

Additional Routes

There are many other areas to ride on the Pagosa Ranger District. However, parking generally limits access.

Plowed parking is occasionally available and allows snowmobile access to Eight Mile Mesa (FR 651) and Jackson Mountain (FR 037) Roads. These areas are not groomed.

For more information

Colorado Snowmobile Registration

Colorado Parks & Wildlife

(303) 791-1920

cpw.state.co.us

Colorado Snowmobile State Law

cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/pages/snowmobilelawregs.aspx

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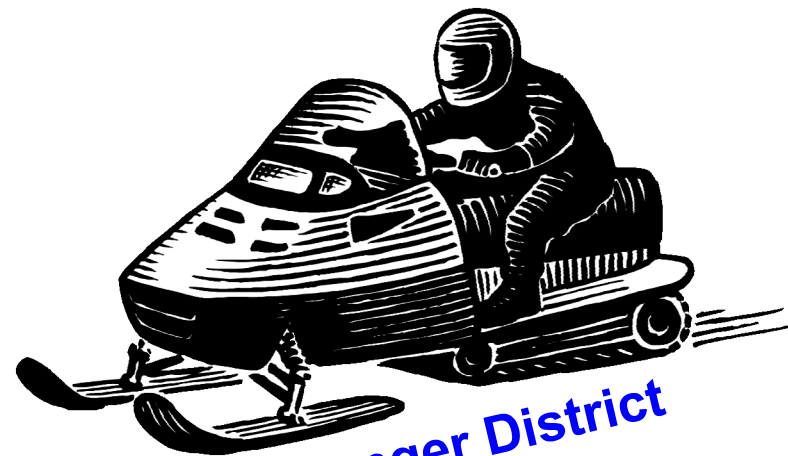
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Winter Recreation

On the San Juan National Forest



Winter Trails Snowmobiling

Welcome to the beauty of winter in the San Juan National Forest!

The San Juan National Forest, Pagosa Ranger District, provides numerous opportunities for snowmobile travel.

The majority of designated snowmobile routes follow unplowed Forest roads and trails, many of which are groomed by a local volunteer group under authorization from the Forest Service and the Wolf Creek Trailblazers Club.

Grooming frequencies vary due to conditions and resources, most routes are only minimally marked. Consequently, route finding skills, maps, avalanche awareness, and good pre-trip planning are essential for safe adventure in the Pagosa backcountry during winter.

The following trail descriptions and map have been developed to assist visitors in locating snowmobile opportunities in the Pagosa area. Mileages are approximate and do not represent round trip distances from trailheads. Please be familiar with the rules, regulations, and tips for safe travel listed throughout this handout.

Parking

Parking areas may not be plowed; therefore, parking space is often limited and may not be available after snowstorms when snow removal is in progress. Please park considerably without blocking gates or other vehicles.

Grooming Conditions

There is not a set schedule for grooming and some trails may not be groomed for an entire season.

For more information about grooming conditions:

Colorado Snowmobile Association

snowmobilecolo.com

Route Finding

Before setting out on untracked snow, remember that some trails are minimally or unmarked. Route finding skills are necessary. Always carry maps, such as the San Juan Forest Map and current topographic maps. Avoid trespassing on private property adjacent to or surrounded by National Forest Lands.

Pre-Plan and Prepare

The Forest Service does not manage or sign for all hazards. Always be prepared for and aware of :

- * Changing weather conditions
- * Potential for altitude sickness and hypothermia
- * The need to find our own way or turn back if conditions become too difficult for your skills, ability , or equipment.

Avalanche Information

Carry essential rescue equipment and know how to use it. Be familiar with accepted winter trail procedures and rescue techniques. For more information contact the **Colorado Avalanche Information Center** at (303) 499-9650. avalanche.state.co.us

Search and Rescue

In an emergency, call 911. The local Sheriff's Office is the lead agency for search and rescue.

Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue Cards cover search and rescue mission costs, support Colorado search and rescue volunteers, and contribute to well-trained and equipped search and rescue teams. Anyone with a current hunting/ fishing license, or boat, snowmobile, ATV registration is already covered by the fund.

Most of these routes follow unplowed Forest roads and trails. Winter Trail numbers correspond to the map below. County Road (CR) and Forest Service Road (FR) numbers correspond with the San Juan National Forest Map.

Although the focus of this brochure is to provide trail information to snowmobile users, **all trails shown on the map are open to both motorized and non-motorized travel.** Please keep this in mind and keep speeds slow while traveling on these shared trails. When possible, keep your tracks separate from those of other users.

1 Monument Park Winter Trail (101)

This winter trail follows portions of the First Fork Road (FR 622), Monument Park Road West (FR 630), and Devil Mountain Trail (Trail 600). **Trailhead:** First Fork Road (FR 622). **Grooming:** Ungroomed, challenging ride. **Connections:** Monument Trail, (FR 630). **Length:** 30 miles.

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2 Turkey Springs Winter Trail (100)

Trailhead: Turkey Springs Trailhead on Piedra Road (FR631). **Grooming:** Occasionally groomed. **Connections:** Monument Trail, (FR 630). **Length:** 8.5 miles loop.

3 Fourmile Winter Trail (105)

Follows Fourmile Road (FR 645) from the winter closure point to its end. **Trailhead:** Fourmile Road (CR 400) at winter closure. **Grooming:** Frequently groomed. **Connections:** Plumtaw Trail, (FR 634). **Length:** 4.6 miles.



Rules and Regulations

Cross country winter travel is generally permitted on the Pagosa Ranger District, however there are areas in which snowmobiles are prohibited or restricted to designated routes.

Snowmobiles are **prohibited** in the Weminuche Wilderness, the South San Juan Wilderness, and the Piedra Area.

