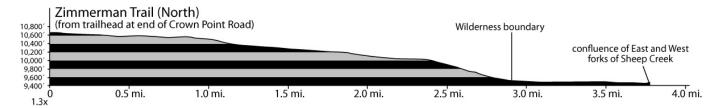
Priority:	LOW (patrol methods: day hike; backpack; ride stock)
Ratings:	Hikers – Moderate; Stock riders – Moderate
Open for summer patrol: June 29 <sup>th</sup>	
SPOT/USFS Radio:	<b>REQUIRED</b> (Radio: 01 > 04 > 03; Priority 2, Good reception)
Wilderness:	Comanche Peak
One-Way Length:	3.7 miles (from trailhead on Crown Pt. Rd. to Sheep Creek)
Beginning Elevation:	10,644
Peak Elevation:	10,646
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	34/1,196/-1,162
	Wilderness > National Forest > Wilderness
Trails Illustrated:	#112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass
USGS 7-½ Quadrangles: Chambers Lake, Boston Peak, Kinikinik	



**Trailhead Location:** Poudre Canyon; drive 26.5 miles from Ted's Place to the Pingree Park Road (at mm 96.1), cross the Cache La Poudre River, and proceed 4.3 miles to Forest Road 139 (Crown Point Road). Turn right and drive 18.8 miles to the end of the Crown Point Road at the juncture of the Comanche Peak Wilderness. No facilities or water for stock at the trailhead.

## **GPS Coordinates:**

Wilderness boundary near trailhead:N40°36.55" W105°45.41' Wilderness boundary near meadow:N40°38.69' W105°45.19'

Trail Description: Because the trailhead is roughly at the mid-point of this trail, the trail has been divided into two separate patrols – Zimmerman Trail (North) and Zimmerman Trail (South). From the trailhead, stay to your right and follow the Zimmerman Trail (North) as it descends gradu- ally to the north through lodgepole pine forest. After hiking about 2.8 miles, the trail will drop sharply as it exits the Comanche Peak Wilderness. Here you will enter a large, beautful meadow at the confluence of West and East Sheep creeks. There are several beaver ponds in the area. Look for native greenback cutthroat, which have been reintroduced into the Sheep Creek drainage. The official

patrol ends at the confluence of East and West Sheep creeks approximately where the trail crosses Sheep Creek (no bridge). The creek continues on to the northwest before draining into the Cache La Poudre River just east of Elephant Mountain. You may want to continue for anoth-er mile or so past the meadow (note that this portion

of the trail is rarely used and is not maintained).

The Zimmerman Trail (North) actually continues on to the northeast following a steep drainage for another

five miles before ending on private land near Home Moraine. This area is visited occasionally by stock riders, and a few dayhikers and backpackers.

Don't confuse this trail with the Zimmerman Lake Trail, which is listed in the Upper Poudre section.