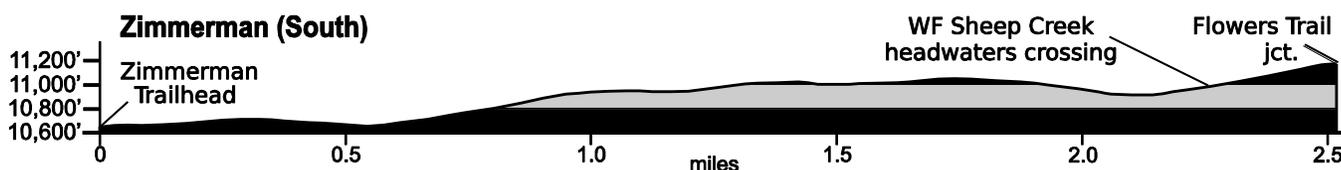


May 5, 2022

## Public Trail Information: Zimmerman (South)

Trail(s): southern portion of Zimmerman #940	
Ratings / restrictions:	Hikers – Moderate Stock riders – Moderate Dogs must be on hand-held leash with hikers See complete REGULATIONS below DESCRIPTION
Cautions:	Burn area, Lightning in exposed alpine areas
Typically accessible:	Late June, after Crown Point Road is open
Wilderness:	Comanche Peak
One-Way Length:	2.5 miles (from the trailhead at the end of Crown Point Road to Flowers Trail)
Beginning / Peak Elevations:	10,646 / 11,178
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	727/195/+532
Map(s) - Trails Illustrated:	#112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass
Map(s) - USGS 7-1/2' Quadrangles:	Chambers Lake, Comanche Peak



### TRAILHEAD LOCATION:

**Pingree Park Area:** Drive west on CO-14 for 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 Comanche Peak Wilderness boundary.

No toilets or water for stock at the Zimmerman Trailhead. There is some parking for stock trailers, with a pull-through/ turn-around.

**CAUTIONS:** This trail was in the Cameron Peak Fire of 2020, the largest fire in Colorado history, which burned nearly 209,000 acres. The condition of this trail is unknown.

#### Cautions in Burn Areas:

- Falling Trees
  - Tree root systems can be burned—compromised or non-existent. Thus, trees in burned areas fall at a high rate for some time after a fire.
  - There may be a large number of trees on the trail.
  - Stump Holes—Tree stumps sometimes burn below ground level and can leave dangerous holes, often filled in loosely by ash or needles.
- Difficult to Follow Trails
  - At times the trail can be difficult or impossible to follow with no vegetation or tread visible.

- Even in formerly familiar terrain, the landscape can be disorienting.
- Rock Slides are more likely, due to lack of vegetation and root damage.
- Flash Flooding is likely even with small rainstorms and may occur way downstream from rain.

**WATER: Scarce** - Water can usually be obtained from a small snowmelt stream (the headwaters of West Fork Sheep Creek) at GPS N40°35.71' W105°43.54' (about 0.3 mile below the trail’s junction with the Flowers Trail).

**CAMPING:** There are many places to dry camp that meet Leave No Trace guidelines and U.S. Forest Service regulations. The only place to camp near water is near West Fork Sheep Creek at 2.2 miles, in the trees. Stock camping is best near the top of Beaver Creek Trail (just below the intersection of the Beaver Creek and Brackenbury Trails or near the junction of Flowers Trail and Beaver Creek Trail). Be sure to camp at least 200 feet from trail and water. See REGULATIONS below.

**SEASONAL:** Crown Point Road is not plowed in the winter, so the trailhead is inaccessible.

### DESCRIPTION:

This trail travels a total of 2.5 miles, working its way above timberline to where the Zimmerman Trail ends at its junction with the Flowers Trail. The first 2 miles of the trail winds its way through dense, mature forest, while the upper 0.5 mile passes through patches of forest and open alpine meadows, where elk are commonly seen. The tread is well worn and easy

to follow, with numerous small rock cairns (6-12" high) along unforested sections of the trail. Look for abundant wildflowers in these meadows in mid- to late summer. There is one small snowmelt creek (an upper tributary of the West Fork Sheep Creek)

