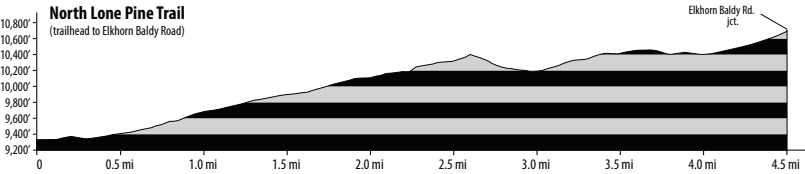


North Lone Pine 953

PRIORITY	LOW (patrol methods: day hike; ride stock)
Ratings:	Hikers – Moderate; Stock riders – Moderate
Open For Summer Patrol:	June 15th
SPOT/USFS Radio:	REQUIRED (Radio: 02 > 03 > 01; Priority 3, Good Reception)
Wilderness:	None
One-Way Length:	4.6 miles (northern trailhead to junction with Elkhorn Baldy Road)
Beginning Elevation:	9,348
Peak elevation:	10,689
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	1,608/267/+1,341
USFS Regulations:	National Forest
Trails Illustrated:	#111 Red Feather Lakes, Glendevey
USGS 7-½' Quadrangle:	South Bald Mountain



TRAILHEAD LOCATION

From Ted's Place, drive north on US-287 for 10.5 miles to the "forks" at Livermore, turn left and drive up the Red Feather Lakes Road (CR-74E) to the community of Red Feather Lakes. After passing the Pot Belly Restaurant, the main road veers to the right. The Deadman Road (CR-86) veers to the left. Follow the Deadman Road to the trailhead, located on a ridge to your left, 2 miles after passing a Forest Service gate and an emergency call box. Total distance from the "forks" to the trailhead is 28.5 miles.

Facilities are available at the North Fork Poudre Campground, just beyond the Killpecker trailhead, 2.8 miles further up the road. Adequate stock trailer parking is available at the trailhead. No water available at trailhead. The upper third of this trail has poor footing for stock, and you may encounter motorcycles or ATVs illegally on this trail. Note that mountain bikes are allowed on this trail.

GPS Coordinates:

northern trailhead: N40°48.502'W105°40.232'

Elkhorn Baldy Road: N40°45.669'W105°42.394'

PATROL DESCRIPTION

The first part of the trail is relatively level to North Lone Pine Creek. From here the trail turns to the southwest, passing through a predominantly lodgepole pine forest, and goes by an abandoned Forest Service experiment shed. Continue climbing along Lone Pine Creek, making two stream crossings. Further uphill, the trail makes two crossings of a logging road (FDR-333). Watch for cairns or tree blazes indicating the trail. Along the way you will have good views of the Red Feather Lakes and of South and Middle Bald Mountains. You will come to a small outcropping of granite on your left where the trail is poorly defined except by cairns. There are several isolated limber pines along the trail in this area. If you wish, you can mark your location and climb North Bald Mountain. From the summit of North Bald Mountain you will have panoramic views of the Mummy Range to the south, the Medicine Bow Mountains to the west and north, and the valleys and plains stretching to the east.

A portion of the upper trail passes through a somewhat boggy area that has many water-loving wildflowers. From the outcropping, continue on to the southwest, passing through a dry, open, mixed forest consisting of lodgepole pine

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and Engelmann spruce with a dense carpet of grouseberry plants covering the ground to the east of Middle Bald Mountain. The trail eventually intersects the Elkhorn Baldy Road just south of Middle Bald Mountain. This should be your turnaround point.

As discussed for the Killpecker Trail, you may wish to drive two cars and make a second patrol, coming down the Killpecker Trail. Remember, if you plan to patrol both of these trails, you should schedule both ahead of time, and you must report each patrol separately.