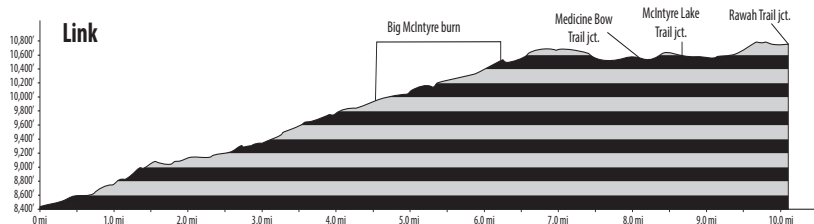


Link 963

PRIORITY	MEDIUM (patrol methods: backpack; ride stock; day hike)
Ratings:	Hikers – Strenuous; Stock riders – Moderate
Open for Summer Patrol:	June 29th
SPOT/USFS Radio:	REQUIRED (Radio: 02 > 01; Priority 2, Good reception)
Wilderness:	Rawah
One-Way Length	10.2 miles (trailhead to Rawah Trail)
Beginning Elevation:	8,405
Peak Elevation:	10,771
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	2,586/286/+2,300
USFS Regulations:	Wilderness
Trails Illustrated:	#111 Red Feather Lakes, Glendevey; #112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass
USGS 7-1/2' Quadrangles:	Glendevey, Rawah Lakes



TRAILHEAD LOCATION

Drive 51.6 miles up CO-14 from Ted's Place, turn right on the Laramie River Road – CR-103 (at mm 71.5), and drive about 15.5 miles to where the road splits. Turn left onto the Glendevey Road (CR-190) and follow it for about 2.7 miles. Both the Link and McIntyre trailheads are on the left, just past the Browns Park Campground. Facilities and stock water are available at the Campground. Facilities and stock trailer parking are available at the trailhead.

GPS Coordinates:

trailhead off Glendevey Road:

N40°47.874' W105°55.723'

jct. Medicine Bow Trail (South):

N40°43.381' W105°57.342'

jct. McIntyre Lake Trail: N40°42.913' W105°57.192'

jct. Rawah Trail: N40°41.860' W105°57.137'

PATROL DESCRIPTION

This trail was rebuilt a few years ago and is in excellent condition for most of its length. Despite this, it is a long patrol through a lodgepole pine forest, crossing a couple small streams along the way. Eventually the trail breaks out into the McIntyre Burn, an area that has never really recovered from two different fires that occurred in the 1940s. The views from the burn area back to the east and north are spectacular. The trail is well marked through the burn. It climbs steadily until reaching a crest and continues on the level to its end at Rawah Lake #1. About 8.2 miles from the trailhead you will encounter the south-

ern end of the Medicine Bow Trail on the west side of the trail.

Continue another 0.5 mile and you will encounter the McIntyre Lake Trail on the west side of the trail (about 1.4 miles before the Link Trail ends at its junction with the Rawah Trail (North) at Rawah Lake #1). You could patrol the McIntyre Lake Trail either on your way up or on your way back down, because people often camp and build fire rings too close to the lake. However, note that this is a separate patrol and it should be scheduled and reported separately. Appropriate camping places along this route include: the edges of the McIntyre Burn area, a site north of the lower Medicine Bow Trail shortly before it crosses McIntyre Creek, and a large bench area about 0.1 mile beyond and to the southeast of McIntyre Lake.

If you have enough time you might want to bushwhack into Upper and Lower Twin lakes, Sugarbowl Lake, and Iceberg Lake just to check them out. Note that counts and observations in these areas can be mentioned in the *COMMENTS* section of your Link Trail patrol report, but should not be included in the body of the report.

Note: Check to see if the Rawah Trail is being patrolled during your tour (see Rawah (North) trail patrol description). If not, you could check out the area around Rawah lakes #1, #2 and #3. Use your radio to coordinate with other patrols in the area. Remember to schedule and report the Rawah Trail (North) separately if you choose to do this during your Link Trail patrol trip.