



# Recreation Report

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest  
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## Fall Transition in the Forest

Winter-like weather conditions are just beginning to occur in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. With the recent windy and rainy weather, and the possibility of snow at higher elevations, recreationists need to keep informed on current forest conditions. Following is some information to keep in mind when traveling through the woods during the unpredictable fall season.

- **Weather**—Weather is an unpredictable factor for those recreating in or visiting the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Being prepared for unpredictable conditions is the key to enjoying a visit to the national forest. Always carry emergency equipment and extra food and clothing, and be aware of what might be encountered when recreating in the forest. Plan ahead, obtain up-to-date information, and have alternate plans in mind in case something "unpredictable" occurs.
- **Snow**—Be prepared for snow in the higher elevation areas of the forest.
- **Driving Conditions**—Forest users need to keep in mind that roads are beginning to become quite wet and muddy from the recent rains and snows at higher elevations, and that traveling on these roads right now can cause a lot of damage, not only to roadbeds but to the surrounding forest areas. Forest travelers need to use good judgment and caution when traveling forest roads during the fall and winter.
- **Hunting Seasons**—A number of hunting seasons are occurring right now, so forest visitors need to make their presence known. It is a good idea to wear bright, vivid colors, especially hunter orange when recreating in the forest during hunting seasons. Sing, talk, whistle a tune, do anything to let hunters know you are in the area.
- **Fall Colors**—Many people will be out in the woods looking at the fall colors and possibly not paying as much attention to their driving as they should. Be a defensive driver. Where possible, pull off the road to look at the fall colors.

- **Woodcutting Season**—Woodcutters are out in the woods getting their winter supply of firewood. Please drive slowly, a pickup truck fully loaded with wood handles differently than it does when empty. Especially keep this in mind when the roads are wet and slippery. Hunters need to be aware that any wood they collect for use in warming fires needs to be left in the woods; they cannot take it home with them unless they have a valid woodcutting permit.
- **Prescribed Burning**—A number of pile burning projects are underway in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Smoke from these prescribed fires will be visible in different areas of the forest.

For more information about current forest conditions, please contact any Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest office.

## Other Forest Related Information

### OFFICE ADDRESSES and PHONE NUMBERS:

**Chelan Ranger District**, 428 W. Woodin Ave., Chelan WA 98816; 509-682-4900

**Cle Elum Ranger District**, 803 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Cle Elum, WA 98922; 509-852-1100

**Entiat Ranger District**, physical address 2108 Entiat Way, mailing address P.O. Box 476 Entiat, WA 98822; 509-784-1511

**Methow Valley Ranger District**, 24 West Chewuch Road, Winthrop, WA 98862; 509-996-4000

**Naches Ranger District**, 10237 Hwy. 12, Naches, WA 98937; 509-653-1401

**Okanogan Valley Office**, 1240 South Second Ave., Okanogan, WA 98840; 509-826-3275

**Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Headquarters office**, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA 98801; 509-664-9200

**Tonasket Ranger District**, 1 W. Winesap, Tonasket, WA 98855; 509-486-2186

**Wenatchee River Ranger District**—Leavenworth office, 600 Sherbourne, Leavenworth, WA 98826; 509-548-2550

### WOODCUTTING INFORMATION:

Be aware, many forest roads are becoming muddy and snow covered. Woodcutting permits are on sale at all Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest offices. The minimum firewood permit is \$20.00 for four cords of wood. The cost for permits over the four-cord minimum is \$5 per cord. Generally, woodcutters may cut wood that has fallen to the ground and standing dead trees (except wildlife habitat trees).

There are a few things to keep in mind when preparing to go woodcutting:

- Hunters need to be aware that any wood they collect for use in warming fires needs to be left in the woods; they cannot take it home with them unless they have a valid woodcutting permit.
- A woodcutting permit is required. The permit and woodcutting stubs must be in the woodcutter's possession when cutting firewood.
- 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.
- After shutting off the chainsaw woodcutters need to remain in the area at least one hour to watch for any potential fire starts from woodcutting equipment.
- Please validate the woodcutting stub (load ticket) by cutting out or marking out with a permanent pen the month and day that woodcutting occurs. The stub must be attached to the load when the vehicle is moved from the cutting site.
- It is a good idea to scope out an area for wood before purchasing a woodcutting permit (the permits are not refundable).
- Don't forget to bring along the safety items that are listed on the back of the woodcutting permit (a chainsaw with the proper exhaust system in good repair with a screen-type spark arrestor, a long-handled shovel, and a fire extinguisher).
- Please note that firewood cutting season on the Naches Ranger District ends on the first Sunday in October.

## SAFETY:

If heading to the woods, it's a good idea to be sure to let someone know where you are going, when you plan to return and what to do if you don't return on time. Remember to let them know when you do return. Make sure your vehicle is in good working order. Dress appropriately for all weather conditions. Avoid cotton clothing and dress in layers. Stay dry, shed layers if you are sweating, add layers if you are cold. Wear sturdy waterproof boots. Stay warm, stay dry, stay safe and have fun.

## 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.
- The **new 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:

Passes are required at most national forest trailheads. 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 [www.naturenw.org](http://www.naturenw.org). [America the Beautiful—National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes will be honored at all Northwest Forest Pass sites.](#)

- **Wenatchee area:** Northwest Forest passes are available at Arlberg Sports Inc., Hooked on Toys, Bi-Mart and Mountain Air Gear.
- **Chelan area:** Passes are available at the Chelan Ranger District office.
- **Lake Wenatchee area:** Passes are available at Cole's Corner Market (Shell station), 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, Pioneer Market in Cashmere, and Ingalls Creek Convenience Center & Lodging at 3057 US Highway 97.
- **Entiat area:** Passes are available at Cooper's General Store in the Entiat Valley and at the Entiat Ranger District office.
- **Cle Elum area:** Northwest Forest Pass vendors include Cle Elum Ranger Station and
  - Sportland Mini Mart, 4402 Bullfrog Road, Cle Elum, WA. Located 1.5 miles north of the Ranger Station on Hwy 903. Their phone number is 509-649-2260.
  - Teanaway Mercantile, 10690 Teanaway Rd., phone 509-674-6957. Located near milepost 6 on Teanaway Road.
  - Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce, 609 N Main, Ellensburg, WA, phone 509-925-3137.
  - Mountain High Sports, 105 E 4<sup>th</sup>, Ellensburg, WA, phone 509-925-4626.
  - Morning Star Chevron, 901 W. First St., Cle Elum, WA, phone 509-674-0606.
  - Bi-Mart, 608 East Mountain View, Ellensburg, WA, 509-925-6973

