Pacific Crest Trail Flood Damage and Trail Detour

Glacier Peak Wilderness - Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie & Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests

The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, in the vicinity of Glacier Peak on the Darrington Ranger District, was heavily damaged by flooding in October 2003. Seven major trail bridges were destroyed and sections of the trail were severely damaged by mudslides. As a result of this damage, the trail is impassable to hikers and stock. A trailed detour is described below, and maps of the area are provided.

PLEASE NOTE:

The trails along the detour route are not constructed and maintained to the same high standard as the PCT. Users can expect high fords until mid August, and trail sections that are steep, rough, brushy, and difficult to follow. These trails require a higher skill level for hikers.

Stock users are advised to trailer between Steven's Pass and the Buck Creek trailheads. **SEE STOCK MAP**. Check website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/wenatchee/pct for updates on transportation options.

The "tent" symbol on the **HIKER MAP** shows areas where there are multiple campsites. Otherwise individual campsites are scattered every few miles along these trails except for Little Giant, where there is only one site in the Napeequa Valley. Please camp in established campsites-- do not camp on vegetation.

HIKER DETOUR ROUTE FROM SOUTH TO NORTH:

Indian Creek Trail #1502 (11 miles) to the White River Trailhead

Trail Condition: Fairly good condition as of 9/03 except for 1 mile of brushing (scheduled for summer 2004) and one section that is hard to find through a meadow. (Though the White River Trail #1507 is 2.5 miles shorter, the upper portion of the trail has high fords, lots of brush, and is in much rougher condition overall. Stock users are affected by sections with narrow tread and vertical exposure.) **Due to flood damage, the White River Trailhead is not accessible via White River Road. Construction is scheduled for summer 2004.**

White River Trail #1507 (4 miles) to the Boulder Creek junction

Trail Condition: This portion of the trail was in excellent condition as of 9/03. **Due to flood damage, the White River Trailhead is not accessible via White River Road. Construction is scheduled for summer 2004.**

Boulder Creek Trail # 1562 (9 miles up and over Boulder Pass) to the Little Giant junction (in the Napeequa Valley).

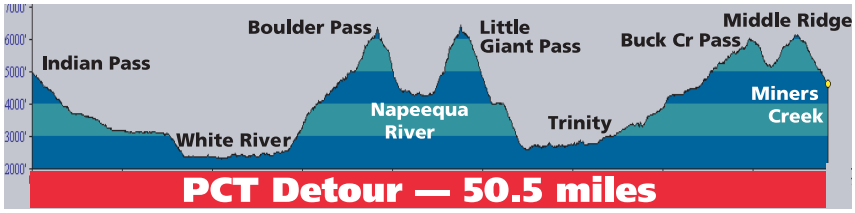
Trail Condition: The trail gains 3,500' to Boulder Pass, and was in good condition as of 10/03 to Boulder Basin (4 miles). The trail has some steep sections with loose rock on the descent into the Napeequa. The ford on the Napeequa is impassible in the early season, and can be higher during the afternoon on hot days due to glacial runoff.

Little Giant Trail #1518 (8.5 miles) to the Chiwawa Road 6200

Trail Condition: This is the most difficult trail on the detour. Climbing out of the Napeequa is steep, rocky, and rough. Some sections are impassible to stock due to big exposed rock step-ups. Good news is that the trail was brushed in 2003 and scheduled for tread improvement during summer '04. The descent into the Chiwawa drainage is in better condition, but still has some steep sections with exposed rock step-downs that are problematic for most stock users. Fording the Chiwawa River is impassible until early to mid-August; a log to cross on might be in the vicinity.

Chiwawa River Road 6200 (northwest for 3.5 miles) to road end at Trinity

Conditions: This is a dirt road (very dusty) with traffic, especially on weekends. Stay off to one side and be alert as you hike the road. Two car campgrounds are along the road between the two trailheads (a fee is charged for camping.)



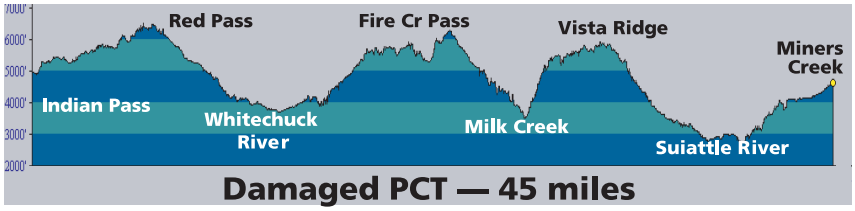
Elevation gain - 10,600 feet Loss - 10,800 feet

Buck Creek Trail #1513 (9.5 miles) to Buck Creek Pass (where it becomes the Buck Creek Pass Trail #789)

Trail Conditions: This trail was in excellent condition as of 10/03. Respect private property at Trinity by staying on the trail as you pass through.

