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Pneumonia Lake

ABSAROKA - BEARTOOTH & CRAZY MOUNTAINS

Fellow Angler:

This booklet is intended to pass on information collected over many years about the fishery of the Absaroka-Beartooth high country lakes. Since Pat Marcuson began surveying these lakes in 1967, many individuals have hefted a heavy pack and worked the high country for Fish, Wildlife and Parks. They have brought back the raw data and personal observations necessary to formulate management schemes for the 300+ lakes in this area containing fish. While the information presented here is not intended as a guide for hiking/camping or fishing techniques, it should help wilderness users to better plan their trips according to individual preferences and abilities.

Fish species present in the Absaroka-Beartooth lakes include Yellowstone cutthroat trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, golden trout, arctic grayling, and variations of cutthroat/rainbow/golden trout hybrids. These lake fisheries generally fall into two categories: self-sustaining and stocked. Self-sustaining lakes have enough spawning habitat to allow fish to restock themselves year after year. These often contain so many fish that while fishing can be fast, the average fish size will be small. The average size and number of fish present change very little from year to year in most of these lakes.

Lakes without spawning potential must be planted regularly to sustain a fishery. Standard stocking in the Beartooths is 50-100 Yellowstone cutthroat trout fingerlings per acre every eight years. Special situations may call for different species, numbers, or frequency of plants. For instance, lakes with heavy fishing pressure tend to be stocked more often and at higher densities. Grayling and golden trout are stocked to provide unique fishing opportunities and to help conserve populations of these rare fish. In the first few years after planting, many small fish will be found in a lake. With each passing year, fewer but larger fish will remain until all the fish age out and are gone, generally in 7-9 years. An angler can thus use the stocking history in this guide to predict what sizes and numbers of fish a given lake might currently contain.

Every year, Fish, Wildlife and Parks survey crews sample 30+ lakes out of the 300+ lakes containing fish. Results of past sampling efforts found in this report can be informative if looked at in the context of the stocking cycle for each lake. While this data will not provide up-to-theminute information for anglers, it is sufficient to allow a good guess about what may be present at any given time. Still, these wilderness waters can hold surprises. Additional water body and raw data can be found on the FWP website under Fish MT. I would appreciate any information you gather while on your trip (such as species, numbers, and accurate lengths).

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Tips For Using This Guide

Latitude/Longitude: These are taken at the middle of the lakes and are used for stocking purposes.

Marcusons Code = Code number of lake by drainage e.g., Rock Creek #60, East Rosebud #5, etc.

Crazy Mountain lake information can be found at the very end of this booklet.

As this guide will be updated yearly, the typeface has been much reduced and it is available online at (<http://fwp.mt.gov/r5/mountainlakes>) to keep costs down. I trust the information contained here will be worth the extra eye strain or price of a magnifying glass to the user.

While this guide deals with mountain lakes, an angler would be wise not to overlook the many streams of the Beartooths.

Special thanks go to all Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Mountain Lake crews that have worked on the Mountain Lakes surveys, as well as those dedicated FWP employees who worked to keep the Mountain Lakes Guide updated throughout the years.

Enjoy and respect the high country. Good Fishing!

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Fish Species Opportunities By Drainage

Note: The list of fish species opportunity by drainage is not an all inclusive list and does not include hybrid species, non-game fish species and does not include rare species found in a lake. The list was generated to help an angler narrow their search for a specific species.

Boulder Drainage (Beartooth Range)

Golden Trout: Lake Mcknight, Upper Mcknight Lake

Rainbow Trout: Icicle Lake, Mirror Lake, Rainbow Lake #2, Rainbow Lake #3, Rainbow Lake #4, Rainbow Lake #5, Rainbow Lake #6, Rainbow Lake #7

Yellowstone Cutthroat: Alpine Lake, Beaver Pond, Blacktail Lake, Blue Lake, Bramble Lake #41, Bridge Lake, Burnt Gulch Lake, Camp Lake, Chickadee Lake, Davis Lake, Elk Lake, Fish Lake, Great Falls Creek Lake (Lower), Horseshoe Lake, Kaufman Lake, Mirror Lake, Narrow Escape Lake, Prospect Lake, Rainbow Lake #2, Rainbow Lake #3, Rainbow Lake #4, Rainbow Lake #5, Rainbow Lake #6, Rainbow Lake #7, Silver Lake, Speculator Lake, Squeeze Lake, Trout Lake, Weasel Lake #48, Weasel Lake #51, West Boulder Lake

Clarks Fork Drainage (Beartooth Range)

Arctic Grayling: Diamond Lake, Little Washtub Lake

Brook Trout: Abandoned Lake, Alp Lake, Astral Lake, Bald Knob Lake, Big Moose Lake, Bob Lake, Broadwater Lake, Broadwater Meadow, Castle Lake, Cliff Lake, Companion Lake, Copeland Lake, Curl Lake, Dick Lake, Estelle Lake, Farley Lake, Finger Lake, Fizzle Lake, Fox Lake, Granite Lake, Green Lake, Green Lake, Gus Lake, Heidi Lake, Indian Knife Lake, Kersey Lake, Kidney Lake, Lady Of The Lake, Lake Elaine, Lennon Lake, Lillis Lake, Little Green Lake, Lone Elk Lake, Lonesome Lake, Long Lake, Lower Aero Lake, Mariane Lake, Martin Lake, Midnight Lake, Moccasin Lake, North Hidden Lake, Otter Lake, Ouzel Lake, Ovis Lake, Production Lake, Rachel Lake, Recruitment Lake, Robin Lake, Rock Island Lake, Rough Lake, Round Lake, Russell Lake, Shelter Lake, Skull Lake, Sodalite Lake, Splinter Lake, Spogen Lake, Summerville Lake, Thiel Lake, Vernon Lake, Wand Lake, Widewater Lake, Wright Lake

Golden Trout: Anchor Lake, Basin Lake, Desolation Lake, Pablo Lake, Rock Tree Lake

Rainbow Trout: Big Moose Lake, Cradle Lake, Fox Lake, Granite Lake, Widewater Lake

Yellowstone Cutthroat: Albino Lake, Alp Lake, Aquarius Lake, Cloverleaf Lake #215, Cloverleaf Lake #216, Cloverleaf Lake #217, Cloverleaf Lake #223, Corner Lake, Crystal Lake, Dollar Lake, Flat Rock Lake, Fritter Lake, Fulcrum Lake, Golden Lake, Hidden Lake, Jasper Lake, Jorden Lake, Kersey Lake, Lake Of The Clouds, Lake Of The Winds, Leaky Raft Lake, Line Lake, Looking Glass Lake, Lower Aero Lake, Margaret Lake, Marsh Lake, Maryott Lake, Melody Lake, Nymph Lake, Rock Island Lake, Sedge Lake, Star Lake, Stash Lake, Surprise Lake, Swamp Lake, Throop Lake, Trail Lake, Triangle Lake, Triskele Lake, Two Bits Lake, Unnamed Cf089a, Upper Aero Lake, Upper Mud Lake, Varve Lake, Vernon Lake, Weasel Lake, Wiedy Lake, Zimmer Lake

East Rosebud Drainage (Beartooth Range)

Brook Trout: Billy Lake, Cairn Lake, Crow Lake, Elk Lake, Shadow Lake, Slough Lake

Brown Trout: East Rosebud Lake

Golden Trout: Little Scat Lake, Martin Lake, Scat Lake, Sylvan Lake

Rainbow Trout: East Rosebud Lake, Lower Snow Lake

Yellowstone Cutthroat: Arch Lake (Little), Big Park Lake, Brent Lake, Dewey Lake, Duggan Lake, Echo Lake, Fossil Lake, Froze To Death Lake, Lower Arch Creek Lake, Medicine Lake, Phantom Lake, Turgulse Lake, Twin Outlets Lake, Upper Arch Creek Lake

Rock Creek Drainage (Beartooth Range)

Arctic Grayling: Lost Lake

Brook Trout: Basin Creek Lake, Broadwater, Crescent Lake, Daly Lake, Elk Horn Lake, First Rock Lake, Glacier Lake, Hellroaring Lake #9, Keyser Brown, Lake Gertrude, Lake Mary, Second Rock Lake, Senal Lake, September Morn Lake, Shelf Lake, Ship Lake, Silver Run Lake #47, Sliderock Lake, Smethurst Lake, Snowbank Lake, Timberline Lake, Unnamed lake (Half Moon Lake)

Rainbow Trout: Greenough Lake, Wild Bill Lake

Yellowstone Cutthroat: Black Canyon Lake, Bowback Lake, Daly Lake, Dude Lake, Elk Horn Lake, Emerald Lake, First Rock Lake, Glacier Lake, Hairpin Lake, Hellroaring Lake #4, Hellroaring Lake #9, Keyser Brown, Kookoo Lake, Lost Lake, Marker Lake, Moon Lake, Mountain Goat Lake, Ryeberg Lake, Senal Lake, Shadow Lake, Sheep Lake, Silt Lake (Lower), Silt Lake (Upper), Smethurst Lake, Sundance Lake, Triangle Lake, Triangle Lake

Slough Creek Drainage (Beartooth Range)

Yellowstone Cutthroat: Heather Lake, Lake Abundance, Peace Lake

Stillwater Drainage (Beartooth Range)

Arctic Grayling: Chrome Lake

Brook Trout: Fly Lake, Glacier Green Lake, Imelda Lake, Lake Aries, Sioux Charley Lake, Sourdough Lake, Spider Lake

Golden Trout: Asteroid Lake, Dryad Lake, Incisor Lake, Lightning Lake, Little Lightning Lake, Sunken Rock Lake

Rainbow Trout: Cimmerian Lake, Unamed 69, Wounded Man Lake

Yellowstone Cutthroat: Anvil Lake, Aufwuchs Lake, Beauty Lake, Chrome Lake, Cimmerian Lake, Courthouse Lake, Favonius Lake, Goose Lake, Huckleberry Lake, Jasper Lake, Jay Lake, Jeff Lake, Jordan Lake, Lake Of The Woods, Lake Wilderness, Little Goose Lake, Martes Lake, Mouse Lake, Mutt Lake, North Picket Pin Lake, Pentad Lake, South Picket Pin Lake, Sundown Lake, Wood Lake, Wrong Lake

West Rosebud Drainage (Beartooth Range)

Brook Trout: Emerald Lake, Lily Pad Lake, Twin Lakes, West Rosebud Lake

Brown Trout: Emerald Lake, Island Lake, West Rosebud Lake

Golden Trout: W Fishtail Cr Lk #40, W Fishtail Cr Lk #41, W Fishtail Cr Lk #43

Rainbow Trout: Crater Lake, Emerald Lake, Huckleberry Lake, Island Lake, Mystic Lake, Silver Lake, West Rosebud Lake

Yellowstone Cutthroat: Arrapooash Lake, Avalanche Lake, Beckwourth Lake, Eedica Lake, Frenco Lake, Island Lake, Lower Storm Lake, Nemidji Lake, Nugget Lake, Princess Lake, Ram Lake, Weeluna Lake

Big Timber Creek Drainage (Crazy Range)

Rainbow Trout: Blue Lake, Druckmiller Lake, Granite Lake, Lower Twin Lake, Thunder Lake, Upper Twin Lake

Yellowstone Cutthroat: Crazy Lake, Pear Lake

Cottonwood Creek Drainage (Crazy Range)

Yellowstone Cutthroat: Cottonwood Lake, Forest Lake

Rock Creek Drainage (Crazy Range)

Yellowstone Cutthroat: Rock Lake, Smeller Lake

Swamp Creek Drainage (Crazy Range)

Brook Trout: Swamp Lake

Sweet Grass Creek Drainage (Crazy Range)

Golden Trout: Cave Lake

Rainbow Trout: Moose Lake

Yellowstone Cutthroat: Campfire Lake, Cascade Lake, North Fork Lake, Sunlight Lake

Beartooth Mountain Range

Boulder Drainage

Alpine Lake

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 8797 ft
Location: 45.46219, -110.41757 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 83
Section: 04S11E30
Size: 10.5 acres
Depth: 8ft (Ave), 20ft (Max)

Access: Stay on north side of "3 Creeks" and go straight up mountain. Then follow the contour around to the west. There are some game trails that are a mild help. Tough access!!
Camp sites: Some campsites and plenty of firewood available. This is "good" bear country! Very difficult to access.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Boulder #41	9.7 mi (7.75 on trail)	4387 up, 1230 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	525 in 2013; 525 in 2005	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	20	11.6	9.4-12.8
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	34	11.5	6.5-13.4

Comments: Alpine Lake sits up on a nice little bench.
In 1995 some of the fish were spent, thus were skinny but the others that weren't spent appeared in ok condition.

Beaver Pond

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 8144 ft
Location: 45.2014, -110.23968 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 97
Section: 7S12E21
Size: 1.35 acres
Depth: 3ft (Max)

Access: There is a jeep/ATV trail that goes to Independence that is within 1/2 mile the Beaver Pond.
Camp sites: Good campsites and wood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Independence 4x4	0.78 mi (0 on trail)	233 up, 35 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Rainbow	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2008	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	5	12.3	7.5-15.4
1990	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: This pond is a wide spot in the upper end of the Boulder River. The pond has a mud bottom and is shallow.

Blacktail Lake

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 8758 ft
Location: 45.5347, -110.42826 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 91
Section: 03S10E36
Size: 4.2 acres
Depth: 9ft (Ave), 20ft (Max)

Access: Secondary tributary of the West Boulder via Davis Creek. Hike up USFS Trail #37 from the Burnt Leather Ranch and then trail #38.
Camp sites: Some campsites, plenty of firewood. Heavy use by horses.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Davis Creek #38, then Blacktail Creek #337, then Blacktail Lake #105	8 mi (8 on trail)	3797 up, 620 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	6,000 in 1945	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	630 in 2014; 525 in 2008	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	4	16.1	14.9-18.7
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	5	13.4	12.4-13.8

Comments: Yellowstone cutthroat trout are planted every 8 years. Some natural reproduction may occur but the recruitment appears to be sporadic. The fish have good growth rates. There are several fire rings and some established campsites and the area appears to receive heavy use.

Only lake in the area with a trail to it.

Blue Lake

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 9558 ft
Location: 45.19955, -110.211 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 31
Section: 07S12E27
Size: 10.2 acres
Depth: 12ft (Ave), 27ft (Max)

Access: Located in the headwaters of the East Fork of the Boulder River near Haystack Peak. There is a jeep/ATV trail up the Main Boulder near Independence. The lake is about 200 yards from the end of the jeep/ATV trail.
Camp sites: Campsites are available and there is firewood

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Independence 4x4	2.5 mi (1 on trail)	800 up, 800 down
Cross-country from Independence	1.5 mi (0 on trail)	150 ft up, 150 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	2,000 in 1965	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,020 in 2021; 1,000 in 2018	1,020 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	14	9.8	5.9-12.2
2017	No Fish Caught	0		
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	4	15.4	13.5-18.3

Comments: Blue Lake is stocked every 4 years because of the relatively easy access. The 2020 sample was a short 2.25 hour daytime net set that caught 4 Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout. The Crew also angled 10 YCT.

Bramble Creek Lake 38

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 8508 ft
Location: 45.36948, -110.24429 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 38
Section: 5S12E28
Size: 1.62 acres
Depth: 1ft (Ave), 3ft (Max)

Access: Headwaters of Bramble Creek. It is a 3 mile hike up Bramble Creek. No Trail exists.
Camp sites: Nice campsite and there is firewood present.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
no trail, leave from Hells Canyon Campground, follow Bramble Creek.	1.89 mi (0 on trail)	3500 up, 112 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Rare	Unknown

Comments: There are 4 Bramble Lakes (38, 39, 40, & 41). Bramble Lake #39 and #41 have fish. Bramble Lake 39 is planted with Yellowstone Cutthroat and some of these fish may get into Bramble Lake 38 but the lake is too shallow to set a net. Angler reported that on 8/27/1989 Bramble Lake 38 was dry.

Bramble Creek Lake 39 (Bramble #1)

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 8889 ft
Location: 45.36614, -110.24857 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 39
Section: 5S12E28
Size: 4.08 acres
Depth: 26ft (Max)

Access: Approximately 3 miles up Bramble Creek. No Trail exists. Tough hike but maybe try staying just north of the creek drainage first 1/2 to avoid dead fall.
Camp sites: Beautiful place to camp. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
leave from Hells Canyon Campground, follow Bramble Creek up.	3 mi (0 on trail)	2789 up, 112 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Unknown	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	3,000 in 1965	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	300 in 2017; 330 in 2009	330 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	19	9.8	9.0-10.9
1991	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: Bramble #39 was stocked in 2017. Some of the previous plants may have been missed. The FWP crew found plenty of fat Yellowstone Cutthroat here in 2018. They should grow quite well the next few years. The lake is somewhat turbid. Visibility was about 3 feet in 2018.

Bramble Lake #41 (Bramble #3)

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: None ft
Location: 45.36389, -110.25982 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 41
Section: 05S12E28
Size: 4.25 acres
Depth: 70ft (Max)

Access: Approximately 3 miles up Bramble Creek. No Trail exists and these lakes are moderately hard to find. The climb up the mountain is tough. Try staying just north of the creek drainage first 1/2 to avoid deadfall.

Camp sites: Firewood is present. Nice campsites (a few good flat spots).

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
leave from Hells Canyon Campground, follow Bramble Creek up.	3 mi (0 on trail)	3652 up, 204 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stocked

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	20	15.3	13.3-17.7
1991	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	9	11.6	9.8-14.2

Comments: In 2018, the mountain lakes crew angled 20 Yellowstone Cutthroat up to 17.7 inches long. Fish were observed attempting to spawn along the shoreline.

Bridge Lake

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 9614 ft
Location: 45.26612, -110.34525 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 36
Section: 06S11E34
Size: 14.2 acres
Depth: 28ft (Ave), 42ft (Max)

Access: North East of Crow Mountain. Trail #25 climbs 10 miles to this lake from the Boulder River. The trail is excellent the first 9.5 miles.

Camp sites: Nice campsites, especially 1/2 mile below but the firewood is a little scarce.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Bridge Creek #25	10 mi (9.5 on trail)	3500 up, 384 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,130 in 2019; 2,130 in 2013	2,130 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	21	13.5	8.2-16.8
2006	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	34	9.4	6.8-15.8

Comments: Abundant forage available results in some exceptional fish. This is a beautiful cirque lake with volcanic rock all around that is popular and shows some heavy use.

Burnt Gulch Lake

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 9109 ft
Location: 45.244, -110.1478 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 26
Section: 07S13E7
Size: 9.1 acres
Depth: 22ft (Ave), 43ft (Max)

Access: From the main Boulder Road it is 14 miles up Upsidedown trail or 10 miles up Rainbow Creek/Box Canyon trail. The lake sits 1/2 mile north of Columbine Creek confluence. The last 1/2 mile of the hike is cross country and about 600 ft easy climb.