- **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, WA phone 509 996-2886.
  - Methow Cycle and Sports, 19210 Hwy 20, Winthrop, WA 98862, phone 509 996-3645.
  - Valley Hardware/Do-It Center Hardware, 429 E Methow Valley Hwy, Twisp, WA, 509 997-3355.
  - Carlton General Store, 2256 Hwy 153, Carlton, WA, phone 509 996-8764 (Day passes).
  - Mazama Country Inn, 15 Country Road, Mazama, WA 98833, phone 509 996-2681 (Day passes only).
- **Naches area:** Northwest Forest passes can be purchased at the following locations.
  - Naches Ranger District office, 10237 U. S. Hwy 12, Naches, WA 98937
  - Slim's Market, 9951 US Hwy 12, Naches, WA 98937
  - Rimrock Grocery Store, 34090 U.S. Hwy 12, Naches, WA 98937, phone 509-672-2251
  - Naches Chinook Center, 10450 U.S. Hwy 12, Naches, WA 98937, phone 509-653-2405
  - Bi-Mart, 309 South 5th Avenue, Yakima, WA, 509-454-4030

## SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS:

Permits are required for gathering forest products including firewood, mushrooms, transplants, rocks and minerals, posts and poles, floral cuttings, cones and boughs. Please contact Forest Service district offices for specific information. There is a minimum charge of \$20.00 per permit. Free use permits are available for small quantities of certain items for personal use. Special forest products permits for personal use firewood, personal use river rock and commercial use beargrass are available from the Cle Elum Ranger Station.

## THE 10 ESSENTIALS:

Carry the 10 plus essentials when traveling in the backcountry—a map, compass, fire starter, water proof matches, extra food, extra water, extra clothing, knife, flashlight with spare batteries and bulb, first aid kit, sunglasses, cell phone, and a space blanket.

## DISCOVER YOUR NORTHWEST (formerly known as Northwest Interpretive Association):

Check out the great selection of books, puzzles, cards, stuffed animals, kids stuff and much more at each of the DYNW sales outlets located in the reception areas at each ranger district office and at the forest headquarters office! These items make great Christmas and birthday gifts.

# **CHELAN RANGER DISTRICT**

The office phone number is **(509) 682-4900**.

**OFFICE HOURS:** 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Chelan Ranger District also serves as an information center for the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

**LAKE LEVEL:** The Lake level is 1,095 feet above sea level. For more information on the lake level, please visit the Chelan County Public Utility District website at <http://www.chelanpud.org/lake-chelan-lake-levels.cfm>.

**CAMPING:** All up lake campgrounds are open and all docks are accessible.

- Fees for camping at **Snowberry Bowl Campground** are \$10 per car per day and \$8 per day for each additional vehicle.
- **Antilon Campground** is open with no fees and no services. Remember to bring drinking water and pack out all garbage.
- **Grouse Mountain, Junior Point and South Navarre Campgrounds** are accessible with no fees.

**DOCK PERMITS:** A dock permit is required to use federal docks on Lake Chelan through October 31. Day permits are \$5.00 and season permits are \$40.00. Dock permits are available for sale at the Chelan Ranger District office and the forest headquarters office in Wenatchee. The following vendors also have dock permits available for purchase:

- **Chelan:** Kelly's Hardware, Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Twenty-five Mile Creek State Park, and Lake Chelan State Park
- **Manson:** Old Mill Park and Reed's Marine

**Please be advised there is no gas for sale in Stehekin.**

There was an accident and the gas lines have been shut off until repairs can be made.

**WOODCUTTING PERMITS:** Permits to cut firewood are available at the Chelan Ranger District office. The cost is \$20 for a four-cord permit, and the permit is good until December 31, 2011.

**ROADS:** The main travel routes on the district are all open (Shady Pass, Grade Creek, and Slide Ridge). Oss Peak is currently closed.

**HOLDEN VILLAGE ROADS AND TRAILS:** As the Holden Mine clean-up projects begin, delays and closures are expected along Forest Service Road No. 8301 from Lucerne to Holden Village. There is traffic control in place for all vehicle traffic on Forest Service Road No. 8301 between Lucerne and Holden Village. Be prepared for possible delays. The bus service to and from Holden Village continues to run on its normal daily schedule.

Following are current trail closures on the south side of Railroad Creek across from Holden Village.

- **Lower Railroad Creek Trail No. 1240** is closed from Wilson Creek to the mine tailings located between the 8 and 9 mile points. This means it is not possible to hike to or from Holden Village on this trail while this closure is in effect.
- **Goat Trail No. 1245.1** is closed
- **Tailings Bypass Trail No. 1240.3** is also closed

The Hart Lake/Lyman Lake Trail system No. 1256 and the Pacific Crest Trail No. 2000 are not affected by the closures. For the most current Holden trail information please contact the Chelan Ranger District office.

**TRAILS:** There are patches of new snow on higher elevation trails. Most district trails have been maintained. Maintained means that downed logs have been removed from the trail. Strong winds 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. There are trails on the district that have not been maintained for many years. If you choose to travel them be prepared for cross-country travel conditions.

- **All north shore** area trails have been maintained.
- **Cooper Falls Trail #1246.1** access access has been changed to the vehicle bridge, to the third level tailings and taking an old roadbed that bypasses the lower tailings to the trail. Due to the mine clean-up project, access via the covered foot bridge is closed.
- **Domke Lake Trail** is maintained. Trail maintenance is occurring from Lucerne to Domke Lake Camp. The trail from Domke Lake Camp to Stuart Camp (and Stuart Camp itself) is **CLOSED** due to damage from the old Domke Lake Fire.

