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LINCOLN CREEK ROAD #106

Length: 5 miles to Lincoln Creek Road;
6 miles to Grizzly Reservoir from Hwy. 82

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Use: Moderate to heavy

Beginning Elevation: 8,785 feet (2678 m)

Ending Elevation: 11,000 feet (3353 m)

USGS Map(s): Independence Pass, NY Peak

ACCESS: Access to Lincoln Creek Road is located 11 miles southeast of Aspen on Highway 82. Until Memorial Day weekend, during the winter months, Highway 82 is closed just past the Difficult Campground, 6 miles east of Aspen. From the closure gate, it's 5 miles to Lincoln Creek Road.

NARRATIVE: The road crosses a bridge and heads downhill and passes Lincoln Gulch campground on the right. The road rolls up and down with some steep uphill that level out on top. The road follows Lincoln Creek with an uphill/downhill pattern to Grizzly Reservoir at the 6 mile mark. To continue to the ghost town of Ruby, stay on the main road which curves to the southeast of the reservoir and past Portal Campground. The road climbs easily to the ruins of an old mining cabin at the 9 mile mark. The road forks in another 1/2 mile, take the left fork. The ghost town of Ruby is a short distance before the road ends (Ruby is 12 miles from Highway 82 on Lincoln Creek Road)..

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: Motorized vehicles are not allowed within adjacent Wilderness Areas. Before you go out, check into available routes, their conditions, ownership of land, posted areas, regulations that apply and the following rules:

- * **Respect private property.** Ask permission before entering.
- * **Be considerate** of other winter back-country travelers. Remember, we're all out to enjoy the outdoors.
- * **Avoid disturbing wild animals** by staying out of elk and deer wintering areas. Detour if you spot wildlife.
- * **Take care not to damage fences and/or gates.** When using gates, please close them behind you.
- * **Wilderness areas and Primitive areas are CLOSED to motorized recreational vehicles.** If in doubt, inquire at a local Forest Service office. Obey all signs.
- * **BEWARE OF AVALANCHES!** Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Avoid mountainous terrain after heavy snowfalls or prolonged periods of high wind. Stay on the windblown side of ridges. Avoid crossing steep hillsides and entering narrow, steep canyons.

PACK IT IN—PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

This map is intended for use as a general guide only, not for actual land navigation. The White River National Forest suggests purchasing a topographical trail map prior to your snowmobile trip.