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 THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND  
 HAHNS PEAK-BEARS EARS RANGER DISTRICT

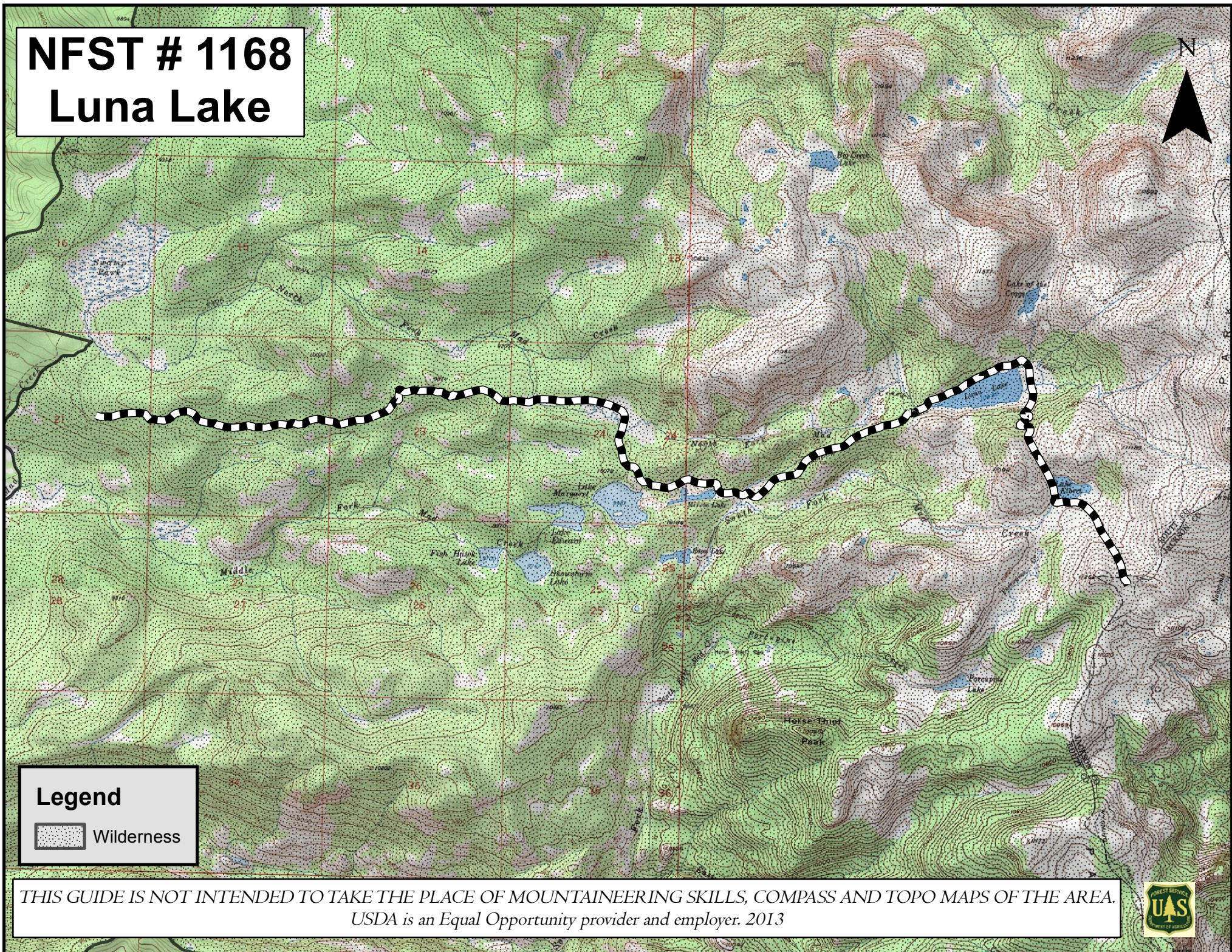
		<p><b><u>TRAIL NAME:</u> #1168 LUNA LAKE</b></p>	
<p><b><u>TRAIL BEGINNING:</u></b> 9120 elevation (2779 m)</p>		<p><b><u>LENGTH:</u></b> 7.72 mi ( 12.4km)</p>	
<p><b><u>TRAIL ENDING:</u></b> 11,150' elevation (3398 m)                  Continental Divide, junction of Wyoming Trail #1101.</p>		<p><b><u>RECOMMENDED SEASON:</u></b>  <u>Summer   Fall</u></p>	
<p><b><u>ACCESS #1:</u></b> Go west of Steamboat Springs on U.S. 40 for about 2 miles to the Elk River Road (airport) turn off. Travel on this road approximately 5 miles to Mad Creek TH and park in the lot behind the buck and rail fence. Hike about 8 miles to the junction with the Luna Lake Trail #1168.</p>		<p><b><u>USE:</u></b> Moderate to Heavy</p> <p><b><u>DIFFICULTY:</u></b> Moderate to Difficult</p> <p><b><u>USGS MAP( S):</u></b> Floyd Peak, Mt. Ethel Quads.</p>	
<p><b><u>ACCESS #2 :</u></b> Go north of Steamboat on the Strawberry Park Road to County Road #60 (Buffalo Pass Road) and turn right. Travel approximately 11 miles on this road to the Buffalo Pass Trailhead. Walk north on the Wyoming Trail #1101 about 7 miles to the junction of Luna Lake Trail #1168.</p>			
<p><b><u>ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS:</u></b> There is adequate parking at Buffalo Pass TH. Please park in the parking lots provided, help protect the vegetation. This trail has some rough and steep spots along the way. <b>NOTE:</b> ALWAYS BE WATCHFUL FOR STORMS (HAIL AND LIGHTNING) IN THESE HIGH AREAS. BE PREPARED FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER AT ALL TIMES.</p>			
<p><b><u>NARRATIVE:</u></b> The trail takes the hiker by many lakes. From Swamp Park (via the Mad Creek TH) one travels up and through wooded and rocky areas coming out into Logan Park, then on past Lake Margaret (a good side trip is to go down to Snowstorm Lake and Fish Hawk Lake; however the trail is unimproved). Continue on through the forest and before reaching Luna Lake, a trail takes off north to Big Creek Lake. This is also a good side trip for fisherman. As you reach Luna Lake, the trees thin out and you can see up to Mt. Ethel and the Divide. Luna is a beautiful lake with a sand beach; however, the water stays very cold. A nice loop takes you from Luna to Lake Elbert (very difficult, rocky). Stay on Trail #1168 past Elbert and up to junction with Wyoming Trail #1101. Turn left on #1101 and go north about 2 ½ miles to junction with Craggs Trail #1182. Turn left on #1182, follow it 2 miles, past Lake of the Craggs and back to Luna Lake.</p>			

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# NFST # 1168 Luna Lake



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