- **Cooper Basin Trail #1240.22** access has been changed to the vehicle bridge to the third level tailings and taking an old roadbed that bypasses the lower tailings to the trail. **Due to the mine clean-up project, access via the covered foot bridge is closed.**
- **Lower Railroad Creek Trail #1240** is maintained. The trail is closed from Wilson Creek to the Wilderness boundary and Goat Trail due to the Holden Mine clean-up project. Wilson Creek footlog has also been removed due to rotten log failure. **There is no access to Holden Village via this trail as long as it is closed for mine clean-up work, which may be for the next several years.**
- **Lakeshore Trail #1247.1702** is maintained. **The trail washout at Meadow Creek is not passable by stock.** Hikers ARE able to cross the creek by going off trail and crossing the creek closer to the lake. The Meadow Creek Shelter is visible from below the trail and is a good landmark to aim for to get back to the trail.
- **Prince Creek Trail #1255** is maintained. Tread at the 1.75 mile, through a small cliff, is washed out. Rock steps for hikers down and around the washout have been installed. Trail is not passable by stock. **There is no bridge or footlog across Prince Creek at mile 4.**
- **Prince Creek Trail #1255.2** is maintained. A portion of the trail on/and near the first switchback down from Horsehead Pass has collapsed and the remaining tread is very narrow.
- **Summit Trail #1259.3** -- Even though most of this trail is rated "More Difficult" the section through Miner's Basin is rutted and rocky and is actually "Most Difficult" and recommended for expert riders only.
- **North Fork 25 Mile Trail #1265** --The lower trail has been maintained for 1.5 miles, but it is washed out at mile point 2.1; approximately 1,000 feet of tread is completely gone. Not passable by motorbikes, mountain bikes or horses. The section of trail from the far end of the washout to the junction with Lone Peak Trail has not been maintained and has lots of trees across the trail.
- **North Fork 25 Mile Trail #1265** -- The upper portion of the North 25 Mile trail can be accessed by motorbikes, mountain bikes, horses and hikers via the Lone Peak Trail. Starting at the intersection with Lone Peak Trail, the North 25 mile trail is maintained up to the Devil's Backbone Trail.

## **CLE ELUM RANGER DISTRICT**

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

**OFFICE HOURS:** The ranger station is open Monday through Friday 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *with a 45 minute closure for lunch from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.* The office is closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

**ELLENSBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** office is located at 609 North Main Street in Ellensburg. Chamber of Commerce office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The office is closed on Sundays. The Chamber provides Forest Service information, Northwest Forest Passes and Annual Federal Interagency Recreation Passes. The phone number is 509-925-2002.

**SNOQUALMIE PASS VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER IS CLOSED:** The information center will re-open for the winter recreation season on January 5, 2012.

**FALL COLORS:** Valley bottoms and stream corridors are ablaze with vibrant yellow colors as cottonwood put on their final show before dropping their leaves. Below the cottonwood, vine maple are fading and dropping leaves; elderberry, sumac and other shrubs remain colorful. Western Larch in the higher elevations are approaching their full fall splendor and are expected to peak within the next week.

**WOODCUTTING:** Sale of personal use firewood permits have concluded for the 2011 season. Those who purchased permits and have tags remaining can continue to cut firewood in the Reecer Creek and Manastash collection areas.

**CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS:** Christmas tree permits will go on sale at the Cle Elum Ranger Station on or about November 1, 2011. Permits are \$5.00 each with a limit of two per household. A permit allows you to cut or dig your Christmas tree on National Forest lands. Trees up to 15 feet tall may be taken and are for personal use. Only cash or checks are accepted. If you are unable to visit the Cle Elum Ranger Station to purchase your permit, the following businesses have permits available.

▲ Pioneer Coffee	121 Pennsylvania	Cle Elum
▲ InterMountain Radio Shack	208 E 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cle Elum
▲ Sportland Minimart Shell	Hwy 903	between Cle Elum and Roslyn
▲ Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce	609 N Main	Ellensburg

**NOTE:** The recent spruce budworm outbreak on the Cle Elum Ranger District has affected many trees suitable for use as Christmas trees. It may be difficult to locate a tree that has not been damaged by spruce budworm.

**CLOSED ROADS:** The following Forest Service Roads are **closed** to motorized use due to flood damage. **It is unlikely that these roads will open to public travel in 2011.**

- **Road No. 3100** is closed at two separate locations. The first closure is from the Sno-Park to Barber Springs Road. The second closure is at the creek crossing at Buck Meadows, between the junction with FS Road 3104 and the junction with FS Road 3111. **Road 3120** is closed near where the Hoyt Mine Trail crosses the road; between the junction of FS **Road 3100** and **3120 109**. The road can be driven from each end to the closure point.
- **Road 3111 127** is closed at the boundary between National Forest Lands and the L.T. Murray State Wildlife Area.
- **Road No. 3350** is closed from mile post 1.6 to the junction with Road No. 3350-119

**CAMPGROUNDS:** The camping season is winding down. Most campgrounds are now closed for the season. Beverly, DeRoux, Ken Wilcox Horse Camp, Fish Lake and Taneum Junction Campgrounds remain available for use.

**CAMPFIRES:** Campfires are permitted on the Cle Elum Ranger District. Please keep your fires small and entirely within the established fire ring. Do not leave your fire unattended; even for just a few minutes. Make sure your fire is out and cold before leaving it. Remember to drown it, stir it and feel it.

**CABIN RENTALS:** The Cle Elum Ranger District offers public rental of two cabins. Amenities and number of occupants vary. For more information or to make reservations for these cabins, contact Reserve USA at 1-877-444-6777 on line at [www.reserveusa.com](http://www.reserveusa.com).

- **Table Mountain A-Frame** is located at 6,000 feet elevation and is south of Blewett Pass. This is a great spot for star gazing due to its high elevation and remote location. The cabin has four twin beds and room for six additional folks on the floor. A large deck, picnic table, and fire ring add to the charm of this rustic cabin. Once snow falls, winter access to this cabin is by ski, snowshoe or snowmobile only. The route is 8.5 miles long and gains 2,000 feet of elevation over a groomed snowmobile route. A Washington State Sno-Park permit is required for all vehicles parked at the Blewett Pass Sno-Park. Alternate access is from the Reecer Creek Sno-Park which also requires a Sno-Park permit. The distance from Reecer Creek is 14 miles with an elevation gain of 3,400 feet.

