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 THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND
 HAHNS PEAK-BEARS EARS RANGER DISTRICT

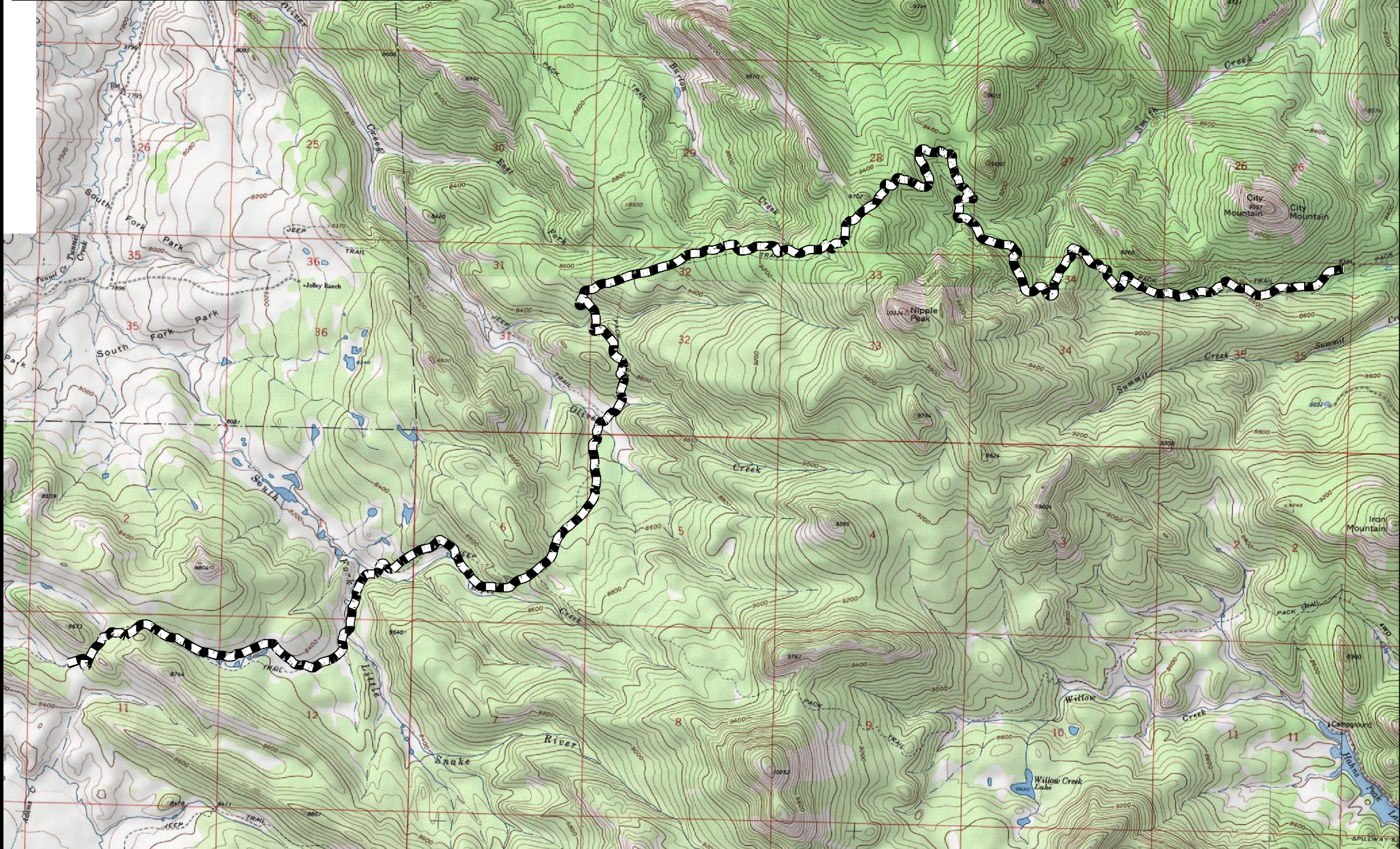
	<p>TRAIL NAME: #1147 NIPPLE PEAK</p>
<p>TRAIL BEGINNING: 8,400' elevation Jct. 129 (2560 m)</p> <p>TRAIL ENDING: 8,400' elevation Jct. 156 Slater Park (2560 m)</p>	<p>LENGTH: 10.2 mi (16.4 km)</p> <p>RECOMMENDED SEASON: <u>Summer</u> <u>Fall</u></p>
<p>ACCESS #1: Drive Hwy 40 west of Steamboat 2 miles and turn right onto Routt County Road 129. Continue north 33 miles just past the Summit Creek guard station. Turn left onto NFSR 047 and park. Closed to ATVs.</p> <p>ACCESS #2 : The west end of the Nipple Peak trail can be accessed by going west on US 40 for 24 miles to Hayden. Turn right on Routt County Road 80 to California Park, 20 miles. Go through California Park to Slater Park. Turn right onto NFSR 156 to the trailhead. ATV access.</p>	<p>USE: Moderate</p> <p>DIFFICULTY: Most Difficult</p> <p>USGS MAP(S): Meaden Peak, Shield Mountain, Elkhorn Mtn</p>
<p>ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS: Travel regulations and seasonal closures have recently changed for this trail system. The purpose of this order is to protect critical big game habitat, prevent trail damage and reduce erosion during wet weather, insure user safety, resolve user conflicts, and minimize maintenance costs and trail investment loss.</p> <p>Beginning at the west entrance, from NFSR 156 to Oliver Creek, this trail is open to motorized vehicles 44" or less in width. The Nipple Peak Trail from Oliver Creek East to NFSR 047 is open to two-wheeled trail motorcycles. In addition, the Nipple Peak Trail is closed to all wheel-to-ground motorized vehicles from October 1 to July 1 every year. All trails west of County Road 129 are closed to motorized use from October 1 - July 1.</p>	
<p>NARRATIVE: From the east side the trail starts up jeep road NFSR 047 and climbs to the divide between Hahns Peak and Slater Park on the west side. The trail turns into a narrow single track on steep sideslope wooded forest. It skirts an inactive timber sale on the right just before reaching the divide. From this point, Oliver Creek, the trail widens and ATVs are allowed in from the west end. The trail starts a gentle downhill towards Slater Park. This side is more open with aspen groves and meadows.</p>	

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