Camp sites: Plenty of good campsites and lots of firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Upsidedown Trail #26	14 mi (12.5 on trail)	3942 up, 1170 down
Box Canyon #27, then Trail #28	9.5 mi (8.5 on trail)	2529 ft up, 319 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	975 in 2019; 3,978 in 1985	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	No Fish Caught	0		
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	10.0	8.2-14.2
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	13.5	8.7-17.8

Comments: The FWP crew sample in 2018 found few average sized YCT. There were lots of Columbia Spotted frogs and tadpoles. Can also be reached from Upsidedown Trail - Horseshoe Lake rainbow crk. Trail - columbine crk. - then cross country.

Camp Lake

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 8905 ft

Location: 45.47217, -110.11503 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 3

Section: 04S13E22

Size: 7.8 acres

Depth: 28ft (Ave), 58ft (Max)

Access: Head of Canyon Creek. Take Picket Pin-Iron Mountain Road to Chrome Mountain and then it is 2.5 miles cross country from Chrome Mountain.

Camp sites: One excellent campsite. Plenty of firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Chrome Mtn 4X4 Road, then off-trail	2.5 mi (0 on trail)	226 up, 711 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	35	10.0	4.7-12.7
2008	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	26	9.3	5.9-11.9

Comments: Camp Lake is outside AB Wilderness boundary. Fish from the 2016 survey were thin and 25 of the 35 fish sample were obtained with 3.5 hrs of angling. This is good day hike material.

Chickadee Lake

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 9671 ft

Location: 45.2768, -110.15835 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 15

Section: 6S13E30

Size: 6.64 acres

Depth: 8ft (Max)

Access: Take the trail up Upsidedown Creek and then approximately 1 mile of cross country to the lake.

Camp sites: Camping is excellent just below the lake. There is some firewood below.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Upsidedown Trail #26	9.5 mi (8.5 on trail)	4141 up, 846 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	30	10.6	6.2-13.9
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	11.4	6.9-16.0

Comments: There is a spring fed spawning area located in the inlet. In 2012 the fish were in average condition. The 2012 sample was collected with 2 hours of angling effort.

Davis Lake

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 8790 ft

Location: 45.48054, -110.42739 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 87

Section: 04S10E24

Size: 5.1 acres

Depth: 5ft (Ave), 15ft (Max)

Access: Headwaters of Davis Creek on the West Boulder. Follow Trail #37 up Davis Creek 3 miles past Trail #38 then cross country to the lake. Last 3 miles are tough 1 mile / hour!

Camp sites: Plenty of firewood and many campsites are available. Be Bear Aware!

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Davis Creek #38	9.5 mi (7.5 on trail)	4130 up, 767 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	4,650 in 1934	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	510 in 1979	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	14	12.7	9.4-16.4
1996	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	12.1	7.6-14.6

Comments: Beautiful place with goats, elk and deer. The access is tough and there is little use here. The YCT are reproducing well and are also present in the pond above the lake. In 2017 FWP caught 14 YCT in 3 hr day net set.

Elk Lake

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 9528 ft
Location: 45.22765, -110.31366 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 35
Section: 07S11E14
Size: 9.2 acres
Depth: 10ft (Ave), 22ft (Max)

Access: It is 6 miles up Copper Creek Trail #15 to West Boulder Divide and then 2 miles north along the divide to where you drop into the lake. It is a tough hike up Elk Creek. An angler reported hiking up the north side of Elk Creek and it took them 10-11 hours to reach the lake.

Camp sites: Some camping spots and firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Copper Creek	8 mi (6 on trail)	2800 up, 600 down
Independence Road, just north of Elk Creek	4 mi (0 on trail)	None ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stocked
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Rainbow Trout	6,000 in 1936	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	920 in 2020; 920 in 2014	920 in 2026

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	22	14.9	12.7-16.3
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	9	15.1	12.8-18.9

Comments: The Yellowstone cutthroat grow well in Elk Lake. In 2019, 22 YCT were caught in an overnight net set. Great fishing spot that is fairly tough to get to.

Fish Lake

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 9525 ft
Location: 45.2528, -110.1106 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 25
Section: 07S13E4
Size: 18.0 acres
Depth: 27ft (Ave), 45ft (Max)

Access: Fish Lake is in the headwaters of the South Fork of Rainbow Creek. There are two trails that can get you there, Box Canyon up Rainbow Creek or the Upsidedown Trail.

Camp sites: There are great camping spots, firewood is limited.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Rainbow Creek #27, then #28, then #211	10.25 mi (10 on trail)	3249 up, 642 down
Upsidedown Creek #26, then #28, then #211	12.50 mi (12.25 on trail)	4498 ft up, 1400 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	1,200 in 1944	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Golden X Rainbow X Cutthroat	33	9.4	5.6-14.3
2004	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	10.5	9.3-11.8

Comments: Fish Lake is a very scenic location! MTFWp sampled in 2018 with angling. They found good fishing with fish up to 14 inches. Fish look like cutthroats that are hybridized with Rainbow and/or Golden Trout.

Great Falls Creek Lake, Lower

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 9020 ft

Location: 45.43391, -110.28377 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 55

Section: 05S12E6

Size: 6.6 acres

Depth: 9ft (Ave), 23ft (Max)

Access: Trail #18 up Great Falls Creek. It's the first lake you come to ~7 miles from the trailhead. It's slightly off the trail to the NW 6.5 miles up.

Camp sites: There are flat spots to camp on the trail side of the lake and lots of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Great Falls Creek #18	7 mi (6.5 on trail)	4000 up, 400 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Rare	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Rainbow Trout	1,080 in 1978; 28,000 in 1933	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	660 in 2020; 660 in 2012	660 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	27	12.9	9.4-15.6
2014	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	50	10.7	5.7-16.3

Comments: This is a nice secluded location that does not receive very many visitors. Starting in 2007 Yellowstone cutthroat were stocked annually with intent to swamp out rainbow trout genetics. Legal harvest of rainbow trout is encouraged. MTFWP sampled in 2014 and 2018 finding no sign of Rainbows.

Fish are plentiful and a few of the sampled fish were skinny likely due to the high abundance of fish in the lake. In 2014, 31 of the 51 fish sample was obtained by angling for 6 hours.

Horseshoe Lake

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 9587 ft

Location: 45.26847, -110.18172 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 11

Section: 06S12E36

Size: 15.9 acres

Depth: 4ft (Ave), 10ft (Max)

Access: This is the first lake encountered on the Upsidedown Creek Trail and receives heavy use. The Upsidedown Trail is steep but very well maintained.

Camp sites: Camping is good but the firewood is picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Upsidedown Creek Trail #26	7.5 mi (7.5 on trail)	3388 up, 268 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	291 in 1970	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	12	11.4	8.6-13.9
2007	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	9.2	5.5-14.0

Comments: Horseshoe Lake is shallow wide spot in the creek and has potential to winterkill. The July 2015 gill net sample was collected during cold conditions with 4 inches of fresh snow that may have decreased sampling efficiency.

Icicle Lake

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 9471 ft

Location: 45.45127, -110.3361 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 74

Section: 4S11E26

Size: 6.25 acres

Depth: 13ft (Max)

Access: Leave west Boulder Trail #41 between Trapper Creek and Three Creeks. Hike up a steep, untrailed, very difficult 2.5 miles through large boulder fields to the lake. OR consider hiking across West Boulder Plateau from Great Falls Creek

Camp sites: Many campsites. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Boulder Trail #41	10.5 mi (7.5 on trail)	5140 up, 1200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Rainbow Trout	15	13.5	11.7-15.2
2004	Rainbow Trout	11	9.9	8.0-12.1

Comments: Icicle Lake is a beautiful lake at timberline that shows little sign of human use.

Most fish were in good condition during 2014 survey. 7 of the 15 fish for the 2014 survey were obtained by angling for 5.5 hours.

Kaufman Lake (Falls Creek Lake)

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 8994 ft
Location: 45.38625, -110.36447 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 76
Section: 05S11E21
Size: 39.7 acres
Depth: 16ft (Ave), 70ft (Max)

Access: Best route is up Four Mile Creek past Silver, Patient and West Boulder Lakes or up Speculator Creek leaving the trail at the switchbacks.

Camp sites: Camping is best in meadow near inlet. Firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Fourmile Creek Trail #22, then trail #149	10 mi (7.5 on trail)	4785 up, 1965 down
Speculator Creek Trail #21	9 mi (7 on trail)	4640 ft up, 1400 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	8,225 in 2013; 15,750 in 2012	
Golden Trout	10,000 in 1958	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	20,000 in 1979; 3,850 in 1977	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Arctic Grayling	16	12.5	11.5-13.4
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3	12.3	9.0-16.1
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	19	14.7	9.8-16.0

Comments: In 2017 YCT were spawning in the stream. Crews observed YCT from 2 inches to 12 inches. Grayling were stocked as a possible high elevation brood source.

Lake Columbine

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 9151 ft
Location: 45.21762, -110.14352 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 30
Section: 07S13E17
Size: 5.3 acres
Depth: 5ft (Ave), 10ft (Max)

Access: Usfs Trail #27 up the East Fork of the Boulder River.

Camp sites: Firewood limited.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Upsidedown Creek Trail #26, ten #28, then #128 on Columbine Creek	15.0 mi (15 on trail)	4800 up, 2000 down
Box Canyon (Rainbow Creek) Trail #27, then #28, then #128 on Columbine Creek	11.5 mi (11.5 on trail)	2857 ft up, 340 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
No Fish Captured	Unknown	Unknown

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2007	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: Grayling were scheduled to be planted in 1984 but no record of an actual plant can be found (suspect plant cancelled at request of USFS). Crews sampled this lake in 2007 with an overnight gill net set 13 hours and captured no fish. This lake will likely only be surveyed again if it has been stocked.

Lake Mcknight

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 9181 ft
Location: 45.49057, -110.44325 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 90
Section: 04S10E13
Size: 10.8 acres
Depth: 16ft (Ave), 60ft (Max)

Access: Trail #37 up Davis Creek on the West Boulder. Follow the trail up a tributary north of the lakes and then south. This is tough cross country hiking.

Camp sites: Couple really nice camp spots- some firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Davis Creek Trail #38	9.5 mi (7.5 on trail)	4283 up, 721 down
Pine Creek Trail #47	6.0 mi (4.5 on trail)	4849 ft up, 1300 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	1,100 in 2005; 927 in 1992	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Golden Trout	15	11.9	6.8-18.8
2009	Golden Trout	71	12.5	10.6-14.3

Comments: Lake Mcknight and Upper Mcknight Lakes are beautiful, isolated and hard to get to. The 2017 sample was an overnight net set. The population of golden trout appear to be self-sustaining thus no future stocking is planned.

Mirror Lake

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 9784 ft

Location: 45.27744, -110.149 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 16

Section: 06S13E30

Size: 16.4 acres

Depth: 34ft (Ave), 80ft (Max)

Access: On lake plateau in the headwaters of Rainbow Creek. Access via Usfs Trail #26.

Camp sites: Campsites best near the outlet. Some firewood nearby.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Upsidedown Creek Trail #26	10.75 mi (9.75 on trail)	4100 up, 780 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11,750 in 2019; 11,750 in 2018	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Rainbow Trout	14	9.7	6.1-12.8
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	50	9.4	5.1-14.6
2016	Rainbow Trout	10	9.4	6.7-14.0
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	33	8.1	4.7-11.4

Comments: In 2011 FWP began stocking Yellowstone cutthroat trout at high density in an attempt to swamp out rainbow trout. In 2016 FWP sampled with gill nets and angling and caught mostly YCT and no no apparent hybrids.

Narrow Escape Lake

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 9394 ft

Location: 45.29884, -110.14972 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 4

Section: 06S13E19

Size: 11.6 acres

Depth: 11ft (Ave), 20ft (Max)

Access: Headwaters of Hawley Creek. The access is best from Rainbow and/or Mirror Lake but there is no trail from either lake. To get to Narrow Escape travel around the southwest side of Squeeze Lake.

Camp sites: Decent campsites at inlet and outlet. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Upsidedown Creek	14.5 mi (11.5 on trail)	4000 up, 1000 down
Box Canyon	14.5 mi (11.5 on trail)	3200 ft up, 500 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,100 in 1989; 1,100 in 1977	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	21	15.3	11.1-20.3
2001	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	9	12.4	8.4-14.8

Comments: The fishery is self-sustaining. The mountain lakes crew sampled in 2018 with netting and angling. They found really nice sized cutthroats up to 20 inches long.

Prospect Lake

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 9617 ft

Location: 45.36663, -110.35922 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 43

Section: 05S11E27

Size: 6.8 acres

Depth: 30ft (Max)

Access: Hike Up Trail #22 along Fourmile Creek from the USFS station. From Silver Lake follow the left fork of the inlet stream ~1 mile to prospect.

Camp sites: Fairly rocky, with little firewood. The camping is better at Silver Lake.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Fourmile Creek Trail #22, then trail #149	8.5 mi (7.5 on trail)	3785 up, 408 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Rainbow Trout	4,020 in 1989; 4,020 in 1980	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	680 in 2012; 680 in 2011	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3	13.5	13.4-13.7
2015	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	37	10.1	7.9-13.0

Comments: The chance of encountering other hikers is pretty good.

Prospect Lake was part of the Upper Boulder Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout restoration effort and from 2007 to 2009 gill nets were used to remove rainbow trout. Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout were stocked until 2012 when they became self-sustaining.

In 2015, 11 of the 36 fish sample was obtained by angling for 4 hours.

In 2020 several small YCT were angled from the pond in the outlet

Rainbow Lake #2

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 9448 ft
Location: 45.27254, -110.12745 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 18
Section: 6S13E32
Size: 26.03 acres
Depth: 30ft (Max)

Access: From the Box Canyon Trailhead take trails #27/28/211 to the Rainbow Lakes.
 Access also by using the Upsidedown Trail.

Camp sites: There are good places to camp but firewood is picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon (Rainbow Creek) Trail #27, then trail #28	11.25 mi (11.25 on trail)	3188 up, 400 down
Upsidedown Creek Trail #26, then trail #28	12.0 mi (12.0 on trail)	4000 ft up, 1000 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	8,000 in 1932	
Rainbow Trout	3,500 in 1949	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13,000 in 2022; 13,000 in 2021	13,000 in 2023; 13,000 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Rainbow Trout	5	8.7	4.9-10.8
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13	9.2	6.5-12.0
2018	Rainbow Trout	11	8.7	6.4-11.2
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	17	9.2	7.4-10.7

Comments: This is the largest of the seven lakes. This is a popular area. Rainbow lakes were netted in 2011 and 2012 to try to remove RB. YCT have been stocked heavily to try to swamp out remaining RB. MTFWP samples in 2016 and 2018 caught Rainbow and Cutthroat.

Rainbow Lake #3

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 9432 ft
Location: 45.26747, -110.12583 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 19
Section: 6S13E33
Size: 8.28 acres
Depth: 25ft (Max)

Access: From the Box Canyon Trailhead take trails #27/28/211 to the Rainbow Lakes.
 Access also by using the Upsidedown Trail.

Camp sites: There are good places to camp but firewood is picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon (Rainbow Creek) Trail #27, then trail #28	11 mi (11 on trail)	3157 up, 400 down
Upsidedown Creek Trail #26, then trail #28	11.50 mi (11.50 on trail)	4000 ft up, 1000 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	4,150 in 2022; 4,150 in 2021	4,150 in 2023; 4,150 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Rainbow Trout	2	8.6	7.2-10.0
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	30	8.2	5.5-11.6
2018	Rainbow Trout	2	9.0	8.9-9.2
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	16	8.6	7.6-10.4

Comments: Rainbow Lakes is a popular area and sees quite a bit of use. All 6 Rainbow lakes were netted in 2011-2012 to try to remove RB. YCT have been stocked heavily to try to swamp out remaining RB. FWP samples in 2016 and 2018 caught mostly Cutthroat, only a couple Rainbows.

Rainbow Lake #4

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 9407 ft
Location: 45.26238, -110.12912 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 20
Section: 6S13E32
Size: 10.52 acres
Depth: 35ft (Max)

Access: From the Box Canyon Trailhead take trails #27/28/211 to the Rainbow Lakes.
 Access also by using the Upsidedown Trail.

Camp sites: There are good places to camp but firewood is picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon (Rainbow Creek) Trail #27, then trail #28	10.5 mi (10.5 on trail)	3100 up, 368 down
Upsidedown Creek Trail #26, then trail #28	11 mi (11 on trail)	3945 ft up, 923 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	5,250 in 2022; 5,250 in 2021	5,250 in 2023; 5,250 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Rainbow Trout	7	9.4	6.3-12.1
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	6	7.9	7.2-10.9
2018	Rainbow Trout	22	7.5	4.8-10.4
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	12	8.9	7.4-10.4

Comments: All 6 Rainbow Lakes were netted in 2011 and 2012 to remove RB. YCT have been stocked heavily to try to swamp out remaining RB. FWP samples in 2016 and 2018 caught Rainbow and Cutthroat.

Rainbow Lake 5

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 9679 ft
Location: 45.27304, -110.12117 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 21
Section: 6S13E33
Size: 5.85 acres
Depth: 12ft (Max)

Access: From the Box Canyon Trailhead take trails #27/28/211 to the Rainbow Lakes.
 Access also by using the Upsidedown Trail.

Camp sites: Many well used campsites. Firewood is picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon (Rainbow Creek) Trail #27, then trail #28	12 mi (12 on trail)	3440 up, 483 down
Upsidedown Creek Trail #26, then trail #28	12.75 mi (12.75 on trail)	4279 ft up, 1038 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,900 in 2022; 2,900 in 2021	2,900 in 2023; 2,900 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	22	8.1	6.5-10.3
2018	Rainbow Trout	1	9.6	9.6-9.6
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	14	8.7	7.3-11.7

Comments: The Rainbow Lakes were netted in 2011 and 2012 to remove RB. YCT have been stocked heavily to try to swamp out remaining RB. FWP samples in 2016 and 2018 caught mostly Cutthroats, only a couple Rainbow.

Rainbow Lake 6

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 9765 ft

Location: 45.27612, -110.11729 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 22

Section: 6S13E28

Size: 1.83 acres

Depth: 10ft (Max)

Access: From the Box Canyon Trailhead take trails #27/28/211 to the Rainbow Lakes. Access also by using the Upsidedown Trail.

Camp sites: Many well used campsites. Firewood is limited.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon (Rainbow Creek) Trail #27, then trail #28	12 mi (12 on trail)	3462 up, 461 down
Upsidedown Creek Trail #26, then trail #28	12.6 mi (12.6 on trail)	4300 ft up, 1150 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	900 in 2022; 900 in 2021	900 in 2023; 900 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Rainbow Trout	5	9.9	5.2-12.6
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	39	7.1	4.3-10.2
2016	Rainbow Trout	4	9.5	7.0-11.3
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13	8.5	5.0-11.3

Comments: This lake is a wide spot in the creek. Rainbow Lakes were netted in 2011 and 2012 to remove RB. Also YCT are being stocked heavily to swamp out remaining RB.