- ***Teanaway Guard Station*** is located along North Fork Teanaway Road No. 9737 north of Cle Elum. This small cabin offers a cozy spot for two people to enjoy the Teanaway Valley. The cabin has one bunk bed set that offers two twin beds. A picnic table and fire ring is available outside. Once snow falls, winter access to this cabin is by ski, snowshoe or snowmobile only. The route is 2.25 miles long over a groomed snowmobile route and gains less than 200 feet in elevation. A Sno-park permit is not required for parking at the Teanaway staging area.

## ***ENTIAT RANGER DISTRICT***

The office phone number is **(509) 784-1511**.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FALL COLORS:** Fall colors are currently on display with golden larches at high elevations and intense reds and yellow deciduous vegetation at lower elevations throughout the district.

**CAMPGROUNDS:** Pine Flats, Fox Creek, Lake Creek, Silver Falls, Spruce Grove, North Fork and Cottonwood campgrounds are now closed for the season. A few campgrounds on the Entiat District may be used free of charge during the winter closure season; however, road accessibility may be limited to these areas, and no services are provided or available so bring water and pack out all garbage. Please call the Entiat Ranger District at (509) 784-1511 for further information on campground use.

**ROADS:** The Entiat River Road is open to Cottonwood Campground and the Entiat River Trailhead. Shady Pass No. 5900 is open and snow free.

Please tread lightly on Forest Service roads. As fall weather settles in, roads will become extremely muddy and susceptible to resource damage. Damaging Forest Service roads or adjacent land may prompt closures. During hunting season, remember no shooting from or across roads and when traveling in passenger vehicles or off-highway vehicles, please stay on the road to avoid resource damage.

As a reminder, forest visitors should start preparing for winter weather conditions. It is important to check the local weather forecast before heading off into the woods. Winter weather is often unpredictable as temperatures and conditions can change quickly. Keep vehicles stocked with simple emergency equipment. Items such as tire chains, extra warm clothes, blankets, water, extra food, and a flashlight can be crucial in an emergency.

**TRAILS:** Most district trails have been maintained but expect snow on higher elevation trails and be prepared for winter camping conditions. The Upper Mad River Seasonal Closure is currently in affect. The trail closures include Mad River Trail 1409.1, Blue Creek Trail 1426, Alder Ridge Trail 1523 and Chikamin Tie Trail 1561. The Upper Mad River Seasonal Closure will be lifted sometime around mid July 2012.

The following trails require a Recreation Pass--Silver Falls Trail No. 1442, Lake Creek Trail No. 1443, North Fork Entiat River Trail No. 1437, and Entiat River Trail No. 1400. Passes must be displayed so they are visible to compliance officers.



The Upper Mad River Seasonal Closure is in effect until trails dry out in the spring. Call the Entiat Ranger Station for latest conditions.

**Note:** On the Mad Lake Trail, the half mile spur to the lake is temporarily closed to motorcycles; hikers only will be allowed on the trail to the lake.

## **METHOW VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT**

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

**OFFICE HOURS:** The office is open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We have returned to our 5 day work week.

**NEW WEBSITE:** For current district information, check the new forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/okawen/conditions>, go to Quick Links on the right side of the page, choose "Current Conditions Information" and then choose "Recreation/Reports" in the center of that page, this will take you to Recreation updates by District in the center of the next page. You will find frequently updated information on roads, trails and campgrounds.

**WEATHER:** A Surface Observation Map is available at <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sew/newsea21.php> and a local weather forecast is available at <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/otx/>

**FALL COLORS:** Fall colors are at their peak now. Higher elevations are beginning to have new snow accumulations. Goat Peak Lookout has golden alpine larches, Twisp Pass has many red huckleberry bushes and beautiful red berries on the Mountain Ash with alpine larches in color. Hikers have reported red huckleberry bushes and gold color in the alpine larches at Blue Lake. Maple Pass Loop and Hart's Pass have golden larches but also have snow on the ground in shady areas above 5,500 feet. The cooler weather has brought color changes to the trees in the lower Methow Valley also.

**HUNTING SEASONS:** Fall black bear hunting season started on August 13 and ends on November 15. Forest grouse hunting season is from September 1 to December 31. Modern general firearm season is October 15 to October 23. Many Forest Service roads closed on October 1 for non-motorized hunting areas. For your personal safety, wear hunter orange while recreating during hunting season.

**CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS:** Permits to cut Christmas trees will go on sale at the Methow Valley Ranger District office on November 1. They can also be purchased locally in Twisp at Hanks Harvest Foods, Hank's Mini Mart, and at the Chevron Station. In Winthrop, Christmas tree permits are available at Pardners Mini Market or Winthrop Mountain Sports.

**NORTH CASCADES HIGHWAY 20** is open. The paving work has been completed on Washington Pass parking area and overlook trail. The Washington Pass area is now open seven days a week.

**FALL BURNING INFORMATION:** Prescribed burning will continue as the weather allows.

**WOODCUTTING:** Permits to cut firewood are on sale at the Methow Valley Ranger District office.

They can also be purchased locally at Hanks Harvest Foods in Twisp, the Chevron Station in Twisp and Pardners Mini Market in Winthrop. These permits are valid only on the Methow Valley and Tonasket Ranger Districts.

**ROADS:** Many forest service roads closed on October 1 for non-motorized hunting areas. Be prepared for the possibility of snow at higher elevations.

- **Libby Creek Road**, south of Twisp, will remain closed due to the road washout at the upper Libby Creek crossing, just south of the intersection with the Road No. 4340.
- **Ramsey/Boulder Road No. 1631-5009-200** will remain closed this year to all motorized vehicles, by a gate at the beginning of the road, due to a washout in the middle of the road, making the road unsafe to drive on.
- **Trailers are prohibited n Hart's Pass Road No. 5400.**
- **Boulder Creek/Rogers Lake Road No. 3900**—the road is open but there is a partial wash out that is passable below Rogers Lake.
- **South Fork Gold Creek Road No. 4330** is open to high clearance vehicles only.

