

Dillon Ranger District
680 Blue River Parkway
P.O. Box 620
Silverthorne, CO 80498
(970) 468-5400 - Voice
(970) 468-7735 - Fax



United States Department of Agriculture



XC SKIING
SNOWSHOEING

17 - GOLD HILL - FDT 79

Difficulty: MODERATE

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 3.40 miles (one-way)

Elevation: Starts at 9,205 feet and ends at 10,030 feet (highest point 10,292 feet)

Elevation Gain: +1,206 feet – 379 feet = +827 feet

Open To: CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, SHOWSHOEING

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 203, Frisco / Breckenridge, and travel south on HWY 9 toward Breckenridge for 5 miles.
- Turn right on Gold Hill Road (County Road #950). Immediately to your right is the parking area.
- The trail begins across the road from the parking area.

Trail Highlights:

- The trail passes through a series of clear-cuts that were cut in 1988. The thick lodgepole pine in the area average 70 to 100 years in age. These trees, because of their density and age, are especially susceptible to disease and fire. Small clear-cut areas are designed to minimize the danger to the overall forest by creating age differences and open glades.
- The trail passes through an interesting evergreen forest as it climbs over Gold Hill providing views of the Blue River Valley eastward and the rugged Ten Mile Range to the west.
- We encourage people to watch this area as a new healthy ecosystem reclaims the spots where the clear-cut areas are.

Important Information:

- **THIS ROAD IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**
- Follow the blue diamonds that are located on the trees to follow the trail where it crosses the road or the clear cuts.
- This trail connects with the Peaks (FDT 45), Miners Creek (FSR 1000) and Colorado (FDT 1776) Trails.

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 STRONGLY SUGGESTS PURCHASING A TOPOGRAPHIC TRAIL MAP AND COMPASS PRIOR TO BEGINNING A CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING OR SNOWSHOEING TRIP.