Rainbow Lake 7

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 9732 ft

Location: 45.27582, -110.11237 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 23

Section: 6S13E28

Size: 8.24 acres

Depth: 24ft (Max)

Access: From the Box Canyon Trailhead take trails #27/28/211 to the Rainbow Lakes. Access also by using the Upsidedown Trail. Headwater lake on e Rainbow Creek

Camp sites: Many well used campsites. No firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon (Rainbow Creek) Trail #27, then trail #28	12.25 mi (12.25 on trail)	3469 up, 464 down
Upsidedown Creek Trail #26, then trail #28	12.75 mi (12.75 on trail)	4307 ft up, 1019 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	4,100 in 2019; 4,100 in 2018	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Rainbow Trout	5	10.0	7.9-11.1
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	25	9.4	6.5-11.6
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	34	9.0	6.1-10.9

Comments: All Rainbow Lakes were netted in 2011 and 2012 to remove RB. YCT were stocked heavily to try to swamp out remaining RB. No RB were caught in FWP surveys in 2016 and 2018.

Silver Lake

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 9138 ft

Location: 45.36095, -110.3499 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 42

Section: 05S11E34

Size: 10.0 acres

Depth: 8ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: Hike up Fourmile Creek on Trail #22 test #149 from the Forest Service cabin on the Boulder River.

Camp sites: Excellent camping but firewood getting picked over by campers.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Fourmile Creek Trail #22, then trail #149	7.5 mi (7.5 on trail)	3100 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	10,560 in 1931	
Rainbow Trout	500 in 1989; 12,000 in 1939	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,000 in 2012; 1,000 in 2011	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Rainbow Trout	5	10.6	9.3-11.8
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	16	10.0	5.5-13.7
2015	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	14	9.2	7.1-11.1

Comments: The lake receives heavy use.

Silver Lake was part of the Upper Boulder Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout restoration effort and from 2007 to 2009 gill nets were used to remove rainbow trout. Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout were stocked until 2012, when they became self-sustaining.

Many fish were observed rising during the 2015 survey despite the relatively low number of fish sampled (14 captured).

The outlet has good spawning habitat and the spawning habitat at the inlet is fair.

Speculator Lake

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 9578 ft

Location: 45.37641, -110.34424 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 45

Section: 05S11E27

Size: 9.7 acres

Depth: 21ft (Ave), 35ft (Max)

Access: Best to access from Silver Lake. Get to silver on Trail #22 test #149 up Fourmile Creek from the forest service station on the boulder river. Good Trail but deadfall makes the hike difficult.

Camp sites: Questionable campsites. Scarce firewood. Better below.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Fourmile Creek Trail #22, then trail #149	9.5 mi (7.5 on trail)	4300 up, 1070 down
Speculator Creek Trail #21	8.00 mi (6.75 on trail)	4532 ft up, 747 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,455 in 2016; 1,450 in 2008	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	45	12.5	9.2-16.7
2006	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	22	13.1	10.3-14.5

Comments: Multiple year classes of Yellowstone cutthroat trout present. Fish were easily caught with hook and line for the survey.

Fish were in good condition and only a couple skinny fish were sampled. In 2015, 19 of the 61 fish sample was obtained by angling for 2.7 hours.

Squeeze Lake

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 9591 ft
Location: 45.29167, -110.14558 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 5
Section: 06S13E19
Size: 7.0 acres
Depth: 20ft (Ave), 22ft (Max)

Access: Easy access from Mirror/Rainbow Lakes. The Upsidedown Trail and Box Canyon Trail both can be used to get you most of the way but the last part of the trip is cross country hiking.
Camp sites: Some campsites and lots of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Upsidedown Trail	13.5 mi (11.5 on trail)	3770 up, 670 down
Box Canyon Trail	15.5 mi (13.5 on trail)	2859 ft up, 100 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	700 in 2019; 700 in 2011	700 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	12.5	10.2-14.8
2016	No Fish Caught	0		
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13	9.6	7.3-11.6

Comments: In 2016 the mountain lakes crew sampled with 2 nets set for 2.5 hrs and angling. The nets caught no fish but angling caught 13 YCT in 4 hrs. The fishing was pretty good for decent size YCT. In 2018 the crew sampled again with netting and angling finding fewer fish that had not grown very much.

Trout Lake

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 6196 ft
Location: 45.33742, -110.23027 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 37
Section: 06S12E4
Size: 0.9 acres
Depth: 3ft (Ave), 5ft (Max)

Access: Near the boulder river road north of hillary bridge. Just east of the boulder river.
Camp sites: Questionable camping. No firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
None - Vehicle Access	0 mi (0 on trail)	0 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	2,940 in 1956	
Rainbow Trout	602 in 1984; 500 in 1983	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	200 in 2021; 180 in 2020	200 in 2023; 200 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2008	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	10.3	7.3-14.0
1996	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	7	9.0	8.3-10.8

Comments: Planted yearly with ct. Good supply of freshwater shrimp. Crayfish present. Subject to winterkill. Small pond with easy access. Cabin on lake. Camping in nearby campgrounds.
 Stocked every year. Planted fish are generally large test small catchables. '93 - 14.6". '95 - 13.9". '96 - 6.1 test 13.9". '97 - 6.7". '98 - 7.5 test 10.6", '99 - 6.5 test 13.8", '00 - 6.3 test 12.0", '01 - 7.3 test 11.6", '02 - 9.8 test 11.3", 03-08 7-11"
 No sign of larger fish in '96. Sample before the yearly plant to assess overwinter survival.

Upper Mcknight Lake

Drainage: Boulder
Elevation: 9200 ft
Location: 45.48847, -110.4475 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 89
Section: 04S10E14
Size: 3.4 acres
Depth: 9ft (Ave), 20ft (Max)

Access: Hike up Davis Creek on Usfs Trail #38 then cross country up to the lake. See lake mcknight also.
Camp sites: Good camp spots, some firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Boulder, Davis Cr	12.5 mi (10.5 on trail)	3584 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Stocked

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Golden Trout	17	10.6	8.3-16.5
2009	Golden Trout	41	12.1	9.2-14.8

Comments: See comments for lake mcknight. The mcknight lakes may be accessed directly up the outlet stream, but it is very steep, with lots of deadfalls and rock slides to negotiate. 2017 sample 5 hr day net set. GT seem to be Self Sustaining

Weasel Lake #48

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 9441 ft

Location: 45.40954, -110.30182 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 48

Section: 5S11E12

Size: 8.28 acres

Depth: 75ft (Max)

Access: Hike Up Trail #18 along great Falls Creek, then south x-country thru saddle. Then side hill up the valley to the lakes.

Camp sites: Many camping sites. Plenty of firewood. There appears to be little use here.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Great Falls Creek	10 mi (7.75 on trail)	4800 up, 400 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	51	9.7	5.0-12.0
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10	9.3	6.1-10.8

Comments: There are 7 Lakes in the chain. Two have fish. #48 has a self-sustaining CT population and #51 is stocked. MTFWP crew angled both lakes in 2018. Fishing was very good for average sized cutthroat. Fish were spawning where inlet comes in from #51.

Weasel Lake #51

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 9872 ft

Location: 45.41262, -110.31047 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 51

Section: 5S11E12

Size: 5.79 acres

Depth: 35ft (Max)

Access: Hike Up Trail #18 along great Falls Creek, then south x-country thru saddle. Then side hill up the valley to the lakes.

Camp sites: There are a few flat spots near the outlet and very little wood. It is best to camp at #48.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Great Falls Creek	10 mi (7.75 on trail)	4800 up, 400 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	79	12.0	8.4-13.9
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	29	13.4	7.7-16.2

Comments: There are 7 Lakes in the chain. Two have fish. #48 has a self-sustaining pop. #51 is stocked. Both were sampled in 2018 and found good numbers of average sized cutthroat. Scenic place but access is not a cake walk!

West Boulder Lake

Drainage: Boulder

Elevation: 9794 ft

Location: 45.37663, -110.36064 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 75

Section: 05S11E27

Size: 13.0 acres

Depth: 26ft (Ave), 55ft (Max)

Access: Take Trail #22 from fourmile 7 miles to Silver Lake. Head x-country n Along Creek to next lake. Then climb west thru a saddle and drop into lake.

Camp sites: There are few good places to camp but there is no firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Fourmile Creek	9 mi (7 on trail)	4500 up, 500 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	5,000 in 1958	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,300 in 2019; 1,300 in 2011	1,300 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	17	15.0	14.2-15.9
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	21	15.7	13.2-17.6

Comments: 2017 FWP survey obtained with angling. Great fishing for fat, healthy fish.

Clarks Fork Drainage

Abandoned Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork
Elevation: 10045 ft
Location: 45.00942, -109.60332 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 243
Section: 9S17E26
Size: 9.65 acres
Depth: 8ft (Ave), 25ft (Max)

Access: Trail 614/620 from Island Lake on Hwy 212. The lake is 7 miles north west of Island Lake. Elevation change 600'.
Camp sites: Nice campsites but no firewood. Above treeline.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Trail #620, then #619 from Island Lake CG	10.5 mi (8.5 on trail)	2292 up, 1802 down
Trail #619 from Beartooth Lake CG	8 mi (6 on trail)	2378 ft up, 1264 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Brook Trout	34	8.0	4.7-10.6
2008	Brook Trout	67	8.6	5.7-10.5

Comments: Abandoned Lake is a typical brookie lake. Plenty of fish that are fairly small. Some harvest could help this lake. The 2018 FWP sample was obtained with angling and found smaller fish that were in good shape, not stunted.

Albino Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork
Elevation: 9994 ft
Location: 45.01491, -109.58117 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 245
Section: 09S17E25
Size: 39.2 acres
Depth: 48ft (Ave), 149ft (Max)

Access: Trail #614/620 from Island Lake on Hwy 212 will take you past Flake Lake then north between Mutt and Jeff Lakes and along east side of Becker Lake.
Camp sites: Some camping - very little firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Island Lake #614/620	6 mi (6 on trail)	500 up, 50 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	5,000 in 1940	
Cutthroat Trout	2,110 in 1959	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	7,340 in 2019; 7,840 in 2015	7,840 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	83	9.7	6.6-16.5
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	14	8.0	5.7-14.2

Comments: A popular, stocked Lake. In 2016 FWP set 2 nets for 2 hrs each, both caught plenty of YCT 10-14 inches. Some reproduction may be taking place.

Alp Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork
Elevation: 9597 ft
Location: 45.05423, -109.64822 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 200
Section: 09S17E8
Size: 2.8 acres
Depth: 14ft (Ave), 25ft (Max)

Access: Trails from the Beartooth Butte area on Hwy 212 serve the area. The lake is NE of GreenLake.
Camp sites: Firewood is scarce. Campsites are nearby.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte Lookout Trail #6141, then #619	11 mi (9 on trail)	3234 up, 3170 down
Beartooth Lake Trail #619	11.5 mi (9.5 on trail)	3400 ft up, 2693 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	311 in 1987; 319 in 1979	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Brook Trout	18	7.6	6.5-8.7
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	6	12.6	8.2-14.1
2006	Brook Trout	25	7.0	6.0-8.0
2006	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10	11.8	8.5-14.5

Comments: 2017 sample was obtained with angling. There is spawning gravel in both inlet and outlet and some CT reproduction is occurring. There is no short way to Alp Lake. Can also get to this Lake from Ivy Lake Jeep Trail #130 Crazy Crk. Trail #568 hiking past Farley and Elaine

Anchor Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9997 ft

Location: 45.05715, -109.70836 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 124

Section: 09S16E11

Size: 12.0 acres

Depth: 32ft (Ave), 90ft (Max)

Access: Approximately 8 miles NE of Kersey Lake via Canyon Lake or 12 miles from Kersey via Russel test Otter lakes. North of Jordan Lake.

Camp sites: No firewood. Questionable camp spots.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Ivy Lake Jp Trail #130 to Trail #568 to Trail #154	8 mi (7 on trail)	2950 up, 1000 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Unknown

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	No Fish Caught	0		
2016	Golden Trout	1	12.4	12.4-12.4

Comments: GT are stocked in Desolation and Big Butte, some drift down to Anchor. FWP netting caught 1 GT in 2007, 11 GT in 2010, and 1 GT 2016.

Aquarius Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9187 ft

Location: 45.05729, -109.81077 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 63

Section: 09S15E12

Size: 11.6 acres

Depth: 21ft (Ave), 65ft (Max)

Access: Cross country hike up Sedge Creek or an old Abandoned Trail leaving USFS Trail #567 between Twin-russel Lake. No good trail and the access is fairly tough.

Camp sites: Good campsites and firewood available. Fires have burned near the lake.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork Trail #3, then 4x4 road #306, then trail #564	5 mi (3.5 on trail)	1953 up, 800 down
Clarks Fork Trail #3	6 mi (3.25 on trail)	1684 ft up, 538 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	20,000 in 1955	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	600 in 1977; 2,000 in 1970	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	32	10.1	6.7-13.2
2015	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	33	10.5	7.2-15.2

Comments: A pretty lake that receives quite a bit of fishing use.

Astral Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9397 ft

Location: 45.09316, -109.9018 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 24

Section: 08S15E31

Size: 5.2 acres

Depth: 2ft (Ave), 4ft (Max)

Access: Either from the Goose Lake jeep road or up Star Creek from the Broadwater Trail.

Camp sites: Campsites and firewood limited.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail #3230	.50 mi (0 on trail)	20 up, 400 down
Lady of the Lake Trail #31 to Trail #573	4.5 mi (3.5 on trail)	1150 ft up, 680 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Brook Trout	26	7.8	6.3-9.4
2014	Brook Trout	43	7.4	6.1-9.0

Comments: Astral is a pretty lake with an abundant brook trout population that is easy to catch. The legal harvest of brook trout is encouraged here.

The 2022 sampled was obtained by 1 hour of angling.

Bald Knob Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9420 ft

Location: 45.07808, -109.79463 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 81

Section: 09S16E6

Size: 38.4733 acres

Depth: 38ft (Ave), 38ft (Max)

Access: Excellent Usfs Trail from Kersey Lake.

Camp sites: Pretty good camping at Bald Knob Lake. Firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork Trail #3	8.5 mi (8.5 on trail)	2400 up, 1038 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Brook Trout	10	7.4	5.4-8.1
2008	Brook Trout	41	7.6	5.0-8.6

Comments: FWP survey in 2017 with angling for 15 minutes, small EB easy to catch. No changes since 2008 survey. Angler harvesting may help.

Basin Lake (Picasso Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9978 ft

Location: 45.08614, -109.80836 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 84

Section: 8S15E36

Size: 7.38 acres

Depth: 7ft (Ave), 28ft (Max)

Access: From clarks Fork Trailhead take Trail #3 past Kersey Lake to Trail #567, up Russel Creek past bald knob lake to skull lake then west 1/4 mile.

Camp sites: There are good camp spots but firewood limited.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork Trail #3	9.5 mi (9.25 on trail)	3036 up, 1160 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	3,000 in 2017; 1,000 in 2011	1,620 in 2028
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,200 in 1971	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Golden Trout	7	10.8	8.0-15.6
2017	Golden Trout	8	12.5	7.8-16.5

Comments: FWP sample in 2019 with angling and day net set. Didn't catch any angling Numerous groups of fish seen on redds along the shoreline in 2017. There are golden trout in the pond below (Pablo Lake)

Big Butte Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10175 ft

Location: 45.0609, -109.7025 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 125

Section: 09S16E12

Size: 22.1 acres

Depth: 14ft (Ave), 55ft (Max)

Access: Approximately 8 miles NE of Kersey Lake via Canyon Lake or 12 miles from Kersey via Russel and Otter Lakes or via Moose Lake Jeep Trail.

Camp sites: No firewood. A few places to camp.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Moose Lk Jp Trail #130	10 mi (8.25 on trail)	2725 up, 700 down
Clarks Fork Trailhead	11.2 mi (4.5 on trail)	2089 ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Unknown	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	2,210 in 2017; 2,200 in 2012	2,210 in 2023
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	7,500 in 1968	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	No Fish Caught	0		
2016	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: No fish caught in 2015 or 2016. 2015 sample was a 6.5 hr daytime gillnet set and 4 hours of angling. 2016 was overnight net set. No signs of fish were observed. No fish were observed during the 1988 and 1990 survey. GT spawning in outlet in '10.

Big Moose Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 7990 ft

Location: 45.00448, -109.76617 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 70

Section: 09S16E33

Size: 83.8 acres

Depth: 46ft (Max)

Access: Trail #3 from Kersey Lake or 4x4 road from beartooth highway.

Camp sites: There are several large campsites and plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork trail #3 then trail #567	6.5 mi (6.5 on trail)	937 up, 900 down
trail #568 to trail #567 leaving from 130 1A 4x4 Road	3 mi (3 on trail)	517 ft up, 600 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	No Fish Caught	0		
2018	Rainbow Trout	4	14.5	13.6-15.4
1981	Brook Trout	6	7.3	6.5-8.7
1981	Rainbow Trout	17	11.1	6.9-15.6

Comments: Only 1/3 of the lake is in Montana. Big Moose is a big lake, tough to set a net. MTFWP crew angled 4 RB from near the inlet in 2018. Some smaller fish were observed.

Bob Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9571 ft

Location: 45.08656, -109.91781 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 12

Section: 08S15E31

Size: 2.3 acres

Depth: 6ft (Ave), 15ft (Max)

Access: The lake is 1/4 mile west of the Goose Lake Jeep Trail at a mid-point between long and star lakes. Hike is ~8 miles without a 4-wheel drive

Camp sites: Camping sites and firewood exist.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	.25 mi (0 on trail)	100 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	16,800 in 1936	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2013	Brook Trout	14	7.8	6.7-8.7
1996	Brook Trout	10	7.4	6.4-8.5

Comments: Fish were stunted. The lake is outside the a-b wilderness. Fish move freely between Bob and Dick Lakes. The 2013 survey was obtained using anling for 1 hour

Broadwater Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8623 ft

Location: 45.06017, -109.84858 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 23

Section: 09S15E10

Size: 93.6 acres

Depth: 64ft (Max)

Access: Kersey Lake Trail #567 to jeep Trail #306 to Broadwater River Trail #564.

Fight through some burned deadfalls on east shore of curl lake to isthmus.

Camp sites: Plenty of firewood and campsites available. E. Side burned '88

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	5 mi (4.25 on trail)	600 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Rare	Unknown

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	7,500 in 1933	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,000 in 2014; 7,875 in 2003	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Brook Trout	38	8.6	3.9-16.5
2014	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1	17.3	17.3-17.3
2004	Brook Trout	7	11.1	9.3-12.5

Comments: There is little evidence of human use here.

Yellowstone cutthroat trout present in very low abundance but the one sampled was in very good condition.