We will continue road repairs as funding becomes available. Check the Methow Valley District website [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/okawen/conditions](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/okawen/conditions) or call the office at 509-996-4000 for up-to-date information.

**Following is a list of closed district roads:**

- **Alder Creek -1065-225-CLOSED** Oct. 1 to March 31 for non-motorized hunting access.
- **Alder Creek/Look-out Mountain Road -1065-200-CLOSED** Oct. 1 to March 31 for non-motorized hunting access.
- **Bear Creek -1631-100-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Cougar Creek -1631-200-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Cougar Creek -1631-225-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Ramsey/Boulder -1631-5009-200-CLOSED.** The road is closed to all motorized vehicles by a gate at the beginning of the road; there is a wash-out in the middle of the road making the road unsafe.
- **Ramsey Creek -1631-5009-300-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Jack Creek -Hwy 20 – 103-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Frazer Creek -Hwy 20 - 670-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Lower Boulder -3700-980-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Black Canyon -4010-050-CLOSED.** A plugged culvert and water and debris over the roadway about 1.5 miles from Road No. 4010 junction make the road impassable.
- **Black Canyon -4010-050-CLOSED** Dec. 1 through March 31 for winter range.
- **Black Canyon -4010-100-CLOSED** Dec. 1 through March 31 for winter range.
- **Pole Pick -4100-500-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Pole Pick -4100-630-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Yockey Creek -4150-265-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Bear Mountain -4200-200-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting from Oct. 1 – Nov. 30.
- **Volstead/Blue Buck -4225-200-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Volstead -4225-400-CLOSED** due to the narrow roadway, undercutting and potential for portions of the shoulder to give way under a load from wash out.
- **Lightening Creek -4230-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Lightning Creek Ridge -4235-195-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.
- **Buttermilk Libby (Libby portion) -4300-CLOSED**, the road washed out at the upper Libby Creek crossing, just south of the intersection with the Road No. 4340.
- **West Fork Buttermilk -4300-550-CLOSED**, the road washed out last spring.
- **West Fork Buttermilk -4300-560-CLOSED**, the road washed out last spring.
- **Smith Canyon -4300-100-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Buttermilk Creek -4300 - 600-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.

- **Buttermilk Creek -4300 - 610-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.
- **Newbutter -4300-800-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Lime Creek-4400-110-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Thompson Ridge-4410-100-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Thompson Ridge-4410-200-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.
- **Little Bridge Creek-4415-030-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.
- **Cow Creek-4415-040-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.
- **Deer Creek-4415-050-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.
- **Little Bridge Creek Saddle-4415-100-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.
- **Sheep Creek-4415-175-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.
- **Cabin Creek-4415-180-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.
- **War Creek Trailhead Road-4430-100-CLOSED**, mud debris covers the roadway. A trail has been cut out through the debris. The road is impassable to the trailhead parking area and there is no vehicle access to the trailhead. Park on the side of #4430 or #4420 roadway (without blocking the road).
- **East Chewuch -5010-A** plugged culvert at Junior Creek caused water to flow over the roadway; passable with caution.
- **Buck Lake-5130-140-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Buck Mountain-5130-155-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting Oct. 1 through Dec. 15
- **Buck Mountain-5130-160-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting Oct. 1 through Dec. 15
- **First Creek -5200-030-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting in the winter range from Oct. 1 through March 31.
- **Fifth Creek -5200-150-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting Oct. 1 through Dec. 15
- **Long Creek -5200-500-CLOSED**. The road is washed out.
- **Newby Creek-9114-125-CLOSED** for non-motorized hunting from Oct. 1 through March 31

**CAMPGROUNDS:** Road's End Campground is re-opened. All other district campgrounds are open and charging camping fees. Visitors will need to bring water as water systems are turned off this time of the year. Our campgrounds remain open until snow prevents access.

**TRAILS:** Be prepared for snow on higher elevation trails. Most district trails are open and have been maintained.

## ***NACHES RANGER DISTRICT***

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

**OFFICE HOURS:** The Naches Ranger Station foyer is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to make 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. No permit sales after 4 p.m.

**ROAD CLOSURES:** North Fork Tieton Road No. 1207 is open to non-motorized traffic (hikers, mountain bikes and horses) from Road No. 1207-250. The Miriam Creek Bridge was stabilized enough to warrant use by these users.

The following roads are **closed** to all motorized traffic due to damage caused by spring floods. Repairs will begin spring 2012 once work plans and contracts have been worked out. Minor repairs will be done on the lower .3 miles of Rock Creek. The road will remain closed to the public.

- **Little Rattlesnake Road No. 1501** is closed for 5.1 miles from the junction of forest road No. 1500/1501 (T15, R15, Sec 10) to the junction of forest road No. 1501 and forest road No. 1503 (T15, R14, Sec 24)
- **Dry Ridge Road No. 1601** is closed for 1.5 miles from milepost 0.3 (T15, R15, Sec 30) to the junction with Road No. 1601/233 (T16, R14, Sec 25)
- **Clover Way Road No. 1605** is closed for 3 miles from the junction of forest road No. 1600/1605 (T16, R14, Sec 16) to the junction of forest road No. 1605-244 (T15, R14, Sec 17)
- **Rock Creek Road No. 1702** is closed the first 0.3 miles to all public and open to local residents from the junction with St. Rt. 410 (T16, R15, Sec 17) to the junction with forest road No. 1720 (T16, R15, Sec 4)
- **Gold Creek Road No. 1703** is closed for 5.9 miles from State Route 410 (T17, R14, Sec 36) to the end of forest road No. 1703 (T17, R14, Sec 24 junction with Road No. 1705)
- **Milk Creek Road No. 1708** is closed from the junction of Road No. 1708 and State Route 410 (T17, R14, Sec 9) to the junction with forest road 1708-590 (T17, R15, Sec 6)

**WOODCUTTING:** Woodcutting on the Naches District is closed.

**DAY USE SITES CLOSED:** Clear Lake and Boulder Cave Day Use sites are closed for the season.

**BOULDER CAVE AREA CLOSED:** Boulder Cave, the trail and area surrounding the entire cave and trail are closed for the season. The cave and trail are closed to protect wintering bats from human incursion and to prevent the potential spread of White Nose Syndrome which has been killing bats in the east and southeast states. To preserve the cave and winter hibernaculum for hibernating bats it is essential to close the cave and trail to everyone.

