

## **New Winter 4x4 Trails in Ghost**

Coming in 2010 is an extension of the trail up the South Ghost in the winter to improve access for climbers, as well as a brand new single track trail south of the Fallen Timber campground.

The Winter 4x4 trails you see here and the Fallen Timber Single Track trail coming in 2010 received unanimous support from the Ghost Stewardship Monitoring Group.

These trails come with responsibility, however. Volunteers will be doing monitoring of the trail conditions, and if there are impacts from our use, we need to repair the trails, or SRD will shut them down again.

As such, it is more important than ever for people to wheel responsibly, as we are now literally responsible for these trails. We use them, we abuse them, we lose them.

Get the word out to your communities. If you see problems on the trails, specifically and especially thawing conditions during the winter months that might lead to rutting or damage around stream banks, please report these conditions to SRD right away. SRD is working with us to impose temporary closures to prevent trail damage if trail conditions are not frozen hard, such that damage does not occur, so our monitoring proves there is no impact, and we do not have any maintenance to perform to keep the trails open another year.

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