Broadwater Meadow

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8394 ft

Location: 45.04362, -109.8478 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 1

Section: 09S15E15

Size: 10.88 acres

Depth: 4ft (Max)

Access: Jeep road near chief joseph campground on Hwy 212 approximately 3 miles east of cooke city.

Camp sites: Firewood and campsites available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	3.25 mi (3.25 on trail)	300 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Comments: Brook trout are abundant but small. Occasional cutthroat and grayling are seen. Too shallow to set net. Sample with hook and line if needed.

Burnt Bacon Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8994 ft

Location: 45.01216, -109.65922 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 231

Section: 09S17E29

Size: 15.0 acres

Depth: 18ft (Ave), 46ft (Max)

Access: Trails from Hwy 212 near Beartooth Butte. Lake is SE of Lake Elaine. NE 1/4 mile from the north point of granite Lake.

Camp sites: No real good campsites but lots of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	8.5 mi (8 on trail)	330 up, 900 down
Muddy Creek	9.5 mi (9 on trail)	870 ft up, 0 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
No Fish Captured	Unknown	Unknown

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	No Fish Caught	0		
1989	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: Spawning would be restricted. Beautiful Lake. Was due to be planted with grayling in '84 but no record of the plant can be found. (plant was cancelled at request of USFS). No survey is going to be conducted unless fish are planted. Plant grayling when available. Clear with USFS. No sign of '88 fire.

Canyon Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8794 ft

Location: 45.03951, -109.77119 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 118

Section: 09S16E17

Size: 65.7 acres

Depth: 22ft (Ave), 87ft (Max)

Access: Trail #567 past Kersey Lake to fox lake then cross Russel Creek and find the primitive trail up the west side of farley creek toward canyon lake.

Camp sites: Plenty of firewood, there are a few decent campsites.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	6 mi (4.5 on trail)	1000 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Rainbow	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	24	11.0	6.7-15.1
2011	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Rainbow	16	12.3	7.3-15.5

Comments: Right in the heart of grizzly country! 2019 sample with angling and netting. Fish were tough to catch with rod and reel but the net caught plenty. Fish appear to be mainly cutthroats with a bit of RB hybridization.

Castle Lake (Queer Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9594 ft

Location: 45.05089, -109.65799 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 187

Section: 9S17E8

Size: 20.75 acres

Depth: 16ft (Ave), 49ft (Max)

Access: Trail #618 4 miles to fork. Then 6 miles to Thiel Lake test on to kidney lake. Ford Creek at wright lake test take trail to green lake. Head n thru saddle test up creek.

Camp sites: Plenty of firewood and camping is excellent.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	12.5 mi (12 on trail)	1300 up, 600 down
Muddy Creek	13.7 mi (12.2 on trail)	1444 ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Brook Trout	25	5.9	4.6-9.6
2006	Brook Trout	26	7.9	6.5-11.0

Comments: Very pretty place. Good spawning potential in both inlet and outlet. Could also take crazy Lakes Trail #568 that starts near ivy lake (ivy lake jeep trail). Hike past Farley Lake, lake elaine and follow sierra crk. 2017 FWP sample with angling. Lots of tiny brookies.

Cliff Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9381 ft

Location: 45.08604, -109.8633 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 50

Section: 08S15E33

Size: 6.6 acres

Depth: 7ft (Ave), 20ft (Max)

Access: Get off the Goose Lake Jeep Trail just before long lake (trail is on south side of long lake outlet). Hike east to trail 31 then north to sky Top Creek and head southeast (cross sky Top Creek) at the confluence with lower Aero Creek. No trail exists.

Camp sites: Camping sites and firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	3.75 mi (3.5 on trail)	710 up, 830 down
Lady Of The Lake #31	5.75 mi (5.5 on trail)	None ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	10,000 in 1955	
Cutthroat Trout	7,500 in 1949	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,650 in 1977	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Brook Trout	8	14.6	6.8-19.1
2012	Brook Trout	9	14.8	14.3-15.1

Comments: The eb population fluctuates by periodic winterkill. The fishery will always be changing and/or may die out in a hard winter. Periodic winterkill is allowing fish to grow larger by keeping population numbers low. Spawning areas are not evident. MFWP sampled in 06 no fish netted or seen seen. 2012 survey caught 9 EB in 14.5 hr net set.

Cloverleaf Lake 215

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10194 ft

Location: 45.03008, -109.61979 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 215

Section: 9S17E22

Size: 13.5 acres

Depth: 24ft (Ave), 66ft (Max)

Access: 8 miles up from Island Lake. Good Trail to golden lake then over the hill northwest.

Camp sites: Some flat spots for camping. Firewood is non-existent.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Island Lake Wy	8.5 mi (6 on trail)	1000 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	17	11.3	7.9-13.7
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	21	10.7	6.6-13.1

Comments: This area has become a 'destination' type area. Many campers come and go. '75 plant of 29,726 CT's was distributed between #'s 215, 216, test 223.

Plants of CT's went into These Lakes in 1936 and 1967. Lot's of mountain goats in this area. Watch out for your camp stuff! Better camping down by wall or Martin Lakes. During 2013 survey spawning was observed at inlet and outlet.

Cloverleaf Lake 216

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10194 ft

Location: 45.03439, -109.61496 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 216

Section: 9S17E22

Size: 19.37 acres

Depth: 10ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: 8 miles up from Island Lake. Good Trail to golden lake then over the hill northwest.

Camp sites: Some flat spots for camping. Firewood is non-existent.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Island Lake Wy	8.5 mi (6 on trail)	1000 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	19	10.5	8.8-12.8
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	27	10.8	6.7-13.0

Comments: This area has become a 'destination' type area. Many campers come and go. '75 plant of 29,726 CT's was distributed between #'s 215, 216, and 223.

Fish are reproducing well.

Cloverleaf Lake 217

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10194 ft

Location: 45.03587, -109.61029 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 217

Section: 9S17E22

Size: 2.09 acres

Depth: 5ft (Ave), 12ft (Max)

Access: 8 miles up from Island Lake. Good Trail to golden lake then over the hill northwest.

Camp sites: Flat spots at three lower lakes. Firewood non-existent. Shore is all boulders.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Island Lake Wy	8.5 mi (6 on trail)	1000 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	22	9.1	7.2-12.2
1992	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	35	9.8	5.9-13.4

Comments: This area has become a 'destination' type area. Many campers come and go. This lake is actually a wide spot in the creek.

YCT spawn in streams between lakes. Fish are reproducing well and appear healthy. No management changes. Plants of CT's went into these lakes in 1936, 1967 and 1975.

Cloverleaf Lake 223

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10194 ft

Location: 45.02962, -109.615 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 223

Section: 9S17E22

Size: 22.86 acres

Depth: 24ft (Ave), 65ft (Max)

Access: 8 miles up from Island Lake. Good Trail to golden lake then over the hill northwest.

Camp sites: Few flat spots for camping. No shelter. Firewood is non-existent.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Island Lake Wy	8.5 mi (6 on trail)	1000 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	8,400 in 1936	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	29,722 in 1975; 3,000 in 1967	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10	13.6	10.8-14.9
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	30	13.4	8.5-17.2

Comments: This area has become a 'destination' type area. Many campers come and go. '75 plant of 29,726 CT's was distributed between #'s 215, 216, and 223.

Fish are reproducing well. Plants of CT's went into these lakes in 1936 and 1967. In 2002 fish were in very good shape.

Companion Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9394 ft

Location: 45.08243, -109.90269 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 15

Section: 09S15E6

Size: 7.0845 acres

Depth: 8ft (Ave), 24ft (Max)

Access: Companion Lake is on the Goose Lake Jeep Trail near long lake. Easy access. Without a 4-wheel drive the hike is about 2.5 miles.

Camp sites: There are many campsites and firewood is available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	.25 mi (0 on trail)	0 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Brook Trout	31	7.8	6.4-8.9
2014	Brook Trout	25	8.4	6.3-10.3

Comments: Companion Lake is easily accessed from the Goose Lake Jeep trail. Although the FWP crew had a bit of a tough time finding them in 2022, there still seems to be plenty of small Brook Trout here.

Copeland Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8767 ft

Location: 45.00616, -109.72645 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 151

Section: 09S16E35

Size: 36.0 acres

Depth: 125ft (Max)

Access: Head north on Trail #568/612 from the Ivy Lake jeep trail. Trail #612 to copeland splits off up 2 miles.

Camp sites: Plenty of firewood. Many nice camp spots.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Ivy Lake Jeep Trail	2.5 mi (2.5 on trail)	1000 up, 150 down
Crazy Creek	6 mi (6 on trail)	1717 ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	21,000 in 1934	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Brook Trout	35	7.8	4.6-10.6
2012	Brook Trout	10	9.7	7.6-13.8

Comments: There is an outfitter camp near Copeland Lake. Surveys in 2012 and 2020 found good numbers of decent sized Brook Trout.

Corner Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9292 ft

Location: 45.07177, -109.89961 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 7

Section: 09S15E5

Size: 11.1 acres

Depth: 15ft (Ave), 42ft (Max)

Access: Goose Lake Jeep Trail to within 1/4 mile of the lake. A 4-wheeler can make it to the lake but not a sport utility. 2 mile hike from Fisher Creek.

Camp sites: Plenty of firewood and campsites available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	.25 mi (.25 on trail)	0 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Lake Chub	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	500 in 2018; 1,002 in 1980	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Lake Chub	34	6.0	5.2-6.6
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	10.5	7.2-13.3
2018	Lake Chub	3		
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2	10.0	9.5-10.5

Comments: Decent fishing for average sized YCT. Fish appear healthy. Lake Chubs are present. YCT have been self sustaining since last stock in 1980. Due to low numbers sampled in 2018 a supplemental plant of 500 YCT was stocked in 2019.

Cradle Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9728 ft

Location: 45.06991, -109.77385 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 95

Section: 09S16E5

Size: 2.9 acres

Depth: 16ft (Ave), 37ft (Max)

Access: Head to Russel Lake on a Good Trail from Kersey Lake then head northeast cross country.

Camp sites: Camp spots are few and far between with little fuel.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	8.25 mi (6.5 on trail)	2000 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Rainbow Trout	16	12.2	8.1-19.6
2012	Rainbow Trout	7	10.0	7.7-14.8

Comments: Rainbow trout were stocked in Gallery Lake. They drifted down and became self-sustaining in Cradle. FWP sampled in 2021 with netting and angling.

Crystal Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9952 ft

Location: 45.04957, -109.64036 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 202

Section: 09S17E16

Size: 27.5 acres

Depth: 34ft (Ave), 85ft (Max)

Access: Trails from the Beartooth Butte area on Hwy 212 serve the area. The lake is NE of Lake Elaine.

Camp sites: A few campsites. Little use. Some firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	13.0 mi (12 on trail)	1600 up, 600 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,445 in 2018; 2,750 in 2010	2,750 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	12.0	6.7-13.9
2008	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	12	12.2	8.7-15.4

Comments: No evident spawning areas but reproduction is occurring. FWP sample in 2017 fishing was slow but many fish were rising in middle. 2 YCT were angled, 13 caught in net. Surveyed 08 5 fish angled in 45 min.

Curl Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8544 ft

Location: 45.05452, -109.84023 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 22

Section: 09S15E15

Size: 30.6 acres

Depth: 45ft (Max)

Access: Kersey Lake Trail #567 to jeep Trail #306 to Broadwater River Trail #564.

Fight thru burned deadfalls on east shore to isthmus for campsite.

Camp sites: Some campsites available but limited due to downfall. Firewood is abundant.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	4.25 mi (4.25 on trail)	600 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Brook Trout	60	7.9	5.3-12.1
2004	Brook Trout	11	9.9	8.0-12.1

Comments: The 1988 fires swept through this area and the entire shoreline of Curl Lake was burned. There is a lot of downfall around the lake.

Brook trout abundance decreased after the fire but recovered by 2002.

Desolation Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10194 ft

Location: 45.06738, -109.71639 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 127

Section: 09S16E2

Size: 31.4 acres

Depth: 24ft (Ave), 75ft (Max)

Access: About 14 miles from Kersey Lake. Hike to Russel then head northeast or use the Ivy Lake Jeep Trail trailhead.

Camp sites: No firewood available. Some places to camp but very rocky.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Ivy Lake Jp Trail #130	10.7 mi (8.25 on trail)	2825 up, 700 down
Clarks Fork Trailhead	12 mi (4.5 on trail)	2188 ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	3,140 in 2017; 3,100 in 2012	3,140 in 2023

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	No Fish Caught	0		
2015	Golden Trout	32	9.8	7.0-16.6

Comments: FWP crew day set in 2020 found no sign of fish. The 2015 sample was collected with a 5.5 hour daytime gill net set. In 2015, one of the 33 fish sample was obtained by 6 hours of angling. Fish were challenging to catch with angling.

Diamond Lake (Cliff Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8594 ft

Location: 45.0337, -109.7807 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 146

Section: 09S16E20

Size: 15.7823 acres

Depth: 29ft (Ave), 83ft (Max)

Access: Trail #567 past Kersey Lake to fox lake trail. Cross Russel Creek below fox lake and up west side of farley creek. Cross creek below pond and head east over saddle

Camp sites: Lots of firewood but flat spots for tents are tough to find.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	5.5 mi (4.5 on trail)	900 up, 500 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Arctic Grayling	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Arctic Grayling	19	8.8	7.2-11.2
2011	Arctic Grayling	7	10.9	8.7-13.0

Comments: Progeny from Cliff Lake occasionally reach fox lake downstream. The canyon lake (farley Creek) Trail is inundated with deadfalls and would be difficult for even the best hiker. FWP sample in 2019 with angling found grayling from 7-11 inches easy to catch.

Dick Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9561 ft

Location: 45.08537, -109.91912 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 13

Section: 08S15E31

Size: 1.9 acres

Depth: 6ft (Ave), 15ft (Max)

Access: The lake is 1/4 mile west of the Goose Lake Jeep Trail at a mid-point between long and star lakes. Hike is ~8 miles without a 4-wheel drive

Camp sites: Camping sites and firewood exist.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	.25 mi (0 on trail)	100 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2013	Brook Trout	12	8.3	6.4-10.1
1996	Brook Trout	12	7.2	5.9-8.5

Comments: The lake is outside the a-b wilderness.

Easy access from the Goose Lake Jeep Trail. Fish seem to be in good condition for self-sustaining brook trout. The 2013 sample was obtained using anling for 2 hours

Dollar Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8971 ft

Location: 45.05145, -109.82018 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 61

Section: 09S15E14

Size: 1.1 acres

Depth: 5ft (Ave), 12ft (Max)

Access: Kersey Lake Trail #567 to jeep Trail #306 to Broadwater River Trail #564. Head x-country before curl lake and up the east side of Sedge Creek.

Camp sites: Some camp spots . Lots of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	6 mi (4 on trail)	1100 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	No Fish Caught	0		
2011	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3	10.8	9.7-11.6

Comments: Gr and CT drifted into dollar from aquarius. GR planted in Aquarius Lake in 1955. No sign of GR in 2011 FWP sample. Average size YCT. In the middle of the 1988 burn, not very pretty.

Donelson Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10394 ft

Location: 45.04769, -109.6181 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: None

Section: 09S17E15

Size: 19.2405 acres

Depth: 9ft (Ave), 8ft (Max)

Access:

Camp sites:

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
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Species Present	Abundance	Status
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Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2013	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: Lake is fishless and should remain so. Surveyed lake in 2013 to confirm lake is still fishless. No fish captured or observed.

Estelle Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9197 ft

Location: 45.02744, -109.67212 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 172

Section: 09S17E19

Size: 18.7 acres

Depth: 11ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: Clay Butte Trail #618. Take right fork 4 miles along. Go past Theil test Kidney Lakes to Wright Lake then downstream past Little Falls test Robin Lake ~2 miles.

Camp sites: Many nice places to camp. Plenty of firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	10.5 mi (8.75 on trail)	800 up, 1100 down
Muddy Cr/Ivy Lake Trls	9.1 mi (7.8 on trail)	1182 ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	28	9.7	7.5-18.0
2006	Brook Trout	24	7.0	5.5-8.5

Comments: Majority of the fish sampled in the 2015 survey were obtained by 1 hour of angling. Only 3 of the 28 brook trout sampled were collected with a 5 hour daytime gill net set.

Farley Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9778 ft

Location: 45.03512, -109.70772 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 167

Section: 09S16E24

Size: 24.0 acres

Depth: 13ft (Ave), 35ft (Max)

Access: Trail #568/612 from Ivy Lake jeep Trail #130. Stay on #568 past #631 test #612. #568 goes to Farley Lake.

Camp sites: Some nice places to camp. Pretty spot. Some firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Ivy Lake Jp Trail #130	6.75 mi (6.75 on trail)	1900 up, 100 down
Crazy Crk	9.25 mi (9.25 on trail)	2900 ft up, 100 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	32	9.4	6.5-10.6
2006	Brook Trout	36	10.3	7.3-11.5

Comments: Population size appears to fluctuate from year to year.

Brook trout were abundant in 2015 sample. The 2015 sample was obtained with 6.8 hours of angling.

Finger Lake (Hunger Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9755 ft

Location: 45.08904, -109.84854 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 47

Section: 8S15E34

Size: 5.39 acres

Depth: 9ft (Ave), 31ft (Max)

Access: The outlet drains into sky Top Creek near the confluence of lower Aero Creek. No Trail.

Camp sites: Pretty area for camping. Firewood plentiful.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lady Of The Lake Trail	5.5 mi (4 on trail)	1700 up, 400 down
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	4.5 mi (3.5 on trail)	1150 ft up, 830 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Brook Trout	18	8.0	6.6-8.9
2005	Brook Trout	42	7.0	6.0-8.0

Comments: 2017 FWP sampled with angling. Typical brookie lake. EB are easy to catch, some fish are stunted. Excellent setting with great views.

Fizzle Lake (Dead Horse Lake, Windy Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9835 ft

Location: 45.09489, -109.80758 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 85

Section: 8S15E36

Size: 35.82 acres

Depth: 48ft (Max)

Access: Usfs Trail #567 from Kersey Lake. The lake is east of Fossil Lake.

Camp sites: Some camping spots, but rocky. No firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	9.5 mi (9 on trail)	2000 up, 280 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Brook Trout	22	6.9	4.5-7.8
2008	Brook Trout	60	7.9	6.3-9.1

Comments: Fish are overcrowded and are in poor condition. Surveyed 08 and 2017, no change here in 38 years, massive harvesting could help improve this population.

Flat Rock Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10329 ft

Location: 45.06653, -109.63544 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 190

Section: 09S17E4

Size: 37.0 acres

Depth: 32ft (Ave), 85ft (Max)

Access: 12 miles north of Beartooth Butte. Several Trails will get you near the lake. Go upstream from green lake.

