



Travel Map and Visitor Guide



BLM

Hardscrabble

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This area includes approximately 24,000 acres of public land open for outdoor recreation activities such as mountain biking, motorcycle riding, hiking, running, hunting, ATV and 4x4 driving.

This map shows interim routes suitable for various types of vehicle use. These routes are subject to change when the Colorado River Valley Field Office revises the Resource Management Plan.

Off-road use causes resource damage. Please use the routes identified on this map to protect soils, wildlife, vegetation and cultural resources.

The establishment of new routes through flagging, clearing vegetation or disturbing soils is illegal pursuant to CFR 43 8365.1-2.

The mountains vary in elevation ranging from 6,500 to 9,700 feet above sea level, and offer outstanding panoramas of the surrounding valleys and mountains. Vegetation includes sagebrush, pinyon-juniper and gamble oak in the lower elevations; with aspen, lodgepole pine and alpine meadows in the high country. Water is found in perennial streams, ponds and springs, but may be scarce during dry years.

Hunting and Fishing

Hardscrabble is in Game Management Unit 44. All removal of game is subject to the State of Colorado hunting and fishing regulations.

You can stop game poaching!
Call 1-800-332-4155 (State-wide)

Operation Game Thief

Emergency 911
Routt County Dispatch (970) 879-1090
Eagle County Sheriff Dispatch (970) 479-2200
Colorado State Patrol (Craig) (970) 824-6501

In Case of an Emergency:

Colorado State Parks Registration Unit
13787 S. Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125
(303) 791-1920

Off Highway Vehicle Registration

Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
(970) 947-2920

Colorado Division of Wildlife

50633 Hwy 6 & 24
(970) 876-9000

Silt, CO 81652

2300 River Frontage Road

Bureau of Land Management

For More Information or Comments Contact:

Town of Eagle Open Space Winter Closure

All public activity is prohibited on the Town of Eagle Open Space lands bordering Bureau of Land Management property in the Eagle Ranch development from December 15 to April 15.

The purpose of the restriction is to protect wintering wildlife and to avoid damage to roads or trails through use during wet conditions. Eagle's open space lands along the southern portions of Eagle Ranch are classified as critical deer and elk winter range. The Dec. 15 - April 15 time period is a critical time for animals that are dealing with a scarcity of food while surviving the winter elements. Any disturbance or harassment, whether from people walking by or from dogs chasing the animals hurts the wild animals' chances for survival. The seasonal use restriction will also help to avoid physical damage to roads, trails and vegetation caused by inappropriate use.

Seasonal use restrictions, on critical wildlife habitat, are part of the Eagle Ranch development's wildlife mitigation and enhancement plan, as proposed by the developers of Eagle Ranch, and approved by the Colorado Division of Wildlife and Town of Eagle. The intent of the plan is to avoid, minimize, and mitigate wildlife impacts resulting from the development.

Recreational uses are not allowed during the Dec. 15 - April 15 time period and include Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, biking, and equestrian use. Those types of uses are also discouraged on adjacent BLM lands during the seasonal closure, in order to protect winter range values.

Exceptions:

Current town policy allows the Town Manager, after consulting with the CDOW, to open the critical wildlife areas earlier if the areas dry out and the majority of the deer and elk have moved up in elevation. Deer and elk start to move up in elevation as snow melts and the ground dries up, preferring to follow the snowline in order to take advantage of newly emerging plants. When deciding on an opening date for the open space areas, road & trail conditions will also be considered.

Discover the rewards of responsible recreation

Allow for future use of the outdoors, by leaving it better than you found it

Educate yourself plan and prepare before you go

Respect the environment and the rights of others

Travel & recreate with minimum impact



Tread Lightly! Pledge

Help Wanted

The BLM will be revising the Resource Management Plan which will affect travel and other uses in the Hardscrabble area. Your comments and suggestions are vital in planning future uses, visitor services and facilities, and regulations. Additionally, there are opportunities for volunteering for a variety of projects in the area. If you would like to be involved with future planning or become a volunteer, contact the BLM office.

Public Access

There are three public roads that access this area. There are other roads that **do not** provide legal public access. Permission from the land owner is required to use these routes. Please respect private property and do not trespass. The following are directions to the public access roads:

Spring Creek: Take I-70 to the Gypsum exit and travel east on highway 6 about 1/2 mile. Turn right (south) on Valley road for about 1/2 mile, then left (east) on Cooley Mesa Road. Go about 1 1/2 mile and turn right (south) on Spring Creek Rd. Go about 1 mile, then turn left on BLM road 8380. No parking, camping or shooting is permitted for the first 1/2 mile.