**DEEP CREEK AND BUMPING ROADS:** Bumping River Road No. 1800 and Deep Creek Road No. 1808 remain closed to all users until a final inspection of the two bridges has been completed. The bridges will be inspected on Friday, October 28.

Additional repairs to exposed culverts and other washouts need to be completed before heavy motorized traffic will be allowed into the Deep Creek area.

Once the forest order is amended a new order closing Deep Creek Road to all motorized traffic will be written. The new order will allow motorized traffic to the rock pit, a mile beyond the new bridge, a point where there is adequate parking for hikers, mountain bikes and horses wanting to access the Twin Sisters Trail or other Wilderness destinations.

**TRAILS:** Most trails are open and have been cleared.

**MOTORIZED TRAILS OPEN:** All motorized use trails on the Naches Ranger District are open. Users need to be conscious of where they ride and take steps to protect trails.

**FUNNY ROCKS:** The Funny Rocks, a highly popular area for 4x4 rock crawling activities, has access limitations due to last winter's flooding that washed out many roads.

Some users are trying to get to the rocks using Kaner Trail No. 676 which is much more difficult for the less knowledgeable and experienced operators. Bald Mountain Road No. 1701 may be a bit longer route to the rocks but is far less difficult and wearing than Kaner Trail, especially for those unfamiliar with the area.

**CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS:** Vendors selling Christmas tree permits include Naches Ranger District office, Oak Creek Ace Hardware, Slim's Market, Eagle Rock Resort, Whistlin' Jack Lodge, Rimrock Grocery Store, Helm's True Value Hardware, Selah Save on Foods, and Bi-Mart stores on 40th, 5th Avenue, and in the lower valley in Sunnyside.

**CAMPGROUNDS CLOSING SCHEDULE:** Some campgrounds have already closed while others will remain open with full services through October 31 followed by minimal services until November 15 (these dates are dependent upon weather conditions).

**Closed Campgrounds**

- American Forks, Upper Bumping Lake, Cedar Springs, Cougar Flat, Crow Creek, Halfway Flat, Little Naches, Mather Memorial Rest Area, Indian Creek and Willows

**Open Campgrounds (weather dependent)**

- **Lower Bumping Lake**--Scheduled to remain open until Oct. 31
- **Cottonwood**--Scheduled to remain open until Oct. 31
- **Halfway Flat Dispersed Area**--Open with no services or fees
- **Hells Crossing**--Open with services until Oct. 31
- **Kaner Flat**--Scheduled to remain open until Oct. 31
- **Lodgepole**--Scheduled to remain open until Oct. 31
- **Long Meadow**--Open with no services and no fees
- **Longmire**--Open with no services and no fees
- **Pleasant Valley**--Open with fees and services until Oct. 31. Garbage and toilet service will continue until Nov. 15.
- **Soda Springs**--Open with fees and services until Oct. 31. Garbage and toilet service will continue until Nov. 15.
- **Clear Lake North and South**--No fees or services after Oct. 31
- **Dog Lake**--No services or fees after Oct. 31. The boat launch will be closed on Oct. 31.
- **Hause Creek**--Open with fees and services until Oct. 31. Garbage and toilet service will continue until Nov. 15.
- **Leech Lake** at White Pass--Open with fees and services until Oct. 31. Garbage and toilet service will continue until Nov. 15.

**GROUP RESERVATION SITES:** All Group Reservation sites are managed by the Forest Service and require a reservation through the [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) website. There are NO discounts on group sites. Depending upon weather conditions, these sites should remain open through mid-November.

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

***TONASKET RANGER DISTRICT***

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

**OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. During non-business hours, free forest information is available in the cabinets outside the main entrance to the district office.

**FALL COLORS:** Now is the time to enjoy the vibrant fall colors scattered throughout the Tonasket Ranger District. A nice drive to see wonderful fall colors is up Toats Coulee (Forest Service Road 39).

**PRESCRIBED BURNING:** The Tonasket Ranger District has been able to accomplish different methods of prescribed burning this fall. So far, we have burned 650 acres of handpiles, 200 acres of excavator piles and 350 acres of underburning to prepare units for tree planting. Over the next 10 days we will continue to burn handpiles in the Mt. Anne area and around the Peony Seed orchard. We will then shift over to burning handpiles in the Mt. Hull area and then continue into landing areas as weather permits.

**WOODCUTTING:** Permits to cut firewood are available for purchase at the ranger district office in Tonasket and Okanogan Valley office in Okanogan. Firewood vendors selling wood permits include The Junction in Tonasket, Prince's in Oroville, Conconully General Store in Conconully and the Chevron in Okanogan. These permits are valid only on the Methow Valley and Tonasket Ranger Districts. The minimum \$20.00 permit allows woodcutters to gather four (4) cords of firewood. Permits are valid through December 31, 2011. For more information contact the Tonasket Ranger District office at 509-486-2186.

**ROADS & FLOOD DAMAGE:** Seasonal road and area closures went into effect on October 1 and other roads are scheduled to close throughout the winter. Be sure to look at your free Okanogan National Forest Travel Plan Map for more information (available at Forest offices or online at [http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5306489.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5306489.pdf)).