Camp sites: Best to camp at lower elevations.No firewood or cover at lake.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	17 mi (15.5 on trail)	1370 up, 900 down
Muddy Creek	18 mi (16.5 on trail)	2070 ft up, 160 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3,700 in 2012; 3,700 in 2010	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	63	11.2	6.8-14.3
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	24	10.8	7.9-15.2

Comments: 2017 FWP sampled with angling. There were a couple size classes of YCT. YCT were planted in 2010 and 2012

Fox Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8085 ft

Location: 45.02462, -109.79854 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 74

Section: 09S15E24

Size: 111.4 acres

Depth: 13ft (Ave), 75ft (Max)

Access: Usfs Trail #567 from Kersey Lake. Trail from Kersey is excellent. The trail to fox lake forks right off #567 1/4 mile from the lake.

Camp sites: Campsites at north end but firewood is tough to find.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	4.5 mi (4.5 on trail)	250 up, 250 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Arctic Grayling	Rare	Self-Sustained
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Rainbow Trout	10	14.4	12.2-19.5
2008	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: FWP sampled in 2020 with angling. This is a big lake that is tough to set a net with our methods. EB are also present in the lake but none were caught in 2020 sample. A few grayling may make it down from Cliff Lake.

Fritter Lake (Hipshot Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9742 ft

Location: 45.02884, -109.71566 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 158

Section: 09S16E23

Size: 9.7063 acres

Depth: 20ft (Ave), 47ft (Max)

Access: North from Clay Butte Trailhead past Granite Lake, then NW to Lake Elaine and then west to Hipshot.

Camp sites: A few flat spots to camp at the south end. Firewood is available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Ivy Lake Jeep Road	6 mi (6 on trail)	1020 up, None down
Clarks Fork	12 mi (10.5 on trail)	2300 ft up, 550 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	480 in 2019; 480 in 2011	480 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	27	14.7	12.5-19.4
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2	17.2	16.3-18.1

Comments: Hipshot lake generally produces good numbers of nice sized cutthroats. In 2015 a few larger fish were sampled that were either 12 years old or a product of a natural reproduction.

Fulcrum Lake (Mermaid Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9788 ft

Location: 45.0877, -109.79998 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 91

Section: 8S15E36

Size: 6.93 acres

Depth: 10ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: Along east rosebud-cooke City Trail #567. Mermaid is between skull and Fossil Lakes. Go north over a small ridge from the south side of skull.

Camp sites: There are level places to camp but no firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	9.5 mi (9.2 on trail)	2200 up, 150 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	680 in 2016; 700 in 2006	680 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	50	10.9	8.3-16.7
2011	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	12	12.3	11.0-13.2

Comments: This lake is along the Busiest Trail in the beartooths. Stocking was pushed back to 2016 to allow 2 years extra rest. Hopefully growth will improve. FWP sample in 2019 with angling found good numbers of decent size YCT.

Gallery Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9994 ft

Location: 45.07517, -109.76382 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 96

Section: 09S16E4

Size: 7.4 acres

Depth: 10ft (Ave), 40ft (Max)

Access: Take Trail #567 from the clarks fork trailhead to Russel Lake. Cross the bridge above the lake test head north x-country up a rocky chute.

Camp sites: No flat spots. Camp below. Scarce firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork #3	9 mi (6.5 on trail)	2350 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
No Fish Captured	Unknown	Unknown

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	400 in 2022	400 in 2026
Rainbow Trout	1,113 in 1997; 1,480 in 1989	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	No Fish Caught	0		
2012	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: Rainbow were planted to filter downstream into Cradle Lake. That objective has been achieved. Planted with 150/acre in '97. We may lower numbers stocked to 100/acre in 2005. '02 fish were thin. 1987 6 rbt 8.7-10.5"

Fish averaged 3.7" smaller than Cradle Lake fish in 1987. D. Hagenston 8/28/89 - 11" rb's. D. Fischer '97 fat 12-13" rb's. Frozen over 7/7/93. '94 - some reproduction is apparently occurring as a couple of 6" fish were also caught.

2002 - a fish ~15" was observed in the outlet. The outlet is deep and full of large boulders. Cancel further plants to assess reproduction.

Likely fishless. Consider stocking YCT. 2012 FWP survey zero fish caught in 14.5 hour set.

Golden Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10184 ft

Location: 45.02354, -109.59806 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 236

Section: 09S17E23

Size: 48.9 acres

Depth: 23ft (Ave), 90ft (Max)

Access: Island Lake Trail #614/620 to flake lake. North between mutt test jeff lakes and along east side of Becker Lake. Then along s test w sides of albino.

Camp sites: Campsites scarce - no firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Island Lake Wy	7 mi (6 on trail)	850 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,750 in 2018; 2,445 in 2010	2,445 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	4	15.9	15.9-15.9
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	17	11.7	6.8-13.7

Comments: Both Golden and Jasper are stocked and fish can easily move between them. 2016 FWP sample caught 12 YCT in 14.5 hr net set. Densities are likely higher than the catch in this net indicates. This area receives quite a bit of use.

Granite Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8781 ft

Location: 45.00425, -109.66604 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 147

Section: 09S17E32

Size: 228.0 acres

Depth: 125ft (Max)

Access: Look for Muddy Creek Trail #612/568 along the beartooth Hwy, or access from clay butte trail (downhill).

Camp sites: Excellent campsites and firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	8 mi (8 on trail)	0 up, 900 down
Muddy Creek	7 mi (7 on trail)	540 ft up, 0 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Rare	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Brook Trout	5	9.1	7.3-11.5
2019	Rainbow Trout	2	12.3	11.0-13.7
2014	Brook Trout	22	8.7	5.9-11.6
2014	Rainbow Trout	2	9.6	7.5-11.7

Comments: The lake straddles the MT and WY state line. This is a big lake that is tough to sample with our methods. The low numbers sampled in 2019 are likely not indicative of the actual population in the lake.

Green Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9335 ft

Location: 45.0339, -109.66368 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 173

Section: 09S17E20

Size: 35.7 acres

Depth: 45ft (Ave), 129ft (Max)

Access: Clay Butte Trail #618 4 miles to Thiel Lake Trail #619. 6 miles to thiel then to kidney test wright. Ford stream test head up trail to trail lake. Green's beyond. Crazy lakes is best past copeland, farley test lake elaine

Camp sites: Some camping spots, plenty of firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	11.25 mi (11.25 on trail)	1000 up, 600 down
Crazy Lakes	None mi (None on trail)	None ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	11,900 in 1937	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2012	Brook Trout	6	9.8	9.1-10.5
1995	Brook Trout	49	8.2	5.9-11.1

Comments: Very scenic. Mosquitoes abundant. This is a popular lake in the a-b wilderness. Water code #22-8037 '95 fish were average to thin. 2012 FWP set net for 3.5 hrs. caught zero EBT all 6 fish caught angling.

Green Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9778 ft

Location: 45.10031, -109.90091 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 25

Section: 08S15E30

Size: 4.8 acres

Depth: 7ft (Ave), 16ft (Max)

Access: Accessed either from the Goose Lake Jeep Trail 1/4 mile past star lake or up Star Creek from the lady of the lake trail.

Camp sites: Campsites and firewood limited.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	5 mi (4.5 on trail)	50 up, 250 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Brook Trout	15	9.9	8.6-11.7
2014	Brook Trout	23	9.7	7.6-11.3

Comments: This lake has a sandy bottom with many springs. It is a decent brook trout fishery. The 2022 sample used angling and netting. Fishing was somewhat slow for decent sized Brook Trout

Gus Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9997 ft

Location: 45.0038, -109.61035 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 240

Section: 09S17E34

Size: 16.7 acres

Depth: 19ft (Max)

Access: Trail #614/620 from Island Lake on Hwy 212. The lake is just west of lonesome lake on the montana-wyoming state line. Easy access from lonesome.

Camp sites: The lake is above timberline.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Island Lake Wyo.	7 mi (4 on trail)	800 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Brook Trout	30	8.6	6.5-10.2
2008	Brook Trout	22	8.6	6.1-10.7

Comments: MTFWP surveyed with angling in 2018. There were plenty of 8-10 Brookies.

How long have brookies been in here? This lake was presumed to be fishless. Marcuson felt that EB's from lakes in wyo wouldn't be able to move into Gus in summer. Did they use a spring freshet?

Heidi Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9758 ft

Location: 45.01577, -109.64465 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 229

Section: 09S17E28

Size: 8.2 acres

Depth: 8ft (Ave), 25ft (Max)

Access: Trails from Hwy 212 near Beartooth Butte serve the area. The lake is NE of Granite Lake.

Camp sites: Nice campsites (but Near Lake), plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	7 mi (6 on trail)	570 up, 280 down
Muddy Creek	9 mi (8 on trail)	950 ft up, 0 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	32	7.0	4.4-8.5
2006	Brook Trout	30	7.3	6.5-9.5

Comments: Pretty spot where Brook Trout would benefit from some harvest. Legal harvest of Brook Trout is encouraged here.

The 2015 sample was obtained by angling for 2 hours.

Hidden Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9614 ft

Location: 45.00619, -109.62549 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 234

Section: 09S17E34

Size: 18.0 acres

Depth: 46ft (Max)

Access: Trails from Hwy 212 near Beartooth Butte serve the area. The lake is east of granite lake. Find trail from tiel lake.

Camp sites: Camping is good at both ends of the lake. There is plenty of firewood

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	6.5 mi (6.5 on trail)	600 up, 280 down
Muddy Creek	8.5 mi (8.5 on trail)	1420 ft up, 0 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	11,500 in 1937	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	27	8.9	6.1-12.8
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	28	9.7	6.9-12.3

Comments: Hidden Lake is a scenic spot with good numbers of self-sustaining cutthroat. There is good spawning habitat in the inlet stream. The 2018 sample was obtained with angling.

Indian Knife Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9794 ft

Location: 45.05441, -109.73058 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 113

Section: 09S16E10

Size: 5.3 acres

Depth: 14ft (Ave), 35ft (Max)

Access: Take Trail #567 from Kersey Lake to Russel Lake. From Russel head east 3 miles. The lake is east of Otter Lake.

Camp sites: Ok at head of the lake. Some firewood

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	10.25 mi (10 on trail)	2100 up, 280 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	300 in 1985	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Brook Trout	16	8.4	6.4-10.3
2005	Brook Trout	17	9.5	7.5-10.0

Comments: No GR in 2005 or 2016 samples. They have likely been extirpated by brook trout. GR were common prior to first brook trout being found in 1999. 2016 FWP sample EB in decent shape, not stunted.

Jasper Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10194 ft

Location: 45.02902, -109.59036 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 237

Section: 09S17E23

Size: 54.8 acres

Depth: 43ft (Ave), 107ft (Max)

Access: Island Lake Trail #614/620 to flake lake. North between mutt test jeff lakes and along east side of Becker Lake. Then along s test w sides of albino.

Camp sites: No wood or obvious campsites-camp below albino l to avoid wind

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Island Lake Wy	7 mi (6 on trail)	850 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	5,480 in 2022; 5,480 in 2014	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	34	13.7	6.2-16.8
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	24	11.6	7.6-16.1

Comments: FWP sample in 2016 saw plenty of YCT 10-16 inches. YCT were spawning in the outlet and quite a ways up the inlet. This area has become a 'destination' type area with quite a bit of use.

Jorden Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9625 ft

Location: 45.04547, -109.71645 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 121

Section: 9S16E14

Size: 42.59 acres

Depth: 120ft (Max)

Access: North from Clay Butte Trailhead past Granite Lake, then NW to Lake Elaine, then NW past Farley Lake.

Camp sites: Good places to camp, but very little firewood is available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	10.5 mi (10.5 on trail)	2100 up, 475 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Golden Trout	Unknown	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	2,110 in 1959	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	7,230 in 1981; 4,000 in 1967	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	18	11.6	9.1-13.6
2015	Cutthroat X Golden Trout	1	11.8	11.8-11.8
2015	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	23	12.2	10.3-14.0

Comments: It is possible that upstream Golden Trout may have moved downstream and hybridized with the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout residing in Jorden Lake as 1 suspected hybrid was sampled in 2015. The 2015 sample was obtained by angling for 2 hours.

Kersey Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8066 ft

Location: 45.02816, -109.84025 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 60

Section: 09S15E22

Size: 118.0 acres

Depth: 39ft (Ave), 68ft (Max)

Access: Approximately 2 miles of Excellent Trail from cooke pass. 4x4 trucks can reach the northwest corner of the lake.

Camp sites: Campsites available. Firewood is picked over. Easy hike, Excellent Trail

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	2 mi (2 on trail)	230 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained
Lake Trout	Rare	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	4,600 in 1947; 12,420 in 1941	
Lake Trout	5,000 in 1981	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	23,000 in 2014; 22,675 in 1969	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Brook Trout	22	10.3	7.0-13.5
2018	Lake Trout	5	20.3	13.0-22.5
2006	Brook Trout	62	8.9	6.0-14.5

Comments: Lake trout have become self-sustaining but in apparently low numbers. They seem to have increased brook trout size. MTFWP netting in 2018 caught 5 LT 13-22 inches and 22 EB 8-13 inches

Kidney Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9899 ft

Location: 45.02307, -109.64217 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 227

Section: 09S17E21

Size: 2.8 acres

Depth: 5ft (Ave), 15ft (Max)

Access: Trails from Hwy 212 near Beartooth Butte serve the area. The lake is SE of Lake Elaine.

Camp sites: Nice places to camp. Firewood found nearby, but not here.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	9 mi (9 on trail)	800 up, 350 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	1,600 in 1937	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	17	8.4	6.1-9.8
2006	Brook Trout	16	8.5	6.3-9.5

Comments: Nice fishery for hikers, right on the trail

The 2015 sample was obtained with 2 hours of angling. In 2015 the Brook Trout were decent size considering the small size of the lake.

Lady Of The Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8981 ft

Location: 45.06789, -109.8907 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 6

Section: 09S15E8

Size: 42.8 acres

Depth: 10ft (Ave), 29ft (Max)

Access: Trail #31 up lady of the Lake Creek.

Camp sites: Firewood and campsites available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lady Of The Lake	2 mi (2 on trail)	160 up, 160 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Brook Trout	4	12.0	10.5-15.6
2013	Brook Trout	10	6.9	5.2-9.3

Comments: Good spawning habitat in inlet and outlet. 2022 sample with angling only. The lake is shallow around the edges with lots of trees making fishing or setting a net from shore tough.

Lake Elaine

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9391 ft

Location: 45.03485, -109.68225 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 168

Section: 09S17E19

Size: 132.4 acres

Depth: 56ft (Ave), 156ft (Max)

Access: North from clay Butte Trailhead past Granite Lake then NW 3-4 miles to lake Elaine. Good trail all the way.

Camp sites: Excellent campsites and firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	10 mi (10 on trail)	1000 up, 600 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Brook Trout	14	6.6	3.1-11.7
2012	Brook Trout	11	9.3	8.0-10.2

Comments: 2012 FWP survey with netting and angling in 2012. The net caught no fish but the crew did angle 11 EB. This lakes doesnt get a lot of use for its size.

Lake Of The Clouds

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9771 ft

Location: 45.0747, -109.77965 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 93

Section: 09S16E5

Size: 23.6 acres

Depth: 25ft (Ave), 85ft (Max)

Access: Take clarks Fork Trail #567 (excellent) 6 miles to Russel Lake. 2/3 mi more over bridge near end of switchbacks head n up steep wash (stream).

Camp sites: Wood very scarce. Some campsites, but little shelter.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	8.5 mi (8 on trail)	1700 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,360 in 2020; 2,360 in 2014	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	22	12.9	9.1-14.8
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	23	9.7	8.0-12.8

Comments: Very scenic spot. The lake is stocked every 6 years. FWP sampled in 2019 with netting and angling.

Lake Of The Winds

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9922 ft

Location: 45.07042, -109.75621 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 100

Section: 09S16E4

Size: 40.7 acres

Depth: 50ft (Ave), 186ft (Max)

Access: Hike 5 Trail miles (#567) from Kersey Lake to russel lake then head east for 2 miles cross country.

Camp sites: Camping possible but rather exposed. Firewood available but sparse.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	9.5 mi (9 on trail)	1900 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	10,052 in 1956	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,000 in 2017; 2,000 in 2009	2,035 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	12.7	10.0-16.0
2014	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10	15.7	15.1-17.1

Comments: No visual sign of 1988 fire. Best access is to climb up Lake of the Winds outlet stream, though not apparent from Mariane. Crews sampled a suspected rainbow trout X Yellowstone cutthroat trout hybrid in 2014.

Leaky Raft Lake (Unnamed Lake 33)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10191 ft

Location: 45.11727, -109.84504 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 33A

Section: 8S15E22

Size: 6.6 acres

Depth: 12ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: Long Lake Trailhead-lady of the lake-north to Broadwater River-trail up Zimmer Creek 1.5 mi-east to lower aero-upper aero-south.

Camp sites: No firewood. No flat places. Better camp someplace else!

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lady Of The Lake	8.5 mi (7.5 on trail)	1580 up, 235 down
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	7 mi (6 on trail)	1420 ft up, 630 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	425 in 2016	425 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	57	11.7	10.6-17.3
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	16	10.6	7.0-12.4

Comments: The lake still had some ice on it during 2020 and 2022 visits. Plenty of somewhat skinny YCT were caught with netting and angling in 2022. This lake has grown good sized YCT in the past.

Lennon Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9610 ft

Location: 45.02637, -109.7041 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 163

Section: 09S16E24

Size: 10.1533 acres

Depth: 6ft (Ave), 15ft (Max)

Access: Head east from Kersey for 12 miles to Jordan Lake. Then turn south and walk 1 mile to Wade Lake. About 1/2 that distance from Ivy Lake Jeep Trail.

Camp sites: Beautiful places to camp. Plenty of firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Ivy Lake Jp Trail #130	6.75 mi (6.5 on trail)	1900 up, 200 down
Clarks Fork Trailhead	None mi (None on trail)	None ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	19	9.6	6.5-11.3
2006	Brook Trout	44	9.8	5.8-12.0

Comments: The 2015 sample was collected with a 4 hour daytime gill net set and angling. In 2015, 15 of the 19 fish sample was collected with 2 hours of angling. This self-sustaining brook trout population could use harvest.

Lillis Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8184 ft

Location: 45.01777, -109.83975 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 67

Section: 09S15E27

Size: 2.7 acres

Depth: 14ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: 3/4 mile south of Kersey Lake on a good foot trail. Good day hike opportunity.

Camp sites: No good camp sites near the lake. Firewood is abundant.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	2 mi (2 on trail)	300 up, 30 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Brook Trout	15	12.9	8.7-14.1
2022	No Fish Caught	0		
2015	Brook Trout	8	9.0	7.3-14.0

Comments: Difficult to fish in late summer due to abundant emergent vegetation. FWP sampled with netting and angling in 2022. No fish were caught angling, however an overnight net caught plenty of nice sized Brook Trout.

