins approx. 5,600'. Trail is difficult to navigate over snow sections. Carry ice axe/crampons might be recommended and have adequate experience. Trail will be icy in morning and possibly soft in afternoon! Avoid climbing in unsettled weather. Moraine Lake basin mostly snow with lake iced over, light blowdown on trail. Camping permitted only in designated campsites, no campfires in lake basin. Hwy 46 open but new Hwy bridge construction at Fall and Goose Creeks began June 19, expect traffic delays thru October.
- ❖ **Green Lakes/Soda Creek Trailhead** - TH accessible. Trail is snow free for first mile then increasing to solid above 5,800' to Moraine and Green Lakes with lakes ice covered. Trail clearing not yet in progress. Camping permitted only in designated campsites, no campfires in lake basin. Hwy 46 open but new Hwy bridge construction at Fall and Goose Creeks began June 19, expect traffic delays thru October.

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Very high hiker/stock use at this trailhead and limited parking, especially on the weekends. Please pay close attention to the new "NO PARKING" zones along the entrance road. These sections of roadway must remain fully accessible to avoid traffic hazards and permit larger emergency vehicle access.

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- ❖ **Broken Top TH** - Currently inaccessible due to closed Road 370 with snow. Rd 370 closed and blocked by snow until possibly into August.
- ❖ **Tam Rim/Three Creek Lake area Trailheads** - Accessible with trail blocked by snow just above TH. Road 16 now open.
- ❖ **Park Meadow TH** - Accessible. Park Meadow Trail mostly snow free and cleared of blowdown.
- ❖ **Pole Creek TH** - Trailhead reported accessible, expect snow beginning approx. 6,400'. Down trees reported on area trails.
- ❖ **Chus Falls TH** - Trailhead and trail cleared of down trees.
- ❖ **Scott Pass and Millican Crater Trailheads** - TH snow free/accessible with trails cleared to Trout Creek Trail with snow reported beyond.
- ❖ **Black Crater TH** - Hwy 242 and TH open, down trees and snow up the trail.
- ❖ **Lava Camp Lake TH** - Hwy 242 and TH open, down trees and snow up the trail.

### **Diamond Peak Wilderness:**

- ❖ **PCT** - SEE PCT DETAILS IN BEND/FORT ROCK RANGER DISTRICT ABOVE!
- ❖ **Pengra Pass TH** - TH accessible, snow and down trees on trails.

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- ❖ **Yoran Lk TH** - TH accessible with snow beginning approx. 5,400'.
- ❖ **Fawn Lk TH** TH accessible. Snow begins approx. 5,600'. No clearing in progress.
- ❖ **Whitefish Horse Camp** TH accessible. Snow begins approx. 5,600'. No clearing in progress.
- ❖ **Summit Lk/PCT** - Unknown conditions. Road to TH is very rough.

## **JULY SPECIAL TRAIL EVENTS EFFECTING TRAIL USE:**

July 2, Road bicycle race out of Edison Sno-Pk. Paved roads from Edison to/around Crane Prairie effected with approx. 180 racers. No trails effected.

## **SPECIAL CAMPGROUND CLOSURES:**

Cultus Lake Campground is closed until further notice until approx.. 500 dead and diseased trees are removed.

Soda Creek Campground is closed all year due to hwy bridge construction over Fall Creek. Equipment, materials and personnel will be staged at the campground.

## **Other local trail access and conditions information can be found at:**

Central Oregon Trails Alliance: <http://cotamtb.com/trails/>

Central Oregon Off Hwy Vehicle Program:

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5340950.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5340950.pdf)

Prineville BLM:

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsinternet!/ut/p/c4/04\\_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3gDfxMDT8MwRydLA1cj72BTJw8jAwjQL8h2VAQAzHJMsQ!!?ss=110601&type=recarea&recid=38734&actid=93&navtype=BROWSEBYSUBJECT&position=BROWSEBYSUBJECT&navid=110000000000000&pnavid=&cid=null&pname=Central+Oregon+-+Prineville+Bureau+Of+Land+Management](http://www.fs.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsinternet!/ut/p/c4/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3gDfxMDT8MwRydLA1cj72BTJw8jAwjQL8h2VAQAzHJMsQ!!?ss=110601&type=recarea&recid=38734&actid=93&navtype=BROWSEBYSUBJECT&position=BROWSEBYSUBJECT&navid=110000000000000&pnavid=&cid=null&pname=Central+Oregon+-+Prineville+Bureau+Of+Land+Management)

