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XC SKIING
SNOWSHOEING

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Difficulty: EASY

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 1.29 miles (one-way)

Elevation: Starts at 9,209 feet and ends at 9,433 feet (highest point 9,614 feet)

Elevation Gain: +498 feet – 274 feet = +224 feet

Open To: CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, SNOWSHOEING

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9 to the first traffic light at the intersection of Rainbow Drive / Wilderndest Road. Turn left onto Wilderndest Road (this road turns into Ryan Gulch Road).
- After crossing the Blue River, turn right onto Adams Ave. and then immediately turn left onto Royal Buffalo Drive (you will be driving between two auto dealerships).
- After .8 miles, turn right onto Lakeview Drive and proceed to Royal Red Bird Drive.
- Turn left onto Royal Red Bird Drive and continue for .2 miles. There will be a pull thru parking lot on the right-hand side of the road. The trailhead is located just north of the parking lot.

Trail Highlights:

- There are great views of the Dillon Reservoir and the entire Blue River Valley from the trailhead.

Important Information:

- **BECAUSE THIS TRAIL TRAVELS INTO THE EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS YOUR DOG MUST BE ON A LEASH.**
- **THIS ROAD IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**

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

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