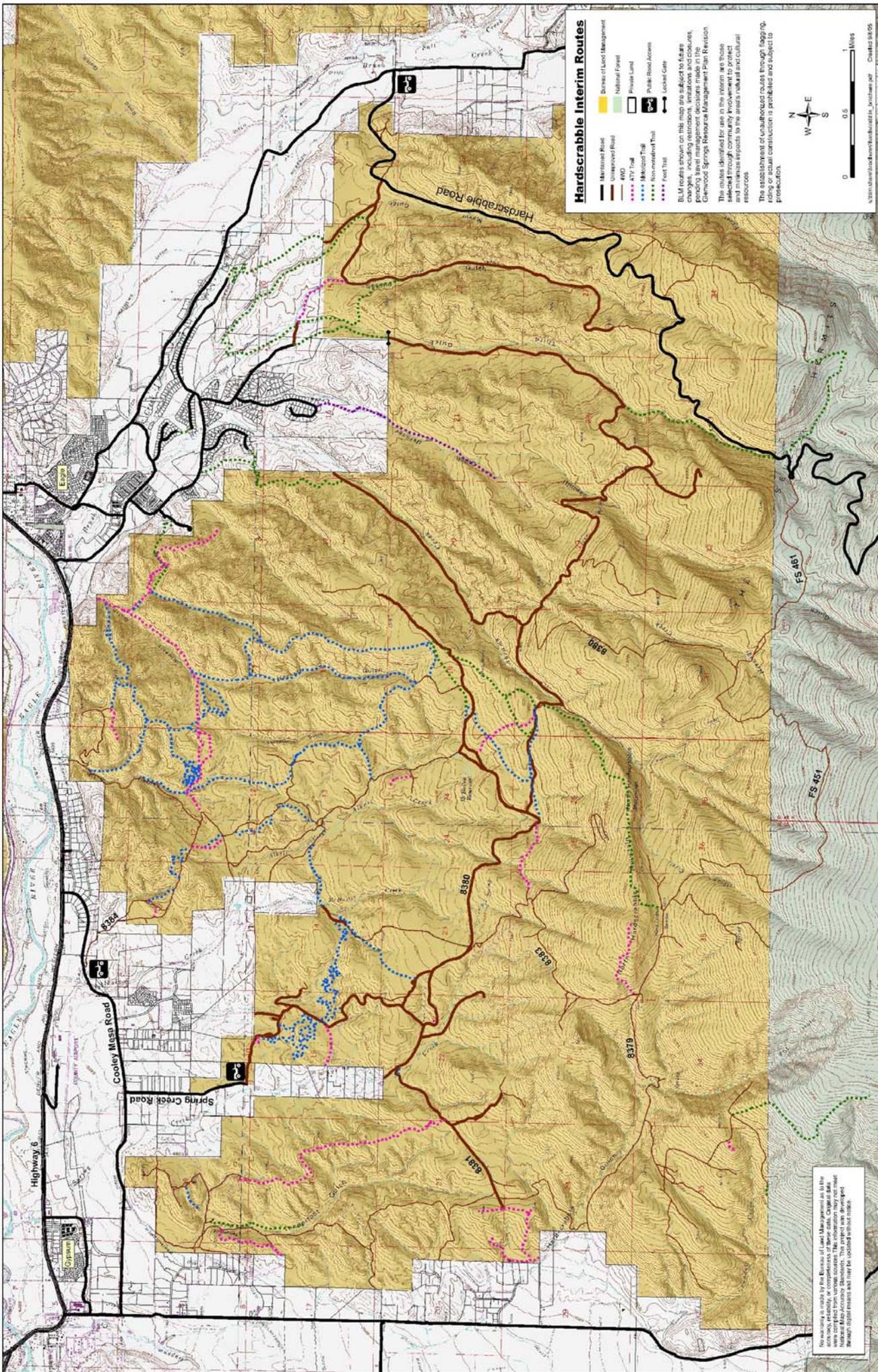
BLM Road 8384: Take I-70 to the Gypsum exit and travel east on highway 6 about 1/2 mile. Turn right (south) on Valley road for about 1/2 mile, then left (east) on Cooley Mesa Road. Travel approximately 3 miles and turn right on BLM road 8384.

Hardscrabble Road: Take I-70 to the Eagle exit. Travel west on Hwy 6 for approximately 1 mile and turn right (south) on Brush Creek Road. Go about 5 miles and turn right on Hardscrabble Road.

Town of Eagle Open Space Trailhead Locations:

- Horton St
- Abram's Creek
- Fourth of July Rd

Please note: Visitors are encouraged to park in public lots and ride to the trailheads, rather than park in the neighborhoods.



Hardscrabble Interim Routes

- Maintained Road
- Unimproved Road
- ATV Trail
- Mountain Trail
- Non-motorized Trail
- Foot Trail
- Bureau of Land Management
- National Forest
- Private Land
- Private Road Access
- Locked Gate

BLM routes shown on this map are subject to future changes, including restrictions, limitations and closures, and are subject to the current and future management plan for the Hardscrabble Interim Routes. The establishment of unimproved routes through logging, mining or actual construction is prohibited and subject to prosecution.

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