Line Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9797 ft

Location: 45.00541, -109.37589 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 246

Section: 09S19E34

Size: 4.7 acres

Depth: 26ft (Max)

Access: The lake is 2 miles east of Hwy 212 on a decent trail at the MT-WYO state line. Not actually on main Line Creek drainage.

Camp sites: Firewood is scarce but present. There are a couple nice flat places to camp.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Near Mt/wy Border	2.5 mi (2.5 on trail)	500 up, 1045 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	1,001 in 2020	500 in 2025
Brook Trout	1,040 in 1938; 4,400 in 1937	
Cutthroat Trout	2,500 in 1958	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,410 in 2018; 700 in 2011	925 in 2023

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Arctic Grayling	15	11.0	10.4-11.6
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	6	18.3	17.8-19.5
2021	Arctic Grayling	1	6.8	6.8-6.8
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	26	16.3	13.2-17.8

Comments: The 2015 YCT plant may have been missed so the 2019 plant was moved up to 2018. FWP sample in 2022 with netting and angling, YCT are in great shape. Grayling stocked in 2020 to provide a mixed species fishery.

Little Green Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9630 ft

Location: 45.09795, -109.90171 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 25a

Section: 08S15E31

Size: 1.5766 acres

Depth: 3ft (Ave), 6ft (Max)

Access: Accessed either from the Goose Lake Jeep Trail 1/4 mile past star lake or up Star Creek from the lady of the lake trail.

Camp sites: There are some campsites and firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	5 mi (4.5 on trail)	None up, None down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Brook Trout	44	7.4	5.6-10.3

Comments: The lake has a sandy bottom and the brook trout are plentiful. It is located just below Green Lake. Angling for 4.5 hours was used to obtain the 2014 sample.

Little Washtub Lake (Washtub Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9240 ft

Location: 45.08205, -109.86248 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 51

Section: 09S15E4

Size: 2.2 acres

Depth: 10ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: From lady of the Lake Trail follow sky Top Creek (good trail) test head SE at confluence with lower Aero Creek past west end of Cliff Lake.

Camp sites: Nestled in rocks. Few flat spots. Lots of firewood. Camp at Cliff Lake

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	4 mi (3.5 on trail)	710 up, 880 down
Lady Of The Lake	5.5 mi (5 on trail)	1040 ft up, 654 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Arctic Grayling	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	330 in 2022; 220 in 2015	220 in 2023

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Arctic Grayling	4	13.8	13.5-14.4
2019	Arctic Grayling	9	13.6	12.6-14.9

Comments: 2012 FWP survey only 4 GR caught in 14.5 hr. set 4 year old fish are in great shape. Approx 10 Col. Sp. Frogs seen. 2017 FWP sampled with angling. 2 year old GR looked great, big fat bellies, should grow to good size in next few years. 2019 FWP sample with netting and angling caught 9 GR from 13-15 inches. The 2020 sample caught 4 GR in a 9 hr day set

Lone Elk Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10155 ft

Location: 45.11233, -109.83125 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 35

Section: 08S15E26

Size: 18.1 acres

Depth: 15ft (Ave), 40ft (Max)

Access: Hike down outlet stream from Long Lake to near lady of the lake. Then to Broadwater River. Stay on west side of sky Top Creek to lone elk lake.

Camp sites: Some rocky used campsites. Above treeline so no firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	6 mi (6 on trail)	1600 up, 600 down
Lady Of The Lake	7.5 mi (7.5 on trail)	1900 ft up, 450 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	1,810 in 1992	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2012	Brook Trout	18	7.5	5.3-8.7
1998	Brook Trout	14	8.2	6.7-9.8

Comments: Grayling probably drifted downstream from the sky Top Creek lks or from Rough Lake - none have been reported since 1973. Inlet has excellent spawning. D. Arneson 8/86 caught many 5-8" eb, no gr's.

'73 netting - 7 eb ave. 9.1" 6.0-16.5", along with the two grayling listed above. '89 creel cards 14 eb <8". D Hagenston reports 6-8" EB's - average condition. Lots of average size brookies here.

2012 FWP survey 2 people angled 2.25 hrs.

Lonesome Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10181 ft

Location: 45.00539, -109.60192 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 242

Section: 09S17E35

Size: 35.3 acres

Depth: 38ft (Max)

Access: Island Lake Trail #614/620 toward Becker Lake. Past Becker Lake hike over the ridge to the west.

Camp sites: Nice places to camp. Above tree line - very little firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Island Lake	6.5 mi (4 on trail)	600 up, 0 down
Clay Butte	None mi (None on trail)	None ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	15,860 in 1937	
Rainbow Trout	6,600 in 1936	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Brook Trout	35	8.8	5.8-10.5
2008	Brook Trout	18	8.9	5.0-10.9

Comments: The lake is on the MT-WYO state line. The FWP crew sampled in 2018 with angling and caught 35 Brookies in an hour and a half.

Long Lake (Lone Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9394 ft

Location: 45.08122, -109.91002 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 10

Section: 09S15E6

Size: 11.9 acres

Depth: 8ft (Ave), 21ft (Max)

Access: 4x4 travel on the Goose Lake Jeep Trail.

Camp sites: Many well used camp sites. Firewood is picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	DRIVE mi (TO on trail)	None up, None down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	11,400 in 1940; 4,900 in 1938	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10,396 in 1941	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Brook Trout	10	6.9	6.0-7.7
2012	Brook Trout	15	7.2	4.2-9.0

Comments: FWP surveys in 2012 and 2020 found plenty of small Brook Trout. Due to easy access from the jeep trail, Long Lake receives a fair amount of use.

Looking Glass Lake (Glass Lake, Stephanie Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10391 ft

Location: 45.11044, -109.80995 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 89

Section: 8S15E25

Size: 15.96 acres

Depth: 21ft (Ave), 65ft (Max)

Access: Usfs Trail #567 from Kersey Lake. From the saddle near Fossil Lake head to the west and north of windy lake. Take the 3rd draw heading north.

Camp sites: Few campsites. No firewood. No sign of '88 fire (no trees).

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	11.5 mi (9.5 on trail)	2500 up, 280 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,390 in 2014; 1,400 in 2006	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	57	11.5	8.3-14.6
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	36	14.0	7.7-16.6

Comments: Future plants have been cancelled as it appears Yellowstone Cutthroat have become self-sustaining. FWP crew caught plenty of YCT 8-14 inches with netting and angling in 2022.

Lower Aero Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9984 ft

Location: 45.10903, -109.86111 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 29

Section: 8S15E28

Size: 187.43 acres

Depth: 49ft (Ave), 185ft (Max)

Access: Goose Lake Jeep Trail-long lake or lady of the lake trail. Then up Zimmer Creek or sky top creek. Good trail up the west side of Zimmer Creek.

Camp sites: Firewood is scarce, as are good flat spots. Better below.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	5 mi (5 on trail)	1300 up, 650 down
Lady Of The Lake	6.5 mi (6.5 on trail)	1400 ft up, 250 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	2,110 in 1959	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Brook Trout	2	105.6	7.3-204.0
2016	Brook Trout	3	6.9	6.3-7.5
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	12	16.1	15.0-16.7

Comments: Cutthroats drift down from Upper Aero Lake while brook trout are self sustaining. Fish kills have been observed in the past. MTFWP sampled in 2016 finding good numbers of good sized cutthroats and a few smaller brookies. The sample in 2022 caught very few fish but observed numerous 2-3 inch fish along the shoreline.

Margaret Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8167 ft

Location: 45.01632, -109.82992 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 66

Section: 09S15E26

Size: 3.9 acres

Depth: 11ft (Ave), 22ft (Max)

Access: Good Trail to Vernon Lake, then head north 1/4 mile cross country to margaret lake.

Camp sites: No camping at lake (floating bog at outlet). Lots of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	2.5 mi (2 on trail)	400 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	1,760 in 1955	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	745 in 2020; 490 in 2014	490 in 2026

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2	17.7	16.5-18.8
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	5	16.5	14.4-18.1

Comments: Warm water, lily pads, swampy shoreline. Crustaceans and other aquatic invertebrates. No spawning potential. Inflow seeps from a marsh. Outlet is silted.

Stocked every 6 years. Bear country. The 2018 sample was obtained with netting and angling, few fish were caught but they were in good shape.

Mariane Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9545 ft

Location: 45.05915, -109.7596 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 102

Section: 09S16E9

Size: 50.8 acres

Depth: 15ft (Ave), 70ft (Max)

Access: Take Trail #567 from Kersey Lake to russel lake. From russel lake head east ~2 miles on a good trail.

Camp sites: Good campsites. Lots of firewood. Heavy use.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	8.3 mi (8.3 on trail)	1900 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Brook Trout	17	8.6	7.0-10.6
2011	Brook Trout	14	8.4	6.5-9.8

Comments: Rainbow trout occupied the lake in the 50's and 60's. Brookies dominate the fishery now. Tremendous spawning inlet. The 2011 FWP survey caught Brookies from 6-10 inches.

Marsh Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8994 ft

Location: 45.05827, -109.87084 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 19

Section: 09S15E9

Size: 3.8 acres

Depth: 8ft (Ave), 25ft (Max)

Access: Trail #31 to lady of the lake. Cross the outlet stream here and at swamp lake to the east. Then to weidy lake and southeast to marsh.

Camp sites: Adequate campsites are available and firewood is abundant.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lady Of The Lake	4 mi (1.5 on trail)	650 up, 480 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Rainbow Trout	402 in 1980	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	380 in 2021; 380 in 2015	380 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13	15.4	8.1-18.3
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	12.8	10.9-14.3

Comments: Not a bad off trail hike for some nice sized Yellowstone Cutthroat. Marsh Lake is a pretty lake that seems secluded.

Martin Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9758 ft

Location: 45.03232, -109.64231 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 211

Section: 9S17E21

Size: 32.12 acres

Depth: 42ft (Max)

Access: Trails from the Beartooth Butte area on Hwy 212 serve the area. The lake is east of Lake Elaine and Green Lake.

Camp sites: Nice places to camp. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	10 mi (9.75 on trail)	820 up, 620 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	10,620 in 1937	
Cutthroat Trout	8,400 in 1936	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	80	8.0	5.2-10.4
2005	Brook Trout	11	7.8	6.8-9.5

Comments: The over abundant Brook Trout would benefit from some harvest. Legal harvest of Brook Trout is encouraged here. The 2015 sample was collected with a 4.5 hour daytime gill net set and angling. In 2015, 42 of the 80 fish sample was obtained by 2 hours of angling.

Maryott Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10394 ft

Location: 45.04897, -109.62458 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 204

Section: 09S17E15

Size: 17.9765 acres

Depth: 24ft (Ave), 62ft (Max)

Access: 11 miles Up Trail to Martin Lake from clay butte or beartooth lake and 1.5 miles NE of Martin Lake. No trail.

Camp sites: No Trail or fuel exist. Very rocky for camping.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Island Lake Wy	12 mi (9 on trail)	1200 up, 400 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	19	15.4	12.2-19.3
2005	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13	15.1	14.8-15.5

Comments: This is a trophy-type fishery. Well above treeline.
The 2013 sample was obtained using angling for 4 hours.

Melody Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8994 ft

Location: 45.04012, -109.75527 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 119

Section: 9S16E16

Size: 3.86 acres

Depth: 3ft (Ave), 8ft (Max)

Access: Trail from Kersey Lake to fox lake, then find the primitive trail and head east past canyon lake to melody lake. Alternate access - head SE from the east end of otter lake.

Camp sites: Firewood is everywhere. Decent campsites.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	10 mi (9 on trail)	1900 up, 960 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	29	8.1	3.8-12.4
2006	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	23	10.3	7.5-14.0

Comments: 2016 FWP survey, no good place to set a net, sample obtained with angling. YCT from 5 to 12 inches. MFWP 06 survey many fish observed, 3- 15" Lake is shallow around edges.

Midnight Lake (Red Storm Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9578 ft

Location: 45.02661, -109.69544 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 164

Section: 09S16E24

Size: 5.1 acres

Depth: 10ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: North from Clay Butte Trailhead past Granite Lake. Then NW to Lake Elaine. Then SW to Midnight or trail 568/612 from Ivy Lake Jeep Trail trailhead

Camp sites: A couple of places to camp. Plenty of firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Ivy Lake Jp Trail #130	7.25 mi (6.75 on trail)	1900 up, 350 down
Clay Butte	None mi (None on trail)	None ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	26	8.1	6.0-9.9
1994	Brook Trout	55	8.1	6.7-10.2

Comments: Pretty lake with a mostly sand/silt bottom. Fish move between Farley Lake and Midnight Lake.
The gill net set in 2015 was a 5.5 hour daytime set. In the 2015 survey, 11 of the 25 brook trout sampled were obtained with angling for 1 hour.

Moccasin Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9564 ft

Location: 45.0832, -109.84849 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 52

Section: 09S15E3

Size: 6.8 acres

Depth: 13ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: The outlet drains into the Broadwater River 1 mile north of Broadwater Lake. No Trail exists.

Camp sites: Plenty of firewood and nice campsites.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	4.5 mi (3.5 on trail)	900 up, 830 down
Lady Of The Lake Trail	6.5 mi (5.5 on trail)	1500 ft up, 600 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Brook Trout	16	10.3	9.1-11.2
2006	Brook Trout	13	9.1	7.0-10.5

Comments: 2017 FWP sampled with angling. Fun lake to fish for decent sized EB up to 12 inches. Brookies have been reported in poor condition in the past but look good now.

Mosquito Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9034 ft

Location: 45.06605, -109.86778 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 18A

Section: 9S15E9

Size: 2.63 acres

Depth: 21ft (Max)

Access: Trail #31 to lady of the lake. Cross the outlet stream here and at swamp lake to the east. Then northeast from the north side of weidy lake.

Camp sites: A few nice camp sites. Plenty of firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lady Of The Lake	4 mi (1.5 on trail)	730 up, 450 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Arctic Grayling	Rare	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	200 in 2015; 312 in 1997	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	260 in 2020	260 in 2026

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	18	12.2	11.5-13.2
2019	Arctic Grayling	2	13.0	12.8-13.1

Comments: Poor Grayling survival led to a change in stocking to Yellowstone Cutthroat in 2020. Sampled 2 year old fish in 2022 with angling only. The cutthroats are doing much better than the Grayling did.

North Hidden Lake (Marmot Lake, Renie Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9965 ft

Location: 45.01998, -109.63726 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 228

Section: 9S17E28

Size: 19.03 acres

Depth: 26ft (Ave), 55ft (Max)

Access: Trails from Hwy 212 near Beartooth Butte serve the area. The lake is NE of granite lake.

Camp sites: Some nice spots to camp. Firewood limited.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	8.5 mi (8.25 on trail)	780 up, 280 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	4	9.9	9.3-10.8
2006	Brook Trout	23	9.2	7.0-11.0

Comments: The 2015 sample was obtained with angling for 4 hours. Not an over abundant Brook Trout population.

Nymph Lake (Leo Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9394 ft

Location: 45.06983, -109.79321 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 79

Section: 09S16E6

Size: 7.3563 acres

Depth: 23ft (Ave), 55ft (Max)

Access: Chief Joseph Trailhead. ~7 miles passing Kersey and Russel Lakes. Head toward Fossil Lake. 1/4 mile west of Lonn Lake.

Camp sites: This trail gets heavy use. A few campsites. Some firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	8 mi (7.75 on trail)	1440 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	750 in 2022	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	730 in 2020; 860 in 2012	730 in 2028

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	14	12.4	7.4-15.4
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	11.5	8.1-13.6

Comments: These fish have been self-sustaining since '68 from the old Yct stock. 2012 decision to supplement fishery with stock of Goose Lake strain YCT. Evaluate reproduction before next stock. Some spawning habitat in outlet but fish may not be able to get back to the lake. 2017 sample with overnight gill net. Also angled, YCT were fairly easy to catch. FWP sampled again in 2019. Netting caught YCT but no fish were caught angling.

Otter Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9791 ft

Location: 45.05391, -109.74275 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 103

Section: 09S16E10

Size: 61.2 acres

Depth: 177ft (Max)

Access: Take Trail #567 from Kersey Lake to russel lake. From russel lake head east approximately 3 miles.

Camp sites: Some rocky campsites with some firewood are available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	9 mi (9 on trail)	1900 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Rainbow Trout	456 in 1956	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Brook Trout	31	9.5	7.4-11.3
2010	Brook Trout	10	8.3	6.6-9.3

Comments: In 2010 the FWP crew caught 10 Brook trout using hook and line. They were somewhat small but looked in good shape. The lake gets a moderate amount of use.

Ouzel Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9417 ft

Location: 45.0765, -109.78783 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 92

Section: 09S16E5

Size: 3.5 acres

Depth: 11ft (Ave), 24ft (Max)

Access: Approximately 5 Trail miles from Kersey Lake, 7-8 miles from the chief joseph trailhead.

Camp sites: Some very nice campsites and firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	8.25 mi (8.25 on trail)	1500 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	525 in 1989; 423 in 1981	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2011	Brook Trout	12	7.6	5.6-8.6
1990	Brook Trout	19	8.9	4.9-12.0

Comments: The lake is located in a high use area. Absence of CT suggests heavy pressure, or more likely, heavy competition from the brookies. Cutthroats first planted in 1971. 93 plant canceled no more Yct plants planned in the future.

Had been stocked every 4 years. Heavily Used Lake. D Hagenston 8/27/89 10" EB's. '89 creel cards 5 CT 8-12". D Fischer 8/91 gill net in 1990 set for 17 hours. EB's were fat.

One 11.5" cutthroat sampled in 1980.

Ovis Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9637 ft

Location: 45.07822, -109.91829 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 11

Section: 09S15E6

Size: 8.6 acres

Depth: 19ft (Ave), 45ft (Max)

Access: 4x4 travel on the Goose Lake Jeep Trail. It is roughly a 3.5 mile hike in from the start of the jeep trail.

Camp sites: Camping sites and firewood exist.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	.5 mi (0 on trail)	240 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Rare	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	860 in 2012; 860 in 2009	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Brook Trout	23	9.4	6.9-11.7
2008	Brook Trout	16	8.9	6.9-11.9

Comments: Ovis Lake receives a fair amount of pressure and fish were wary during the 2014 sampling.

Despite stocking every 3 years did not sample any Yellowstone cutthroat. The 2014 sample was obtained by angling for 6 hours.

Pablo Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9839 ft

Location: 45.08424, -109.80633 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 83

Section: 9S15E1

Size: 0.34 acres

Depth: 12ft (Max)

Access: From clarks Fork Trailhead take Trail #3 past Kersey Lake to Trail #567, up Russell Creek past bald knob lake to skull lake then west 1/4 mile.

Camp sites: Camping is possible with little firewood. Camping is better near Bald Knob Lake.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	9.5 mi (9.25 on trail)	1730 up, 150 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	No Fish Caught	0		
2008	Golden Trout	7	9.0	7.1-13.0

Comments: Self Sustaining GT here have resulted from plants of goldens into Picasso Lake just upstream. No upstream movement from here back to picasso is possible.