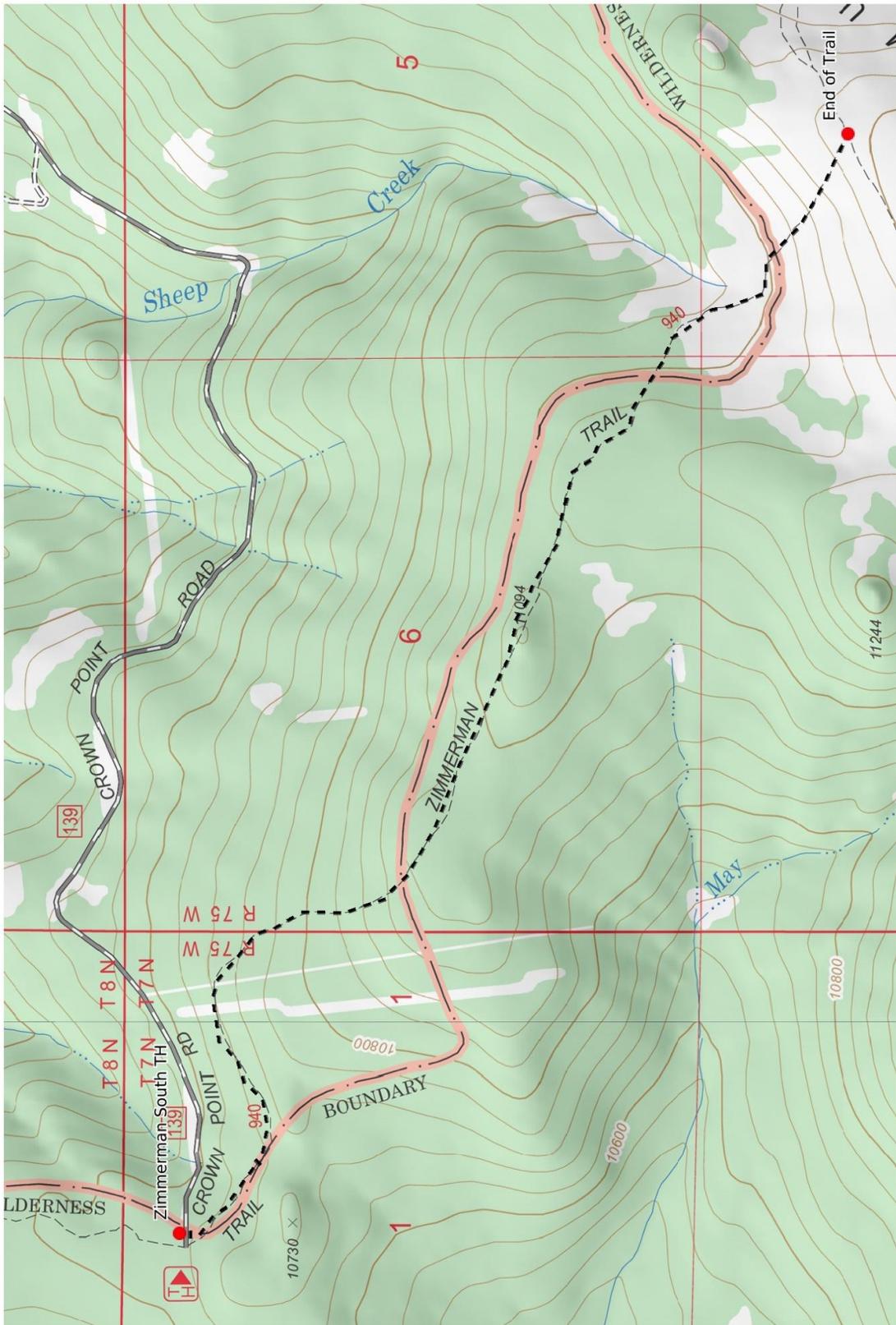
crossing the trail about 2.2 miles from the trailhead, or about 0.3 mile below the trail's junction with the Flowers Trail. Via Flowers Trail, one can access alpine areas and an array of other alpine trails.

**REGULATIONS:**

- Camping and Fires - Prohibited within 200 feet of trailhead. Prohibited within 200 feet of water or trail, as this trail is mostly in Wilderness.
- Dogs - Must be on hand-held leash with hikers; voice control with stock.
- Stock - To avoid spreading noxious weeds, recommend beginning 72 hours prior to the ride, stock should be fed only pellets or certified weed-free hay. Required: throughout the trip, stock *must* be fed only pellets or certified weed-free hay.
- Bicycles and Other Wheeled Conveyances - Prohibited.
- Motorized Transport & Equipment - Prohibited.
- Group Size - Maximum 12 people and stock, combined.

Mileage	GPS Coordinates: datum = WGS84	Lat/Long	UTM
0	Zimmerman Trailhead (at end of Crown Point Road)	N40°36.59' W105°45.40'	435 <sup>989</sup> mE 4495 <sup>721</sup> mN
2.2	crossing of headwaters of WF Sheep Creek	N40°35.71' W105°43.54'	438 <sup>598</sup> mE 4494 <sup>071</sup> mN
2.5	end of trail at junction with Flowers Trail	N40°35.59' W105°43.24'	439 <sup>033</sup> mE 4493 <sup>845</sup> mN

**(See next page for map of trail.)**



Mercator Projection  
 WGS84  
 USNG Zone 13TDE  
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Scale 1:14618 1 inch = 1218 feet

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