Please refer to the San Juan National Forest Visitor Map and reference the area table for information about location of areas where travel is restricted to designated routes.

Each over-the snow vehicle that is operated on public land in Colorado must be registered with Colorado State Parks. Out-of-state residents who bring snowmobiles into Colorado must purchase a Colorado Non-Resident Snowmobile permit.

4 Plumtaw Winter Trail (016)

The trail is accessed via the Fourmile (Winter) Trail (FR 645). It follows Plumtaw Road (FR 634) to end at McManus Road (FR 633). **Trailhead:** Fourmile Road (CR 400) or McManus Road (FR 633) at winter closure points. **Grooming:** Frequently groomed. **Connections:** The McManus-E. Toner Connector (5.8 miles) crosses the Middle Fork of the Piedra River. The route consists of a groomed trail to E. Toner Road (FR 637), then follows E. Toner Road to Middle Fork Road (FR 636) and continues southwest to a parking area at the junction with Piedra Road (FR 631). **Length:** 18.3 miles.

5 East Fork Winter Trail (018)

Follow East Fork Rd. and FR 684 to Quartz Meadows. **Trailhead:** Plowed parking area at winter closure of East Fork Road. **Grooming:** Occasionally groomed. **Length:** 12.6 miles.

6 Wolf Creek Pass

A plowed parking area is located on Wolf Creek Pass on the side of Highway 160. Routes on the pass provide access to a variety of terrain and may be groomed. To help provide quality recreation experiences for everyone, follow these guidelines:

South Side of the Pass

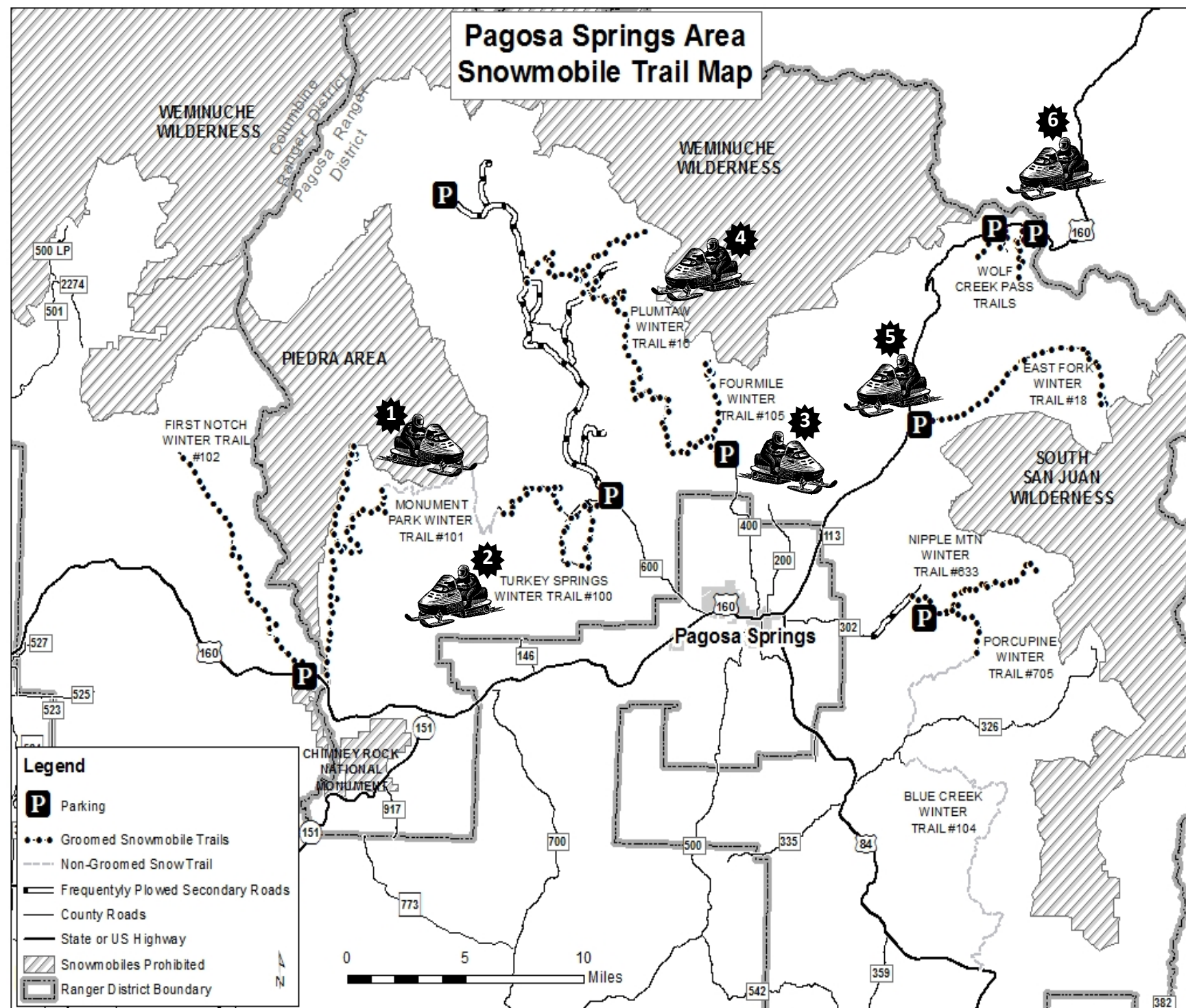
*Multiuse area recommended for trail and off trail snowmobiling.

*The area know as the Rock Garden is non-motorized.

North Side of the Pass

* The road to the Lobo Outlook is a designated snowmobile route.

*The remainder of the north side for non-motorized use.



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