Road Name and Number	Condition
<b>Aeneas 30</b>	Open. Road No. <b>3000-290 and No. 285</b> are under seasonal closures October 1 - March 31.
<b>Barnell Meadows 3000-100</b>	This road is under a seasonal closure from October 1 - December 1.
<b>Mount Annie 3100-300</b>	Open. Be aware the roadway is rutted due to a washout.
<b>Bonaparte Lake to Beaver Lake 32</b>	Open. Road No. <b>3200-030</b> is under a seasonal closure from October 1 - March 31.
<b>Henderson Creek/Mill Creek 3230</b>	Open. Road No. <b>3230-090</b> is under a seasonal closure from October 1 - April 1.
<b>Phoebe Mountain (Burge Mtn.) 3235</b>	Open. Road No. <b>3235-020</b> is under a seasonal closure from October 1 - December 31.
<b>Cumberland Mtn. 3240</b>	Open. Road No. <b>3240-025</b> is under a seasonal closure from October 1 - December 31.1
<b>Summit Lake Road 3525</b>	Open. Roads No. <b>3525-250 and 255</b> are under a seasonal closure from October 1 - November 30.
<b>Nicholson Creek 3575</b>	Open. Only four wheel drive or high clearance vehicles are advised on road No. 3575-120.
<b>Middle Salmon - Boulder Creek 37</b>	Open. Road No. <b>3700-110</b> is closed at the junction of FS Road #3700-100 and FS Road #3700-110. The entire length of FS Road #3700-110 is closed. <b>Road No. 3700-319</b> is under a seasonal closure from October 1 - November 30.
<b>North Fork Salmon Creek 38</b>	Open. The road is narrow where debris flow was over the roadway (above Kerr Campground), there is water on the road.
<b>Lone Frank 3820</b>	Not advised for two-wheel drive vehicles.
<b>Ray Road/Muckamuck 3800-025</b>	Impassable due to a slope failure half way up.
<b>Cazadero 3800-365</b>	Open. Road No. 3800-367 is under a seasonal closure from October 1 - November 30.
<b>Iron Gate 3900-500</b>	Open. Not recommended for 2-wheel drive vehicles. Higher clearance vehicles needed.

Please use the Okanogan Forest Travel Plan Map (available at Forest offices or online at [http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5306489.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5306489.pdf)) when traveling on the Tonasket District. For current road conditions please call the Tonasket Ranger District at 509-486-2186.

**TRAILS:** All trails on the Tonasket Ranger District are open. Trail maintenance is occurring on forest trails, crews are removing downed logs and trail debris. Forest users should be prepared for cool fall temperatures, changing weather, and plan to encounter snow at elevations above 6,000 feet. Trailhead registration and Northwest Forest Passes are required at Long Swamp, Fourteen Mile, Irongate and Chewuch trailheads. Day and annual passes are available at ranger district offices or online at <http://www.discovernw.org/>. Senior Passes and Interagency Passes are also honored at trailheads and are available for purchase at the ranger station.

Trail Name and Number	Trails Not Yet Maintained	Date
Clark Ridge #363	Open, not cleared of downed logs or winter debris.	8/1/2011
Muckamuck #346	Open, not cleared. Access to the trailhead is blocked by a landslide on FS Road No. 3800-025.	8/1/2001
Shrew Creek #321	Open, not cleared. Access to the trail is blocked by debris from a landslide.	8/1/2011
Tunnel #353	Open, not cleared of downed logs or winter debris.	8/1/2011

**CAMPGROUNDS:** Although garbage service is available, water has been turned off at all campgrounds. Please be sure to bring your own water. The campgrounds will remain open until late October. The following fees for campgrounds on the Tonasket Ranger District are in affect for the 2011 camping season.

**Open campgrounds and current fees:**

Beth Lake	\$8.00 per day and \$5.00 for each extra vehicle
Beaver Lake	\$8.00 per day and \$5.00 for each extra vehicle
Sugarloaf	\$8.00 per day and \$5.00 for each extra vehicle
Cottonwood	\$8.00 per day and \$5.00 for each extra vehicle
Oriole	\$8.00 per day and \$5.00 for each extra vehicle
Kerr	\$8.00 per day and \$5.00 for each extra vehicle
Salmon Meadows	\$8.00 per day and \$5.00 for each extra vehicle
Lost Lake	\$12.00 per day and \$5.00 for each extra vehicle
Bonaparte	\$12.00 per day and \$5.00 for each extra vehicle
Crawfish	No fee, no services.
Lyman Lake	No fee, no services.
Tiffany Springs	No fee, no services.

The group site at Lost Lake campground is available by reservations only. This site is generally booked far in advance, so make reservations early. Please go online to [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or call the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 to make reservations.

## **WENATCHEE RIVER RANGER DISTRICT**

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

**OFFICE HOURS:** 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is located in Leavenworth across the street from McDonald's. **The Lake Wenatchee Ranger Station is not open for visitor services.**

**ICICLE CREEK ROAD IS NOW OPEN** to motorized traffic. The road had been closed beyond Ida Creek Campground due to extensive landslides and flooding that destroyed the roadbed in 2008.

All major construction has been completed on the new roadbed that is located on higher ground to alleviate interference with Icicle Creek and riparian functions. Some road maintenance work on the upper Icicle Road above the new construction work will continue if weather permits.

Campers again have full access to Black Pine Horse Camp and Rock Island developed campgrounds in the Icicle Valley. These campgrounds will not have full services this late in the fall, so bring potable water and pack out all trash. Chatter Creek Campground will remain closed to public use until campground maintenance is complete.

Motorized access to trailheads is also possible. Icicle Gorge Trail is one of the most frequently used trails on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, and is logged out and now accessible by vehicle.

**ROADS:** Contact the district office for current road conditions. Most district roads are open.

- **Chiwawa Road No. 6200** is open.
- **Phelps Creek Road No. 6211** is open.
- **White River Road No. 6400** is open.
- **Little Wenatchee Road No. 6500** is open. Large vehicles and trailers are **NOT** advised to travel beyond the junction with Smithbrook/Rainy Creek Road No. 6700 due to a washout that has severely narrowed Road No. 6500 between Soda Springs and Lake Creek. A detour is in place utilizing Road No. 6504 during road repair work. This road is steep and can be slippery when wet and muddy. Repair work is scheduled to be completed by early November.
- **Natapoc Road No. 6601** – There still may be logging truck traffic on this road.
- **Smithbrook/Rainy Creek Road No. 6700** is open.
- **Mission Creek Road No. 7100** is **CLOSED** due to flood damage from the junction of Number Two Canyon Road No. 7101 to the junction with Beehive Road No. 9712. The road is unsafe for travel.
- **Tip Top Road No. 7202** is impassable one mile from the junction of Camas Creek Road No. 7200 due to road damage.
- **Scotty Creek Road No. 7324** is **CLOSED** to wheeled motor vehicles 3.5 miles north of Blewett Pass due to road damage.
- **Walker Canyon Road No. 7510** is **CLOSED** to wheeled motor vehicles due to a mudslide in Clark Canyon.
- **Icicle Road No. 7600** is open.
- **Eightmile Road No. 7601** is open to the Stuart/Colchuck Lakes Trailhead.
- **Beehive Road No. 9712** is open to the Upper Devils Gulch Trailhead.
- **No. 2 Canyon Road** has a seasonal closure from Oct. 1 to the Saturday after Apple Blossom in early May.