Buck Creek Pass Trail #789 (5.0 miles) to the PCT 2000

Trail Conditions: This trail is rough in places and is scheduled for increased maintenance during summer 2004.



Elevation gain - 8,200 feet Loss - 8,900 feet

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Leavenworth Ranger Station 509-548-6977
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Stock Detour via Trail and Road

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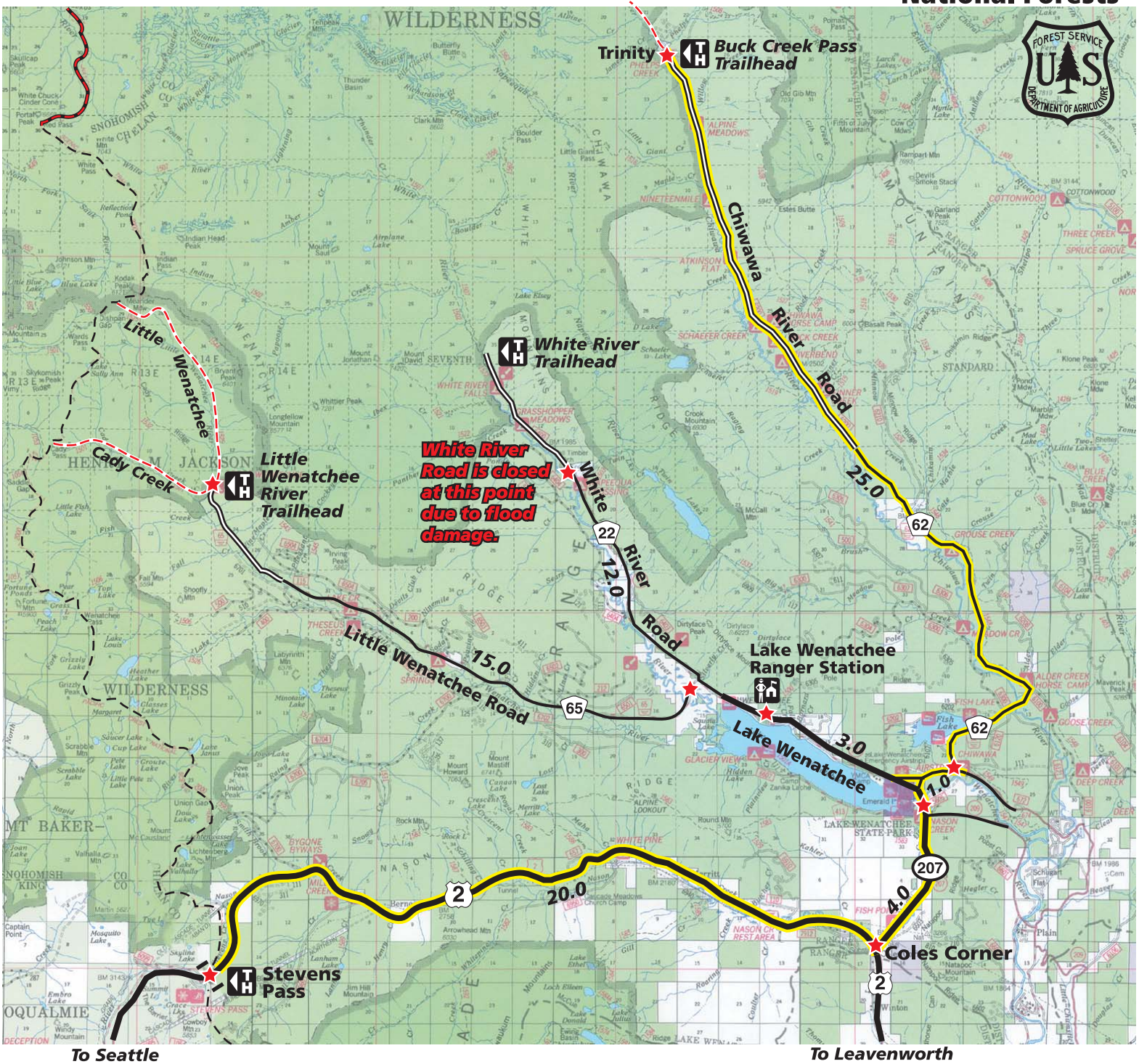