## **"LEAVE NO TRACE" REMINDER:**

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PLEASE, PRACTICE THE SEVEN LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPALS:

**Plan Ahead and Prepare**

**Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces**

**Dispose of Waste Properly – See photo and information below on wrong disposal and effects!**

**Leave What You Find**

**Minimize Campfire Impacts**

**Respect Wildlife**

**Be Considerate of Other Visitors**

For details on the 7 LNT Principals: <http://lnt.org/learn/7-principles>

### **SEASONAL ROAD CLOSURES/OPENINGS:**

Hwy 46	OPEN for the summer season. Notice: Hwy 46 now open but beginning June 19 bridge related construction at Fall Creek and Goose Creek with traffic delays to continue into October.
Road 370	CLOSED from Todd Lake parking area to Road 16 near Three Creek Lks. Earliest possible opening August???
Tumalo Falls Road	OPEN. Trail head parking limited and may be full on weekends. Overflow parking permitted on one side of road only
Road 21	OPEN for summer season. Road to Paulina Peak closed until melts out, early July???
Hwy 242	OPEN.
Road 16	OPEN with snow free access to Tam Rim TH. Snow around Three Ck Lake.
Road 60	OPEN for the summer season.

### **TEN ESSENTIAL SYSTEMS:**

"What are The Ten Essentials?"

"The Ten Essentials are items The Mountaineers recommends everyone carry on all trips. The Pacific Northwest is a beautiful place that can be wild and unpredictable. Being prepared for anything is essential. This is as important on short, local trips as it is on long, backcountry trips. It is easy to forget first aid kits and warm layers short trips, but a short trip can quickly turn to a long trip if you get lost or injured."

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"The Ten Essentials started as a list of ten simple items and is now a systems approach that guides you in preparing for any trip in any season. The two basic questions are: (1) Can you respond positively to an accident or emergency? (2) Can you safely spend a night or more out? **Here is a list of The Ten Essential Systems:**

1. Navigation (map & compass)
2. Sun Protection (sun glasses, sun screen, lip balm)
3. Insulation (extra clothing)
4. Illumination (flashlight or headlamp, spare bulb & batteries)
5. First-Aid Supplies (gauze, tape, etc.)
6. Fire (fire starter, matches, lighter)
7. Repair Kit (knife, duct tape, tools, spare parts)
8. Nutrition (extra food)
9. Hydration (extra water, water purification)
10. Emergency Shelter (tarp, garbage bag)

Further details on the "Ten Essential **Systems**":

[http://www.rei.com/expertadvice/articles/ten+essentials.html?s\\_kwcid=TC|13029|ten%20essentials||S|p|7499840765&cm\\_mmc=ps\\_gooole\\_CH- -Category%20-%20Camp%2fHike- -Camping%2fHiking\\_GeneralTerms\\_Essentials- -ten%20essentials&qclid=CNq\\_h8Xbsq4CFQN8hwodYhH-PQ](http://www.rei.com/expertadvice/articles/ten+essentials.html?s_kwcid=TC|13029|ten%20essentials||S|p|7499840765&cm_mmc=ps_gooole_CH- -Category%20-%20Camp%2fHike- -Camping%2fHiking_GeneralTerms_Essentials- -ten%20essentials&qclid=CNq_h8Xbsq4CFQN8hwodYhH-PQ)

## **SPECIAL SAFETY NOTES:**

**Go prepared for changeable weather conditions.** Winter season conditions exist! Be sure to go prepared with plenty of warm clothing, water, and food as well as other emergency essentials.

For further Deschutes National Forest winter or summer trails information, please call:

Deschutes National Forest Headquarters: (541) 383-5300

Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District: (541) 383-4000

Sisters Ranger District: (541) 549-7700

Crescent Ranger District: (541) 433-3200

Find this weekly trail access and condition report in the Deschutes National Forest Website at:

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5299503.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5299503.pdf)

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Thank you so much volunteers!

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