**UPCOMING COUNTY & STATE ROAD WORK:** Highway 2/Tumwater Canyon Bridge Replacements. WSDOT will be replacing the Chiwaukum Creek, Wenatchee River and Drury Canyon Creek Bridges with wider, stronger and easier to maintain concrete structures.

**How Will It Be Accomplished?** In order to speed up construction and limit impacts to traffic, WSDOT will construct US Highway 2 in a new location from milepost 89.14 to 90.70. The new location will allow the Chiwaukum Creek Bridge and Wenatchee River Bridge to be built in one stage away from highway traffic. Once the new bridges and highway are complete, the old bridges will be removed and the old highway will be planted with native trees and grasses.

**Timeline:** The new bridges and highway should be open to traffic sometime during the spring of 2013.

**Traffic Impacts:** For the most part, highway users can expect single lane flagger controlled traffic during daytime work hours with unrestricted use of the highway after work hours and on weekends. Between August 2011 and September 2013 the WSDOT Private Contractor will be allowed to close Highway 2 for a total of 15 work week days. Such highway closures will **NOT** be allowed from Noon on Friday to 8 p.m. Sunday. It is anticipated that five highway closure days will be used to replace the Drury Canyon Creek Bridge. The Chumstick Highway will be used as a detour during the closures. The existing river access on the west end of the Wenatchee River Bridge will be closed while the Wenatchee River Bridge is under construction.

**For More Information contact:**

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 Or visit the Project Websites at: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/us2/chiwaukumcreek/>  
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/us2/wenatcheeriverbridge/>

**CAMPGROUNDS:**

Area	Campground Name	Fee	Status
Icicle Creek	Eightmile	No fee during the off season.	<b>Open with no fees or services.</b> Bring drinking water, toilet paper, and pack out garbage.  Eightmile and Johnny Creek Campgrounds are gated, and campers will need to park outside without blocking the gates.
	Bridge Creek		
	Lower Johnny Creek		
	Upper Johnny Creek		
	Ida Creek		
	Rock Island		
	Black Pine		
	Chatter Creek		<b>CLOSED</b>
Highway 2	Tumwater		<b>CLOSED</b>
Lake Wenatchee	Nason Creek		<b>CLOSED</b>
	Glacier View	No fee during the off season	<b>Open with no fees or services.</b> Bring drinking water, toilet paper, and pack out garbage.
White River	Napeequa Crossing, Grasshopper Meadows, White River Falls	No fee	Bring drinking water, toilet paper, and pack out garbage.
Little Wenatchee River	Soda Springs, Lake Creek, Rainy Creek	No fee	<b>Large vehicles and trailers are not advised to travel beyond the junction with Smithbrook/Rainy Creek Road No. 6700 due to a washout that has severely narrowed Road No. 6500 between Soda Springs and Lake Creek.</b>  Bring drinking water, toilet paper, and pack out garbage.

<b>Chiwawa River</b>	<b>Meadow Creek</b>	No fee	Bring drinking water, toilet paper, and pack out garbage.
	<b>Goose Creek, Finner Creek, Riverbend, Rock Creek, Chiwawa Horse Camp, Schaefer Creek, Atkinson Flats, 19 Mile, Alpine Meadows, Phelps Creek</b>	No fee during the off season	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Open with no fees or services.</b> Bring drinking water, toilet paper, and pack out garbage.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Goose Creek Campground is gated, and campers will need to park outside without blocking the gates.</p>

**GROUP CAMPSITES:** To reserve one of the large group sites at Eightmile, Bridge Creek, Tumwater and Grouse Creek Campgrounds, please call the National Reservation line at 1-877-444-6777 or via the Internet at www.recreation.gov . Reservations may be made up to one year in advance.

**TRAILS:** Expect snow above 5,000 feet elevation. There is already over a foot of new snow in the upper Enchantments area. Most district trails have been maintained and cleared of downed logs.

**RECREATION PASSES:** 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.

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| Alder Ridge            | Eightmile*         | Lower Chiwawa                   | Schaefer Lake |
| Basalt Ridge           | Estes Butte        | Nason Ridge                     | Snow Lakes *  |
| Buck Creek (Trinity)*  | Hidden Lake *      | Phelps Creek (Spider Meadows) * | Stuart Lake * |
| Chiwaukum Creek        | Ingalls Creek *    | Red Hill *                      | Twin Lakes    |
| Devil's Gulch (Lower)* | Little Giant       | Rock Creek                      | White River*  |
| Dirtyface              | Little Wenatchee * | Round Mountain                  |               |

Day passes can also be purchased during the summer months from fee tubes at the trailheads noted with \* above.

Recreation passes cost \$5.00 per vehicle per day or \$30.00 for an annual **Northwest Forest Pass**. Passes are available locally at the ranger station, Der Sportsman, Icicle Quik Stop, Village Mercantile, Sleeping Lady Gift Shop, Pioneer Market in Cashmere, Ingalls Creek Convenience Center, Parkside Grocery, Midway Village, and Plain Hardware. **Interagency Passes** are also honored at trailheads and are available for purchase at the ranger station.

**PRESCRIBED BURNING:** The Wenatchee River Ranger District is continuing its fall prescribed burn program to reduce excess fuels in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Crews will be burning forest fuels that were machine piled in the Natapoc area near Plain.

Motorists will continue to see residual smoke from pile burning in the lower Blewett area (west of Highway 97 in the vicinity of Mill Creek) and an increase of smoke in the Natapoc Ridge area as we proceed with pile burning as conditions permit.