Highway	Pacific Crest Trail
Paved Road (narrow in places)	Damaged Pacific Crest Trail
Dirt Road (narrow in places)	RECOMMENDED Stock Detour Route via Roads to Buck Creek Pass Trailhead
4.0 Approximate miles between stars	Stock Trail Detour Route Options (Cady Creek, Little Wenatchee or Indian Creek)

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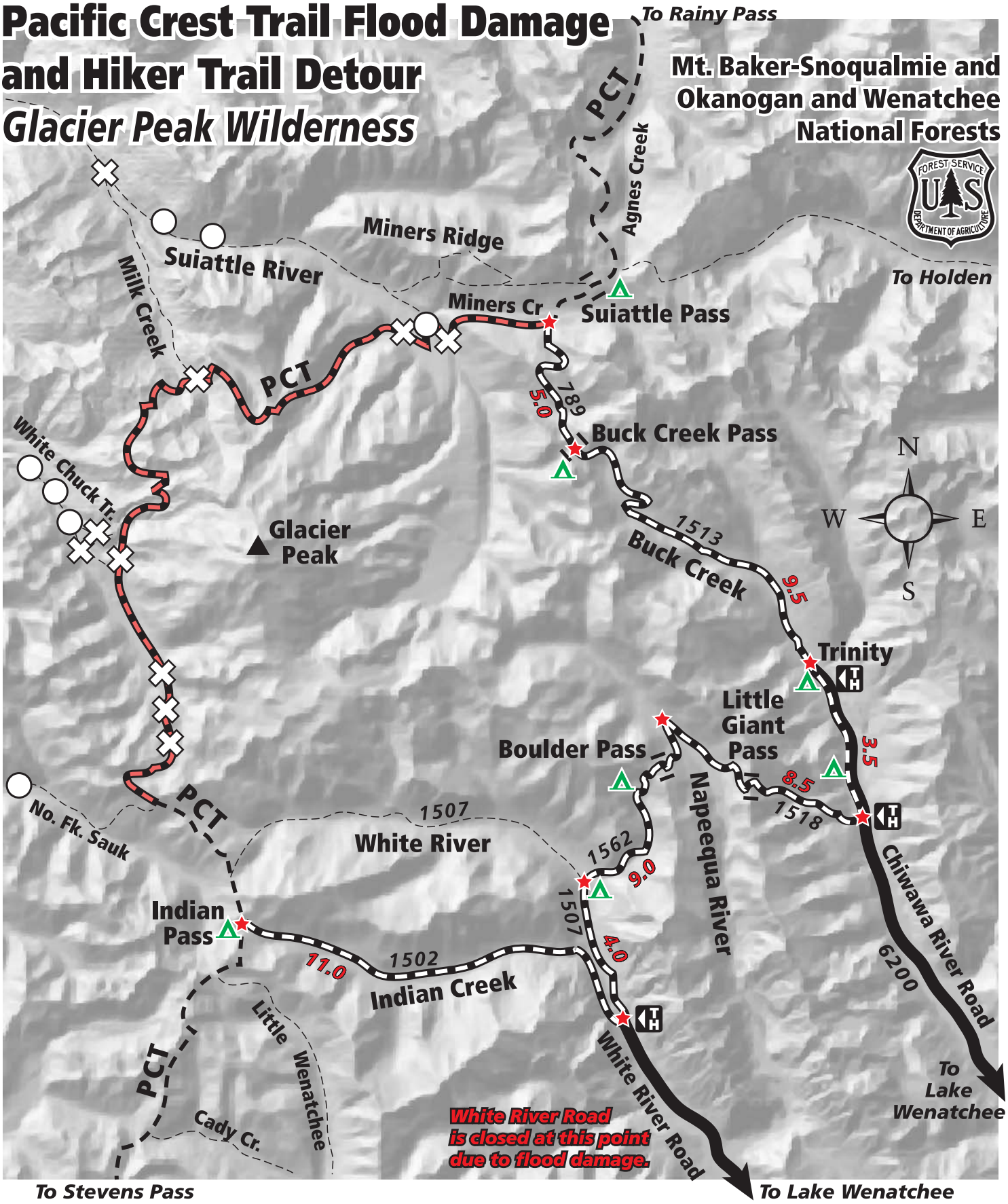

Pacific Crest Trail damaged area inaccessible to hikers and stock	Trail bridge destroyed
1502 Pacific Crest Trail detour (and trail number)	Major trail damage area
8.5 Miles between stars	Multiple camping sites
	Trailhead