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







TRAIL NAME: #1169 HOT SPRINGS

TRAIL BEGINNING: 6700' elevation (2042m) TH at end of NFSR 36

LENGTH: 2.4 mi (3.9 km)

TRAIL ENDING: 7800' elevation (2377 m) at junction with NFSR 128, up Mad Creek.

RECOMMENDED SEASON:
Spring | Summer | Fall

ACCESS: Drive west of Steamboat Springs on US Hwy 40 about 2miles, and turn north on Elk River Road (RCR 129) for about 5 miles. Park in the large lot on the right side of the road. This is also the parking lot for the Mad Creek Trailhead.

USE: Heavy to Very Heavy **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

Find the trail at the entrance to the parking lot heading south in the ditch and crossing the Elk River bridge. The trail then continues left onto a gated road. Follow this road up and over the hill to the trail marker.

USGS MAP(S): Rocky Peak Quad.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS: When bicycling this trail, please bike at walking speed through the Strawberry Hot Springs property. This is a popular tourist area with many people and children around. Basic biking courtesy is appreciated. Be aware that you may encounter permitted cattle grazing on or near the trail. This trail is very popular and extending it to a longer day ride is optional by using connector trails. This trail is closed between 11/15-5/15, falling within an area-closure for wildlife protection.

NARRATIVE: At the beginning of the single track, watch for a ledge drop off. Be careful! This narrow single-track hugs the north side of the creek often sloping in places towards the creek. After traveling 3 miles, the single-track (trail #1169) ends at the joining with a dirt road, NFSR 128. Turn left and continue past the gates to CR 129.

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