# Welcome To Canfield Mountain Trail System!

# **BACKGROUND**

The Canfield Mountain Trail System was an idea formulated in 1989 during the planning stages of Nettleton Timber Sale. By late 1990 the project began to take shape as the Forest Service worked with local user groups and conducted on-the-ground field reviews. Trail rehabilitation work began in 1992. Major funding started in early 1993 with a grant from the State of Idaho Off Road Motor Vehicle Fund. This amount doubled with monies from the Nettleton Timber Sale. A third source came from tax monies appropriated for trail development, thus leaving a final breakdown of roughly 1/3 timber sales monies, 1/3 ORV grant, and 1/3 tax money.

# ACCESS FROM INTERSTATE 90

- I. EAST SIDE (Shooting Range Parking)
  - 1. Take Exit # 15 (Sherman Ave.)
  - 2. Turn East (away from town) and continue 5.5 miles on County Road 108 (Becomes Forest Road 268 at the Forest Boundary).
  - 3. The Shooting Range Parking is on the left at 5.5 miles.
- II. WEST SIDE (Nettleton Gulch Parking)
  - 1. Take Exit # 14 (15th Street)
  - 2. Turn North on 15<sup>th</sup> St. and follow it 1.1 miles to Nettleton Gulch Road
  - 3. Turn right on Nettleton Gulch Road and go 2.2 miles to the Nettleton Gulch Parking Area.

# TRAIL DESIGNATION LOGIC

Trails designated with *numbers generally run North to South* while those with *letters run East to West*. For the most part numbered trails contain the steeper grades and lettered trails are milder. This is not true in all cases however, and you are advised to read the individual trail descriptions for detailed information. There are more than 25 trail miles in this system. The user is expected to put together their own routes of travel based on their desires and capabilities. Study the map and trail descriptions before you begin. Feel free to call the Fernan Office for answers to your questions.

# TRAIL COURTESY

The Canfield Mountain Trail System was designed for motorized trail bikes and bicycles. Trail 1562 is open to 4 wheel ATV's. Hikers are welcome as well. Motorized trail bikes have been using this area since the late 1950's. More recently, bicycles have become a major user of this area. All users are encouraged to respect the other types of uses. The specific circumstance of each encounter will dictate who should yield. If there is a question, bicycles should yield to all, and hikers should yield to motorcycles.

## SAFETY

The Canfield Trail System was designed so that the entire trail network can be accessed without traveling on roads open to cars or trucks. Roads however may be opened periodically to meet the short-term needs of other forest activities. At such times these roads will be signed to alert the trail user of traffic hazards.

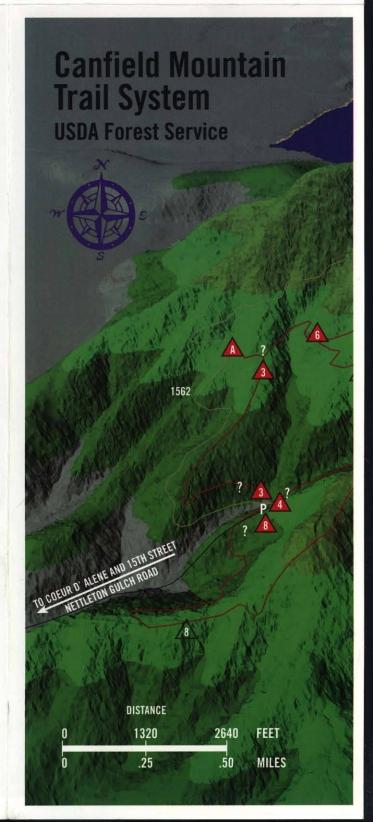
Trails receive Forest Service maintenance every three years. Organized clubs and volunteers perform maintenance annually. The Forest Service will respond, as best they can, to reports of tree blow-downs or other problems. However, they cannot assure their response to be immediate, or that such problems will be discovered in a timely manner. The trail user must be prepared at all times for obstacles in the trail.

Some trails are steep and have ruts, rocks, roots, and other obstacles. Others have loose rock or steep drop-offs along the edge. Read the trail descriptions and know your limits.

