



MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS
 THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND
 HAHNS PEAK-BEARS EARS RANGER DISTRICT

	<p><u>TRAIL NAME:</u> #1102 FISH CREEK FALLS</p>	
<p><u>TRAIL BEGINNING:</u> 7440' elevation (2268m) at Fish Creek Falls Parking Area (NFSR 320).</p> <p><u>TRAIL ENDING:</u> 10,000' elevation (3048m) at NFST #1101.</p>	<p><u>LENGTH:</u> 7.6 mi (12.2 km)</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED SEASON:</u> Spring Summer Fall Winter</p>	
<p><u>ACCESS #1:</u> Go east of Steamboat Springs 3 miles on Fish Creek Road to Fish Creek Falls Parking Area. Two parking lots are provided. The lower lot is for overnight and horse trailers and the upper lot is for day hiking and picnic parking. Both lots require a \$5 fee per vehicle per day. Please use the envelopes that are provided.</p>	<p><u>USE:</u> Heavy : SUMMER/FALL Moderate: SPRING/WINTER</p> <p><u>DIFFICULTY:</u> Easy to Moderate</p> <p><u>USGS MAP(S):</u> Steamboat Springs & Mt. Werner Quads.</p>	
<p><u>ACCESS #2:</u> On U.S. 40, go southeast of Steamboat Springs about 21 miles to the Dumont Lake turn-off. Follow the old highway to NFSR 311 at the stone monument. Parking is provided here or the unimproved road continues to Base Camp where Trail #1101 begins. Travel #1101 to the junction with #1102, 3.3 miles. Road 311 is not suggested for passenger cars or trailers.</p>		
<p><u>ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS:</u> The Fish Creek Falls is one of the most popular attractions of the Steamboat Springs area. Its close proximity to town and the spectacular falls attract large numbers of visitors. A picnic area and interpretive signing add to the attraction. However, as the trail climbs in elevation above the falls, fewer people are encountered. The area near the Continental Divide offers access to several lakes and many subalpine meadows making it an attractive area for backpack camping.</p>		
<p><u>NARRATIVE:</u> The first section of trail from Fish Creek Falls Parking Area is wide and smooth providing easy access to the falls viewing area. After crossing the creek, the trail climbs steeply up Fish Creek Canyon. After recrossing the creek it continues up the canyon towards Long Lake. Just before reaching Long Lake, trail #1032 (Mountain View Trail) takes off on the users' right. Many mountain bikers will join this trail which takes them to Storm Peak, instead of the high-use area of Fish Creek Falls. Passing trail #1032, continue east to Long Lake and further east to the Continental Divide, Wyoming Trail #1101. At this point the Fish Creek Falls National Scenic Trail #1102 ends. However, this junction offers many different exit areas if the user wishes. Also many uses change. Please refer to the Routt National Forest map for motorized and mechanized trail information.</p>		
<p><u>*Notice: For the first 1/4 mile east after the bridge bikes must be walked</u></p>		

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