Inlet is cobble/boulder. Outlet has some gravel 5 GT seen in 2017, 3 spawners in the inlet stream

Pneumonia Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9863 ft

Location: 45.09745, -109.84403 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 46

Section: 08S15E34

Size: 3.6 acres

Depth: 15ft (Ave), 33ft (Max)

Access: East of Skytop Creek and north of Moccasin Lake. No Trail leads to the lake.

Camp sites: No firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	5.5 mi (5 on trail)	1200 up, 600 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
1987	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: No fish caught in gill nets '73 test '87.

Little need for a new fishery in this area. Leave fishless.

Production Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10181 ft

Location: 45.10269, -109.83315 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 44

Section: 08S15E26

Size: 3.1 acres

Depth: 17ft (Ave), 42ft (Max)

Access: Goose Lake Jeep Trail - lady of the Lake Creek - Broadwater River. Then head up sky top creek and turn east ~3/4 mile below lone elk lake.

Camp sites: Above tree line. Few places to camp. Rocky. No firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	6.5 mi (5 on trail)	3450 up, 700 down
Lady Of The Lake	8.5 mi (7 on trail)	3600 ft up, 500 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Brook Trout	20	8.8	5.9-10.9
2012	Brook Trout	29	9.5	7.7-10.4

Comments: 2022 sample with angling. Lots of Brook Trout were eager to take a fly. Most looked healthy, some were a little thin.

Rachel Lake (Wall Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9968 ft

Location: 45.03297, -109.62981 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 214

Section: 09S17E21

Size: 14.4 acres

Depth: 9ft (Ave), 28ft (Max)

Access: 4 miles on Clay Butte Trail #618 to Thiel Lake trail. Past Thiel Lake to Kidney, Wright, and Martin Lakes. Wall Lake is above Martin.

Camp sites: Many places to camp. Some firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte #618	11.25 mi (9.75 on trail)	1050 up, 620 down
Muddy Creek	None mi (None on trail)	None ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	48	7.6	4.6-9.3
2005	Brook Trout	20	7.4	6.0-9.3

Comments: Brook Trout are very abundant here. Legal harvest of brook trout is encouraged here.

Many 3-4 inch Brook Trout observed in the shallows during 2015 survey.

Recruitment Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10145 ft

Location: 45.09915, -109.83756 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 45

Section: 08S15E35

Size: 13.1 acres

Depth: 17ft (Ave), 53ft (Max)

Access: Head up sky Top Creek then head east approximately 1 mile below lone Elk Lake.

Camp sites: There is very little firewood and few flat places to camp.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	6 mi (5 on trail)	1400 up, 600 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Brook Trout	6	14.9	14.4-15.8
2012	Brook Trout	13	11.4	7.5-16.9

Comments: Little natural reproduction occurs in this lake. Brookies move down from Production Lake. 2022 FWP survey 2 nets set during the day. Nice, fat Brook Trout.

Robin Lake (Whitcomb)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9550 ft

Location: 45.02394, -109.65613 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 207

Section: 9S17E20

Size: 11.973 acres

Depth:

Access: Trails from the Beartooth Butte area on Hwy 212 serve the area. The lake is east of Lake Elaine.

Camp sites: Kind of wet and rocky but there are places to camp. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	10.5 mi (9.75 on trail)	800 up, 690 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	47	9.0	7.2-10.7
2003	Brook Trout	35	7.3	5.2-11.0

Comments: MTFWP survey in 2015 found Brook Trout a little larger than in lakes above.

Rock Island Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8177 ft

Location: 45.01641, -109.80979 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 73

Section: 09S15E25

Size: 137.0 acres

Depth: 36ft (Ave), 110ft (Max)

Access: 3.25 miles from Kersey Lake Trailhead. Past Kersey take right Trail #565 ~.75 miles to rock island.

Camp sites: Many well used camp spots. Firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	3.25 mi (3.25 on trail)	350 up, 250 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	7,000 in 1939; 15,600 in 1938	
Cutthroat Trout	18,000 in 1965; 12,600 in 1948	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13,700 in 2020; 10,000 in 2017	13,700 in 2023; 13,700 in 2026

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Brook Trout	15	12.4	8.7-14.1
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	7	10.8	7.8-14.8
2018	Brook Trout	18	12.2	10.7-13.6
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3	10.2	7.7-15.1

Comments: Lake gets a fair amount of use due to relatively easy access. YCT are stocked every 3 years. Fishing is good for nice sized YCT and EB. In 2018 MTFWP netted in the NE arm.

Rock Tree Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9978 ft

Location: 45.06108, -109.74229 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 104

Section: 09S16E10

Size: 15.6282 acres

Depth: 49ft (Ave), 130ft (Max)

Access: Take Trail #567 from Kersey Lake to russel lake. From russel lake head east 3 miles. The lake is 1/2 mile north of otter lake.

Camp sites: Rocky campsites. Scarce firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	10.5 mi (10 on trail)	2300 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	1,810 in 2017; 1,500 in 2012	1,810 in 2023
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,510 in 1968	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Golden Trout	31	11.7	7.0-20.3
2016	Golden Trout	12	10.7	7.1-15.2

Comments: Fairy shrimp (eubranchiopoda-anostraca) are common. FWP survey in 2016 caught 12 GT in 4 hr net set but no fish angling. Some smaller fish were caught indicating some possible reproduction.

Rough Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10191 ft

Location: 45.12041, -109.82673 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 36

Section: 08S15E23

Size: 102.2 acres

Depth: 32ft (Ave), 110ft (Max)

Access: Long Lake toward lady of the lake. Then north to Broadwater River/zimmer Creek. Cross river and stay on north side of sky top creek to rough.

Camp sites: Some flat places near inlet. No firewood. Above tree line.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	6.5 mi (6.5 on trail)	1600 up, 600 down
Lady Of The Lake	8 mi (8 on trail)	1900 ft up, 450 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	10,220 in 1992	
Brook Trout	4,320 in 1938	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2012	Brook Trout	13	8.8	7.4-9.9
1998	Brook Trout	29	8.7	5.9-11.4

Comments: 2012 FWP survey 4 hr net set caught 25 EB. Grayling were planted in 1992 and drifted down from 1955 plants in Skytop Lakes but none have been seen for many years.

Round Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9394 ft

Location: 45.07448, -109.90626 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 8test9

Section: 09S15E6

Size: 31.0 acres

Depth: 12ft (Ave), 32ft (Max)

Access: Right on the Goose Lake Jeep Trail out of cooke city. With a 4wd one wouldn't need to walk more than a few steps to reach the lake.

Camp sites: There are campsites and plenty of firewood. There is a cabin at the lake that is not available to the general public.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	0 mi (0 on trail)	0 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Rare	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	10,000 in 1940; 7,720 in 1939	
Cutthroat Trout	4,000 in 1946	
Rainbow Trout	3,570 in 1949	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13,888 in 1941	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Brook Trout	14	10.6	7.3-14.3
2011	Brook Trout	17	11.6	8.9-14.6

Comments: Decent fishing for nice size EB. Can be reached with 4WD but road is very rough, lots of rock. There is evidence of quite a bit of use. The 2018 survey was angled.

Russell Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8794 ft

Location: 45.06151, -109.78982 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 77

Section: 09S16E7

Size: 27.5 acres

Depth: 48ft (Ave), 95ft (Max)

Access: Take Usfs Trail #567 from chief joseph campground. Approximately 6 trail miles.

Camp sites: Nice places but hard to get far from water. Firewood is available but picked over

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	6 mi (6 on trail)	1200 up, 280 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Brook Trout	25	8.3	3.5-9.9
2007	Brook Trout	74	7.4	5.0-10.5

Comments: Good fishery for campers and hikers.

Major use. Shoreline beaten down Along Trail. '93 fish were small but healthy. Some had large heads indicative of stunting.

Fwp sampled 07,13.5 hour set, many average fish. FWP sample in 2017 angling only

Sedge Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9099 ft

Location: 45.05394, -109.81664 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 62

Section: 09S15E13

Size: 5.808 acres

Depth: 10ft (Ave), 28ft (Max)

Access: Trail #567 1/2 mi to Jeep Trail #306. Up #306 to Broadwater River Trail #564. Head x-country east before Curl Lake to Sedge Creek then up east side.

Camp sites: East side wasn't burned. Wood and campsites are present but it is rocky.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	6.5 mi (4 on trail)	1200 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	20	9.1	6.8-11.8
2015	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10	10.1	6.9-13.4

Comments: This area is in the middle of the 1988 fire.

The 2015 sample was obtained with 2 hours of angling. During the 2015 survey 2 fish were observed spawning in the inlet.

Shelter Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10161 ft

Location: 45.11107, -109.83892 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 34

Section: 08S15E27

Size: 6.8 acres

Depth: 17ft (Ave), 45ft (Max)

Access: Goose Lake Jeep Trail - lady of the Lake Creek - Broadwater River. Then head up the north side of sky top creek on an unmaintained trail.

Camp sites: Above tree line. Few places to camp. Rocky. No firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	7 mi (6.5 on trail)	3450 up, 700 down
Lady Of The Lake	9 mi (8.5 on trail)	3600 ft up, 500 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Brook Trout	46	7.7	6.5-9.7
2016	Brook Trout	25	7.6	6.2-8.8

Comments: Typical brookie lake, lots of fish, not very big. FWP crew found brookies easy to catch while angling for the 2022 sample.

Skeeter Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9276 ft

Location: 45.00804, -109.68433 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 149

Section: 09S17E30

Size: 10.7 acres

Depth: 4ft (Ave), 25ft (Max)

Access: Granite Lake Trail #618 from Hwy 212 near Beartooth Butte. Lake is west of Granite Lake. Head straight north from spaghetti lake.

Camp sites: There are campsites and firewood but the lake is aptly named.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte #618	8 mi (7 on trail)	800 up, 900 down
Crazy Lakes	6 mi (3 on trail)	1200 ft up, 0 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Arctic Grayling	Unknown	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	500 in 2015; 1,100 in 2008	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	No Fish Caught	0		
2017	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: Lake doesn't seem very promising-shallow, weedy. There doesn't seem to be an inlet or outlet - little chance for spawning. The entire bottom is heavily silted. 60-70% Of Lake covered with lily pads. Last 3 FWP surveys have caught no fish. Need to reevaluate Grayling plants.

Skull Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9794 ft

Location: 45.08571, -109.80241 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 82

Section: 08S15E36

Size: 5.5 acres

Depth: 6ft (Ave), 16ft (Max)

Access: Usfs Trail #567 from Kersey Lake. The lake is in between bald knob and Kersey Lakes.

Camp sites: Some nice places to camp, but near the main trail. Firewood is limited

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	9 mi (9 on trail)	1700 up, 280 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Brook Trout	26	7.0	4.4-8.5
2017	Brook Trout	13	7.7	6.5-8.4

Comments: 2019 FWP sampled with angling. Fishing was easy. Some fish were stunted. Fish were rising all over. No changes in this population in last 30 years of sampling

Sky Top Lakes

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10391 ft

Location: 45.12365, -109.80843 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 37

Section: 08S15E24

Size: 21.3395 acres

Depth: 14ft (Ave)

Access: The lakes are in the sky top drainage east of aero lake. Unmaintained Trail. There are seven lakes.

Camp sites: Very rocky. No firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	1012 mi (7 on trail)	2300 up, 1000 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	50,000 in 1955	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
1993	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: Grayling eggs were planted in 1955 but they appear to have drifted downstream into Rough Lake. Water in lakes is a little cloudy (glacial milk). These lakes are considered fishless please report any catches to MFWP.

'93 - no sign of any fish. Upper 3 Lakes frozen 8/4/93. Two lower lakes 50 test 90% ice covered. Consider stocking the lower 4 lakes #37, 38, 39, 40, with either mCT's or gt's. Spawning gravel in spots between lakes. No aquatic vegetation seen.

Three types of crustaceans present. D Fischer '91 - met parties in past years who reported big! CT's in streams. Please report any fish caught from any of These Lakes to MFWP.

Sodalite Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9794 ft

Location: 45.08334, -109.81848 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 57

Section: 08S15E36

Size: 25.8 acres

Depth: 25ft (Ave), 90ft (Max)

Access: Head of Sodalite Creek. Can easily be reached from fossil and bald Knob Lakes. Seldom Traveled Trail.

Camp sites: Some nice spots. No firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	10 mi (9 on trail)	2000 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,110 in 1959	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Brook Trout	48	8.6	6.1-11.4
2008	Brook Trout	22	9.0	6.0-10.5

Comments: The FWP sample in 2019 was hook and line and found decent sized brookies. Only a few were stunted

Spaghetti Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork
Elevation: 9204 ft
Location: 45.00509, -109.68967 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 150
Section: 09S16E36
Size: 6.3 acres
Depth: 9ft (Ave), 54ft (Max)

Access: The lake is west of granite lake. Trailhead to granite lake is on Hwy 212 near Beartooth Butte.

If you use crazy lakes Trailhead use gps after leaving copeland lake. Use lat long below in dec. Degree.

Camp sites: Some decent places to camp but kind of wet. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte #618	8 mi (7 on trail)	700 up, 900 down
Crazy Lakes	5.5 mi (3 on trail)	1000 ft up, 0 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Arctic Grayling	Unknown	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	945 in 2022; 400 in 2015	630 in 2023

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Arctic Grayling	9	13.1	10.7-16.2
2017	Arctic Grayling	19	11.4	10.4-14.6

Comments: Both inlet and outlet are marshes. Seems to be little spawning potential. 2012 FWP survey 13.5 hr net set caught NO GR. 2019 and 2017 samples after 2015 stocking caught good numbers of fish exhibiting good growth. Check again before next plant, these fish should grow to nice size.

Splinter Lake (Sliver Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork
Elevation: 9482 ft
Location: 45.09068, -109.85363 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 48
Section: 8S15E34
Size: 6.36 acres
Depth: 8ft (Ave), 22ft (Max)

Access: The outlet drains into sky Top Creek near it's confluence with lower Aero Creek. No Trail. Cross sky Top Creek at outlet of lower aero there is a faint trail that leads south towards Cliff Lake then ne. To sliver.

Camp sites: Beautiful Lake. Lots of firewood. Nice place to camp.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	5 mi (4.5 on trail)	900 up, 600 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Brook Trout	18	10.4	9.4-11.5
2006	Brook Trout	16	9.7	6.0-11.5

Comments: 2017 FWP sample with angling. Brookies were nice sized but a little tougher to catch than surrounding lakes. The outlet from Hunger Lake #47 flows into sliver lake and during high flows some eb make it to sliver lake.

Spogen Lake (Little Falls Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork
Elevation: 9594 ft
Location: 45.02604, -109.6502 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 209
Section: 9S17E20
Size: 12.01 acres
Depth: 15ft (Ave), 40ft (Max)

Access: Trails from the Beartooth Butte area on Hwy 212 serve the area. The lake is east of Lake Elaine and Green Lake.

Camp sites: Nice campsites, plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	10 mi (9.75 on trail)	800 up, 640 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	22	7.4	5.5-8.9
2005	Brook Trout	18	7.2	6.3-9.3

Comments: One of the prettiest spots in the world. The over abundant Brook Trout would benefit from some harvest. Legal harvest of Brook Trout is encouraged here.

The 2015 sample was obtained by angling for 1.5 hours. There were some very skinny fish sampled in 2015.

Star Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9778 ft

Location: 45.09507, -109.90912 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 14

Section: 08S15E31

Size: 7.9 acres

Depth: 15ft (Ave), 36ft (Max)

Access: Star Lake is on the Goose Lake Jeep Trail. A 4x4 truck can make it to the lake but it won't necessarily like doing it. Roughly a 4 mile hike in from the start of the Jeep trail.

Camp sites: Some camping sites. Firewood available but not plentiful. Next to Jeep Trail.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	0 mi (0 on trail)	0 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	10,000 in 1940	
Cutthroat Trout	4,060 in 1964	
Rainbow Trout	5,575 in 1959	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,190 in 2021; 790 in 2016	1,185 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	29	10.6	6.4-15.6
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10	11.6	10.7-12.9

Comments: The lake is stocked on a 4 year cycle because of the proximity to the Goose Lake Jeep Trail. Sampling in 2022 caught fish with netting and angling.

Stash Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10001 ft

Location: 45.09211, -109.83533 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 55

Section: 08S15E35

Size: 3.1 acres

Depth: 9ft (Ave), 24ft (Max)

Access: Goose Lake Jeep Trail - lady of the Lake Creek - Broadwater River. Then up the north side of sky top creek to 1/2 mile past Aero Creek then east.

Camp sites: A few places to pitch a tent. Some firewood is available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	7 mi (5 on trail)	3400 up, 600 down
Lady Of The Lake	9 mi (7 on trail)	3550 ft up, 400 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	310 in 2015; 310 in 2007	310 in 2023

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	7	328.1	263.0-390.0
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	6	12.1	9.2-14.6

Comments: The 2017 and 2020 samples were obtained with angling. 2017 saw good fishing for 10-11 inchers. In 2020 fishing was slower. YCT ranged from 10-14 inches. A sample in 2022 with netting showed that fish hadn't really grown since 2020.

Summerville Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9601 ft

Location: 45.04737, -109.66577 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 174

Section: 09S17E18

Size: 43.0 acres

Depth: 20ft (Ave), 50ft (Max)

Access: Trail #618 4 mi to fork. Then 6 miles to Thiel Lake test on to kidney lake. Ford Creek at wright lake test take trail to green lake. Head n thru saddle.

Camp sites: Some firewood available but a lack of nice flat camp spots.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	12 mi (12 on trail)	1300 up, 600 down
Muddy Creek, Crazy Lks	None mi (None on trail)	None ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2012	Brook Trout	14	8.3	7.0-9.2
1995	Brook Trout	34	8.8	6.3-11.2

Comments: Typical Brookie Lake. Inlet has good spawning potential.

'95 fish were average to thin. 2012 FWP survey 3 hr net set caught 14 EB / 2 angled 1 hr caught 16 EB. 1 Col. Sp. Frog seen.

Surprise Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9922 ft

Location: 45.0878, -109.83146 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 54

Section: 08S15E35

Size: 7.1 acres

Depth: 6ft (Ave), 33ft (Max)

Access: Long Lake toward lady of the lake then n to Broadwater River up n side of Skytop Creek to Aero Creek. Then s to cliff-sliver-moccasin-weasel-surprise.

Camp sites: Little used. Some nice camping sites. Firewood is available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	6 mi (3 on trail)	1300 up, 600 down
Lady Of The Lake	7.5 mi (4.5 on trail)	1600 ft up, 450 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	700 in 1993; 400 in 1989	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10	11.7	7.2-13.8
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	9.7	6.4-13.9

Comments: This lake was producing the trophy fishery as intended. We've stopped its 8 year stocking rotation to account for the natural reproduction. FWP sampled in 2017. Caught 4 YCT in a 4.5 hr net set and 4 YCT with 1 hr of angling. Last 2 FWP surveys caught YCT 6-14 inches

Swamp Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8994 ft

Location: 45.06217, -109.88082 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 17

Section: 09S15E8

Size: 10.4 acres

Depth: 7ft (Ave), 21ft (Max)

Access: Take the trail up lady of the Lake Creek (#31). Then head east - cross country - from the outlet of lady of the lake.

