

RFVHC SUMMARY

TRAILS & PARKING DESCRIPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4/10/2022

Q16 REDSTONE - AVALANCHE CREEK - COAL BASIN AREA (Multi - Users Trails)

Could be high demand for equestrians as the parking is acceptable for trucks and trailers

Trails are good for beginners with gentle, wide old mining roads with spectacular scenery.

Trails in this area are designated as Outfitter & Cattleman's Association pack trails. Walton trails are Bike Only.

REDSTONE - AVALANCHE CREEK - What the RFVHC learned

- The trail from the old bridge (we call it the Southside Trail) was cleared last year and will be cleared again by Avalanche Outfitters and the Cattleman's Ass.
- Avalanche Creek is a hard trail. The bridge just past Hell Roaring is still out of commission, making it a crossing for experienced riders, outfitter guests and hunters. The RFVHC does not recommend Avalanche area due to the road driving in and the trail ascending Avalanche Creek. There is a steep downhill not too far along the trail for advanced riders, and tough mountain horses only.
- Continue to make it clear through education flyers at bike shops that Walton Bike Park users that their travel range is limited.
- Trail maintenance by Avalanche Outfitters and Coal Basin Cattleman's Association clears almost the entire Coal Basin area, including horse-only trails through their outfitting and cattle grazing permits, so that the USFS can focus on the wilderness trails.

In the works - FYI PC OST & solutions with USFS

- Survey Monkey Responses and Summary will begin a conversation with USFS
- Avalanche Outfitters and USFS, Kelly Wood chose 7 spots to place signs with stickers that will have the triangle yield, no bikes, etc. There will be 1 sign at the top of Braderich Creek, 1 sign at the base of Southside Trail, 1 sign at the creek crossing going to the Core Drill Road, and on trails past the Walton property (Coal Basin Ranch)
- Introduce the PC OST & USFS to the ELCR's Safe Passing Action Plan and RFVHC's Yield signage, which is gaining national attention.
- Funding is being sought for 2022-23 projects and working grants with the USFS.