Trails may be congested. Be prepared to meet another user at any time. Be especially cautious on blind curves and trail junctions.

Possible accidents can be avoided by adjusting your speed. **Slow down!** Ride safely.

It is recognized that there are inherent risks in all activities which use trails. Each user should be aware of the risks associated with their particular activity, and take necessary precautions.



# LAW ENFORCEMENT

- All motorcycles must meet the State of Idaho licensing requirements.
- All vehicles must be equipped with a working headlight and tail light if they are to be used any time between one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.
- No vehicle user shall be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- No motorcycle shall create excessive or unusual smoke.
- No vehicle shall be operated carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the safety of any person, or in a manner that endangers, or is likely to endanger any person or property.
- All motorized vehicles must be equipped with a U.S.F.S. approved spark arrestor.
- Decibel levels from noise must not exceed State and Federal regulations.
- All accidents involving injury or property damage exceeding \$750.00 must be reported to the Kootenai County Sheriff.
- Use of 3 and 4 wheel ATV's, dune buggies, or jeeps is prohibited, except on the 1562 Trail.
- The Kootenai County Sheriff and the U.S. Forest Service law enforcement will patrol on a regular basis.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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# TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

#### Trail 3

DISTANCE: 0.5 Miles ELEVATION CHANGE 450'

COMMENTS: Steep. Much of the trail has been used in the past by 4-wheel vehicles. It is a wide portion of trail, steep in spots, with some erosion problems.

#### Trail 4 (CAVE TRAIL)

DISTANCE: 0.7 Miles ELEVATION CHANGE 540

COMMENTS: Locally known as the "Cave Trail" because of a cave created from mining excavation not far from the parking area. This trail has moderate grades.

## Trail 5

DISTANCE: 0.4 Miles ELEVATION CHANGE 200'

COMMENTS: The trail officially terminates at the Trail A junction.

#### Trail 6

DISTANCE: 1.2 Miles ELEVATION CHANGE 450'

COMMENTS: Logging road with mild grades (less than 7%).

#### Trail 7

DISTANCE: 1.0 Miles ELEVATION CHANGE 250'

COMMENTS: Logging road with mild grades (less than 6%). Trail 7 terminates at Penn Station but the road continues on. If you continue on this road it will soon tie in with Trail 8; be advised that it is not marked beyond Penn Station. Stay on the high road at the unmarked road junction, the low road dead ends.

# Trail 8 (PENN TRAIL)

DISTANCE: 3.0 Miles ELEVATION CHANGE 1000'

COMMENTS: This trail has mostly moderate to steep grades. There is a 1200-foot stretch through private land. This stretch is particularly steep and eroded. It is located about 1/2 mile Southwest of Penn Station.

#### Trail 9 (JUMP TRAIL)

DISTANCE: 2.1 Miles ELEVATION CHANGE 1010'

COMMENTS: Trail has mostly steep to moderate grades.

#### Trail 10

DISTANCE: 2.9 Miles ELEVATION CHANGE 1420'

COMMENTS: Overall grades are moderate to mild with the 2,875 foot stretch mostly steep between the A and B trails. The portion below Trail A is mostly moderate with some stretches of mild and level grades. The portion along and above Trail B is mild.

#### Trail 11

DISTANCE: 1.6 Miles ELEVATION CHANGE 410'

COMMENTS: Logging road with mild grades.

#### Trail A

DISTANCE: 7.8 Miles ELEVATION CHANGE 670'

COMMENTS: This is the longest trail and marks the furthest extension of the system both East and West. Approximately 6 miles of this trail are old logging roads with mild grades (less than 6%). The remaining 1.8 miles are single-track trails connecting these logging roads. They generally follow the contours rarely sustaining grades greater than 10%.

## Trail B

DISTANCE: 4.1 Miles ELEVATION CHANGE 560'

COMMENTS: Predominantly old logging road with a short piece of single-track connector along and extending out from Trail 10.

This trial can be generally classified as having mild grades less than 6%.

# Trail D

DISTANCE: 1.1 Miles ELEVATION CHANGE 650'

COMMENTS: Trail is mild to moderate. It winds its way to the top of West Canfield Butte for a great view.

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