

Hi All, here is some trail info for Thursday July 18, 2019:

Shady

Report today of a tree down across the upper portion of the [Shadyside Trail](#) in Adams Gulch. Watch for it if you are descending, as it is reportedly not easy to see until you are almost upon it.

Martin

In the Sawtooths, Martin Canyon Trail is cut-out. I recently received an email from a friend of Ryder Bennett. She let me know that last Friday, on his day off, Ryder cut-out around 100 trees along the trail. Ryder works as a firefighter with U.S.F.S. Sawtooth Helitack unit, and at 7am the next morning, he and six others were dispatched for Initial Attack on fires in southern Idaho. Thank you to Ryder, and thank you to all First-responders!

#311 Trail

Report of several trees down on the [Oregon-Fox Connector Trail](#). The downed-trees are on the southeast side of the summit (Fox-Chocolate side). The tree that is located closer to the bottom of the trail is the most difficult to pass, especially for equestrians. The other downed trees, that are located higher up along the trail, are reportedly not hard to get over.

Volunteers

Mark your calendar and don't miss your last chance to help as a trail volunteer with the Wood River Trails Coalition (WRTC) this summer. Their final scheduled volunteer work night of the season is on Thursday, July 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pioneer Cabin Trailhead. The Ketchum Ranger District (KRD) is building a new footbridge at the bottom of the Pioneer Cabin Trail. The volunteers will be collecting rock for the new bridge abutments. For more info visit the [WRTC Facebook page](#) or email the Executive Director of the coalition Sara Gress at sgress@woodrivertrailscoalition.org.

On Saturday, July 13, nineteen volunteers with the WRTC worked on the newly rebuilt Alden Gulch Trail. They raked loose rocks from the trail tread and cut-out downed trees. Thank you to the Wood River Trails Coalition volunteers for buffing it out!

Have you joined in supporting the WRTC yet? You can help, even if you can't come to a volunteer work event (or even if you do help as a volunteer). By becoming a member of the organization you show that you support the upkeep and improvement of the trails for all. You can pitch-in at the group's web site: [WRTC web site](#).

Warfield

Out Warm Springs, the KRD Trail Crew and a youth crew from the [Student Conservation Association](#) rerouted a section of the [Warfield Trail](#). One particularly large area of avalanche debris was too enormous to cut-out; hence the reroute. The slide path, area of impact, and the new way-around are impressive. Here is a link to a recent BCRD Trails Blog about the effort: [Blog Post – Warfield Reroute](#).

At the east end of the Warfield Trail, Warm Springs Creek is still running quite swiftly, but it is down a lot. Motorcyclists attempting to ford the creek are finding it rather difficult. On the west-bank, opposite Warm Springs Road, there is a steep embankment and the water there is rather deep. Climbing out of the creek is difficult on a motorcycle. Horseback riders should have little difficulty fording the creek (but parking at the bottom of the trail is limited). For those on foot, or shouldering a bicycle, there are a couple of downed trees across the creek that have been serving as a makeshift crossing.

Osberg

The KRD Trail Crew has improved the [Osberg Ridgeline Trail](#) in the area where they had previously removed an unsafe footbridge. The rerouted trail through is passable to all user groups. The west end of the Osberg trail is cut-out to [Barr Gulch](#). East of Barr Gulch Trail, to Osberg's eastern terminus at its intersection with East Fork Baker Creek Road, Osberg is not completely cut-out. We have reports that there are some remaining trees down along that section.

Observations

We received a few observations about trail conditions from trail users recently, including:

- The [Prairie-Miner](#) Loop, accessed at the end of Prairie Creek Road, is open but has not been cut-out, with approx. 20 trees down on the route.
- [Apollo Trail 139](#) is cut-out, as is the lowest leg of the [Baker Crk - Norton Crk Trail](#) 138.
- Out Warm Springs, [Castle Rock Trail #140](#) was cut-out recently, as was the [Barr Gulch Trail](#).
- There is a good-sized tree down between the 7th and 8th switchbacks up the [Pioneer Cabin Trail](#). It will pose a problem to those on horseback.
- In the Cove Creek area of the Wood River Valley we have a report that motorcyclist volunteers with the Wood River Trails Coalition recently cut-out areas of upper Indian Creek Road and portions of Porcupine Trail. They were stopped from making further progress up Porcupine when they ran into a huge area of avalanche debris. Fisher Creek Trail 314, up to the Baugh Connector, and down Baugh to the Narrows are clear. Driveway Trail is clear.
- Out East Fork, the KRD did a great job of cutting out the west end of the [Federal Gulch Trail #169](#) and [Timber Draw #313](#), but a large tree has come down on Federal in the meantime. It is problematic for horseback riders. On the Timber Draw Trail, where the KRD had cut-out avalanche debris, continued melting of the snow is exposing more buried trees. Passage along Timber Draw Trail is more challenging again.
- We have a report of a large tree down on the [North Fork Hyndman Trail](#). It is said to be about 2/3rds of the way up the trail. It is reportedly easily passed by all except equestrians.
- East of Stanley, the Big Casino-Little Casino loop is cut-out. Sunny Gulch, from Boundary to Big Casino, was reportedly holding snow back in early July. Martin is cut-out.

Sheep

The Sawtooth National Forest issued an updated sheep report on July 17. Here is a link to the report: [Sawtooth Nat. Forest Sheep Report July 17, 2019](#).

In summary:

- In the Stanley Basin, one band is moving south along Valley Road toward the Pole Creek Guard Station.
- One band is near King Creek and [Cherry Creek](#) and moving along Hwy 75 toward Galena Summit.
- A band is in the vicinity of [Boulder Creek](#).
- A band is in [Oregon Gulch](#) moving toward [Fox Peak](#).
- One band is moving northeast up the [FS 142 Road in the Lake Creek drainage](#).
- Sheep are grazing in the vicinity of [Mahoney Butte](#) in the Greenhorn drainage.
- A band of sheep is in the vicinity of Poison Flat and near to the [Middle Fork-South Fork Trail #199](#) and the [Lick Gulch/Poison Flat Trail #218](#).
- Out Warm Springs and east of Dollarhide Summit, one band is in Packer Gulch.
- Out in the Little Wood drainage a band is in the vicinity of Copper Creek.

SNRA Reports

On Friday, July 12 the Sawtooth National Recreation Area distributed updated trail and road reports. Here are links to the reports:

[SNRA July 12 Trail Report](#)

[SNRA July 12 Road Report](#)

Reports Welcomed

If you wish to make a report about the condition of any local trails, please send them to me at cleman@bcrd.org.

Best, Chris