Camp sites: There are a few nice camp sites. Plenty of firewood. No sign of '88 fire.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lady Of The Lake	3 mi (1.5 on trail)	600 up, 450 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	500 in 1985	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,040 in 2021; 1,040 in 2015	1,040 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	14	14.1	6.9-20.9
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	20	14.5	12.5-16.3

Comments: Most of the area around the lake is somewhat boggy. FWP sample in 2022 found some quite large Yellowstone Cutthroat. The small pond below has brook trout

Thiel Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9233 ft

Location: 45.00747, -109.64628 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 232

Section: 09S17E28

Size: 18.5 acres

Depth: 13ft (Ave), 35ft (Max)

Access: Trails from Hwy 212 near Beartooth Butte serve the area. The lake is east of granite lake.

Camp sites: Nice campsites. Plenty of firewood available. Some trash.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	6 mi (6 on trail)	100 up, 280 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	5,000 in 1940; 4,000 in 1937	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Brook Trout	33	7.7	5.6-10.2
2003	Brook Trout	8	6.4	5.7-7.0

Comments: The vegetation is plentiful along the shoreline. The area is frequented by grizzly bears. 33 of the 34 fish sampled collected by angling and of the 33 fish 20 were obtained at the small pond in the outlet.

Throop Lake (Swede Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9804 ft

Location: 45.01344, -109.63103 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 235

Section: 9S17E28

Size: 9.55 acres

Depth: 84ft (Max)

Access: Four miles on clay Butte Trail to Thiel Lake trail. Past Thiel Lake 1/2 mile to swede lake outlet stream. Stay on east side of stream.

Camp sites: Nice campsites and some firewood available. No sign of 88 fire

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte #618	7 mi (6.5 on trail)	600 up, 280 down
Muddy Creek	9 mi (8.5 on trail)	1000 ft up, 0 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	750 in 2022; 15,000 in 1955	750 in 2026
Brook Trout	7,180 in 1937	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	19	12.2	7.4-16.2
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	32	10.1	7.0-18.1

Comments: The 2018 sample was obtained with angling and netting. Multiple size classes of cutthroat were caught indicating successful recruitment. MTFWP will continue to monitor to see if this lake remains self sustaining.

Trail Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9702 ft

Location: 45.02974, -109.65262 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 208

Section: 09S17E20

Size: 7.1 acres

Depth: 22ft (Ave), 55ft (Max)

Access: Trails from the Beartooth Butte area on Hwy 212 serve the area. The lake is east of Lake Elaine.

Camp sites: A couple of nice places. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	10.5 mi (10.5 on trail)	980 up, 640 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	535 in 2019; 535 in 2011	535 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	4	16.6	14.5-17.5
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	9	14.1	13.5-14.7

Comments: In 2015 it was a good gill net set and suspect a low abundance of fish present.

Triangle Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9840 ft

Location: 45.05687, -109.73444 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 110

Section: 09S16E10

Size: 6.3 acres

Depth: 29ft (Ave), 55ft (Max)

Access: Take Trail #567 from Kersey Lake to russel lake. From russel head east 3.5 miles. The lake is NE of otter lake.

Camp sites: Some wood and some places to camp

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	10 mi (9.75 on trail)	2100 up, 280 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	470 in 2019; 630 in 2011	470 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	11.6	9.9-13.0
2010	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	14	13.3	10.7-14.8

Comments: FWP surveyed 2016 6hr day set and angling. Fish were picky, tough to catch. Cruising fish refused most offerings. Fish caught were in good shape.

Triskele Lake (Wednesday Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10194 ft

Location: 45.04056, -109.60605 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 218

Section: 09S17E15

Size: 5.217 acres

Depth: 4ft (Ave), 12ft (Max)

Access: 8+ miles up from Island Lake. Good Trail to golden lake then over the hill southeast. It's the first lake upstream from cloverleaf lake #217.

Camp sites: Questionable camping. No firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Island Lake Wy	8.5 mi (6 on trail)	1000 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	20	10.9	7.3-15.3
2005	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	14	10.8	7.0-15.0

Comments: This lake was considered fishless till dennis Hagenston caught 12" cutthroats (average condition) summer 1995. Fish likely migrated up from Cloverleaves. FWP sample in 2016 caught 20 YCT in 5 hr net set.

Two Bits Lake (Tuesday Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10194 ft

Location: 45.04637, -109.60295 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: None

Section: 09S17E14

Size: 13.1177 acres

Depth: 16ft (Ave), 16ft (Max)

Access: 8+ miles up from Island Lake. Good Trail to golden lake then over the hill southeast.

Camp sites: Camping is tough, rocky. Firewood is scarce.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Island Lake WY	8.5 mi (6.5 on trail)	1100 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	7	18.4	8.7-22.4
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	14	15.2	12.1-17.9

Comments: Yellowstone Cutthroat likely migrated here from Cloverleaf lakes.

Unnamed Lake 89a

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10230 ft

Location: 45.10786, -109.81032 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 89A

Section: 8S15E25

Size: 2.39 acres

Depth: 7ft (Ave), 17ft (Max)

Access: Usfs Trail #567 from Kersey Lake. From the saddle near Fossil Lake head to the west and north of windy lake. Take the 3rd draw heading north.

Camp sites: Few good campsites. Rocky, camp below. No firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	11.5 mi (9.5 on trail)	2480 up, 280 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	28	9.4	5.1-16.3
1996	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	8.6	6.9-13.4

Comments: Trout moved down from stephanie. These fish appear to be reproducing. No Trails. No horse traffic. Many fish in this lake.

Upper Aero Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10162 ft

Location: 45.12739, -109.83849 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 31

Section: 8S15E14

Size: 230.528 acres

Depth:

Access: Long Lake Trailhead north to Zimmer Creek. Good trail to lower aero up Zimmer Creek test over saddle. Path around west side. Possible day hike.

Camp sites: A few decent flat spots. No firewood. Beautiful view.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	7 mi (6 on trail)	1400 up, 650 down
Lady Of The Lake	8.5 mi (7.5 on trail)	1600 ft up, 250 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	2,110 in 1959; 16,000 in 1946	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	30,000 in 2018; 28,000 in 2012	30,000 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	56	12.9	10.0-15.6
2020	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: Upper Aero Lake was stocked with YCT in 2012 however FWP surveys in 2016 and 2017 caught no fish. The lake received another plant of YCT in 2018 and FWP survey caught no fish in a day net set in 2020. However overnight sets in 2022 caught plenty of YCT 11-15 inches.

Upper Mud Lake (Schoolarm Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9463 ft

Location: 45.06809, -109.91205 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 5

Section: 9S15E7

Size: 2.6 acres

Depth: 25ft (Max)

Access: No Trails lead to the lake, but it's an easy walk off of the Goose Lake jeep trail.

Camp sites: Beautiful spot with excellent camping and good firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	.5 mi (0 on trail)	100 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	150 in 2019; 150 in 2013	150 in 2023; 150 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	27	13.0	11.0-15.9
2018	No Fish Caught	0		
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	7	17.3	14.3-19.5

Comments: Upper Mud is outside of the A-B Wilderness. It is a pretty lake with nice views. Fish can grow fairly large here. The 2022 FWP sample caught YCT with netting and angling.

Varve Lake (Forsaken Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10465 ft

Location: 45.07967, -109.63329 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 198

Section: 9S17E4

Size: 26.44 acres

Depth: 66ft (Max)

Access: North of Flatrock Lake near the west fork of Rock Creek and the clark's fork divide.

Camp sites: No firewood. 1 or 2 campsites.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clay Butte	18 mi (15.5 on trail)	1900 up, 900 down
Muddy Creek	19 mi (16.5 on trail)	2500 ft up, 200 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,000 in 2018; 2,288 in 2010	1,525 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	No Fish Caught	0		
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2	14.2	12.2-16.2
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	18	12.6	10.9-14.1

Comments: This is the 2nd highest fishery in the state Growth rate has been rather poor. 2017 FWP sampled with angling and net. No fish caught angling, 2 caught in the net. Huge midge hatch occurred while the crew was there.

Vernon Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 7977 ft

Location: 45.00927, -109.83209 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 68

Section: 09S15E35

Size: 8.2 acres

Depth: 17ft (Ave), 32ft (Max)

Access: Good Foot Trail from Kersey Lake. Leave main trail SE just before Kersey Lake. Then 1.5 miles.

Camp sites: Lots of use. Camping good on south side. Firewood picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	3 mi (3 on trail)	300 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	4,800 in 1947	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Brook Trout	8	13.1	8.3-16.5
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13	10.9	7.7-15.0
2015	Brook Trout	2	6.2	5.6-6.7
2015	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	13.5	6.0-15.5

Comments: MTFWP mountain lakes crew saw a moose swim across lake while pulling the gill net in 2022. Both the Yellowstone Cutthroat and Brook Trout were in good condition.

Wand Lake (Amphitheater Lake)

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9420 ft

Location: 45.06589, -109.76867 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 101

Section: 9S16E4

Size: 7.4 acres

Depth: 8ft (Ave), 16ft (Max)

Access: Take Trail 567 from Kersey Lake to Russel Lake. From Russel Lake head east ~1.5 miles of decent path.

Camp sites: Nice campsites. Firewood available but not abundant. Very little use.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	7.5 mi (7.5 on trail)	1600 up, 280 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Brook Trout	50	7.0	5.0-8.9
2014	Brook Trout	22	7.4	5.6-8.7

Comments: Brook trout were easy to catch. This location is not used excessively. Occasional winter kill may occur.

Weasel Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9991 ft

Location: 45.08843, -109.83581 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 54A

Section: 08S15E35

Size: 3.7 acres

Depth: 7ft (Ave), 20ft (Max)

Access: Leave Goose Lake Jeep Trail near long lake. Head up sky Top Creek to Aero Creek. Head east 1.5 miles.

Camp sites: Pretty place, couple camp spots. Limited firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	5 mi (2.5 on trail)	1450 up, 830 down
Lady Of The Lake	7 mi (4.5 on trail)	1700 ft up, 200 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	185 in 2021; 185 in 2013	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	7	15.2	14.0-16.6
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	14.3	13.2-14.8

Comments: 2020 sampled with angling and netting. The 2017 sample was angling only. YCT were in great shape and good size for 4 year olds. 2013 plant numbers were cut in half. It looks like it worked. There should be good size fish here for a few years.

Widewater Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8003 ft

Location: 45.01385, -109.77801 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 72

Section: 09S16E29

Size: 110.0 acres

Depth: 54ft (Ave), 110ft (Max)

Access: Usfs Trail #567 to Kersey Lake. Then head east on Trail #3. Total trip ~6 miles. Much deadfall surrounding lake.

Camp sites: Lots of firewood and good camping can be found around this large lake

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	6.5 mi (6 on trail)	300 up, 325 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Brook Trout	22	9.4	8.1-12.9
2018	Rainbow Trout	4	13.4	11.6-14.2
2004	Brook Trout	3	9.2	8.3-10.0
2004	Rainbow Trout	11	12.3	11.0-13.5

Comments: Widewater is a very large lake with self sustaining Rainbows and Brookies. The MTFWP sample in 2018 caught 4 RB and 22 EB with netting and angling.

Widowed Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9994 ft

Location: 45.05432, -109.71051 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 123

Section: 09S16E11

Size: 3.2 acres

Depth: 6ft (Ave), 15ft (Max)

Access: Approximately 8 miles east of Kersey Lake via canyon lake or 12 miles from Kersey via russel test otter lakes.

Camp sites: Questionable camp spots. Scarce firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Ivy Lk Jeep Trail #130	9.5 mi (8.25 on trail)	2650 up, 700 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Unknown	Unknown

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Golden Trout	1	6.7	6.7-6.7
2007	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: Lowest Lake in the desolation lake chain. GT were first planted in Desolation lake upstream in '82. Downstream movement was the goal. No fish have been caught in FWP samples

Wiedy Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 8994 ft

Location: 45.06116, -109.87244 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 18

Section: 09S15E9

Size: 7.0 acres

Depth: 27ft (Ave), 68ft (Max)

Access: Trail #31 to lady of the lake. Cross the outlet stream here and at swamp lake to the east. Then continue east to weidy.

Camp sites: Adequate camping areas with plenty of firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lady Of The Lake	3.5 mi (1.5 on trail)	670 up, 400 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	525 in 2020; 300 in 1985	525 in 2028
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	525 in 2019; 525 in 2013	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Arctic Grayling	1	8.8	8.8-8.8
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	20	15.0	13.1-16.5
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	13.2	12.4-13.9

Comments: Grayling stocked in 2019. Will try to maintain a mixed species fishery here. Observed more small Grayling but they avoided our sampling gear.

Wright Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 9650 ft

Location: 45.02872, -109.64508 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 210

Section: 09S17E21

Size: 7.9 acres

Depth: 40ft (Max)

Access: Trails from the Beartooth Butte area on Hwy 212 serve the area. The lake is east of Lake Elaine and Green Lake.

Camp sites: Excellent camping. Plenty of firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	9.75 mi (9.75 on trail)	800 up, 620 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	9,600 in 1937	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	44	8.0	5.8-10.3
2006	Brook Trout	28	8.7	7.3-9.3

Comments: Lots of easy to catch Brook Trout.

In the 2015 survey 15 of the 44 fish sampled was collected with 1 hour of angling. In 2015 the fish appeared in good condition but the downward trend in average size suggest some harvest may be beneficial.

Zimmer Lake

Drainage: Clarks Fork

Elevation: 10191 ft

Location: 45.11927, -109.88316 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 28

Section: 08S15E20

Size: 26.0 acres

Depth: 24ft (Ave), 55ft (Max)

Access: East of Goose Lake. No Trail. Or one can hike up lady of the Lake Creek, then north up zimmer creek. Good trail. Long lake trailhead is shorter.

Camp sites: No firewood. Poor camping. Camp below.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	5 mi (4 on trail)	1420 up, 560 down
Lady Of The Lake	6.5 mi (5.5 on trail)	1580 ft up, 80 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	12,517 in 1936	
Cutthroat Trout	2,110 in 1959	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,600 in 2016; 2,600 in 2008	2,600 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	23	12.1	9.6-14.0
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10	11.1	8.9-13.0

Comments: Some reproduction occurs but 8 year stocking cycle is needed to support a fishery. Fish from an overnight net set in 2022 had midges and caddis in their stomachs.

East Rosebud Drainage

Arch Lake, Little

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 10103 ft

Location: 45.1736, -109.72801 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 43

Section: 7S16E35

Size: 7.18 acres

Depth: 54ft (Max)

Access: 3 miles of Good Trail from east Rosebud Lake then 3 miles up the south side of Arch Creek (no trail). See below.

Camp sites: Little obvious use, rocky. Camping best at lower Arch Lake.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Alpine (east Rosebud)	8 mi (3.5 on trail)	3900 up, 100 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	26	14.7	11.1-16.9
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	20	15.4	14.3-16.6

Comments: '85 plant may have gone into upper Arch Lake. 8 - year stocking rotation. #'s lowered to 75/acre in 1997. Stay south of the creek when you can see the falls. Timber bushwacking-is a mess.

When sampled in 2013 fish were in good condition.

Arch Lake, Lower

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 9594 ft

Location: 45.16512, -109.72092 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 41

Section: 08S16E2

Size: 24.3 acres

Depth: 39ft (Ave), 95ft (Max)

Access: 3.5 miles Up Trail #15 above east Rosebud Lake. Cross Creek above elk lake. Steep hike up the south side of Arch Creek. No trail. Timber, bushwacking is a mess.

Camp sites: Plenty of firewood and campsites available.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Alpine (east Rosebud)	7 mi (3.5 on trail)	3300 up, 100 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	6,240 in 1971	

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	19	11.1	5.2-14.0
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	25	11.2	8.0-14.1

Comments: No additional management needed if fish continue to reproduce.

Fish were abundant during 2013 survey.

Big Park Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 8394 ft

Location: 45.12503, -109.72215 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 19

Section: 08S16E14

Size: 7.8 acres

Depth: 1ft (Ave), 3ft (Max)

Access: The lake is a wide spot at the confluence of east rosebud and Granite Creeks 12 miles from east rosebud lake.

Camp sites: Camping is good at the west end and firewood is abundant.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Alpine (east Rosebud)	12 mi (12 on trail)	2200 up, 160 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Golden Trout	1,600 in 1955	

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	65	9.0	5.5-14.4
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	8.9	6.5-11.8

Comments: Fishery is part of the creek environment. No additional management needed as reproduction appears good. This lake (slough) is right on the trail but the shoreline is very marshy.

No golden trout seen or sampled in 1990. Fish have moved downstream From Lakes above. '90 fish were fat. 11 YCT angled in 2012 .5 hrs. x 2

Billy Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 10188 ft

Location: 45.12209, -109.78574 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 30

Section: 08S16E20

Size: 10.5 acres

Depth: 16ft (Ave), 56ft (Max)

Access: Downstream from Cairn Lake near the south side of granite peak. Northwest of Dewey Lake.

Camp sites: No fires allowed. Well above tree line. Poor campsites-rocky.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	16.5 mi (15.25 on trail)	4110 up, 160 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Brook Trout	37	9.5	6.6-13.8
2007	Brook Trout	15	11.4	8.3-13.0

Comments: The legal harvest of brook trout is strongly encouraged. If brook trout move downstream of Billy Lake they will negatively impact other downstream species.

No sign of fish from the falls below Billy Lake to Oly lake.

Brent Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 10194 ft

Location: 45.17355, -109.75479 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 50

Section: 07S16E33

Size: 14.6207 acres

Depth: 76ft (Max)

Access: 7 miles up Phantom Creek Trail near east Rosebud Lake. Then 3 miles x-country upstream from phantom lake.

Camp sites: Camping is fair. Firewood is scarce. Best to camp below at Phantom Lake

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Phantom Creek	10 mi (7 on trail)	4100 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	16.5	11.1-19.9
2003	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	6	17.2	12.8-19.5

Comments: Fish can move into this lake from Turgulse Lake.

Five of the eight fish were captured using angling

Cairn Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 10184 ft

Location: 45.13039, -109.79595 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 31

Section: 08S16E18

Size: 148.3 acres

Depth: 54ft (Ave), 125ft (Max)

Access: Leave Trail #15 between fossil and Dewey Lakes. Hike up the east side of Cairn Creek ~2 1/4 miles. Long lake jeep trail 7 hrs in 5 out.

Camp sites: Good campsites. No firewood. No fires permitted.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	17.0 mi (15.25 on trail)	4150 up, 200 down
Long Lake Jeep Trail	8.0 mi (3 on trail)	1800 ft up, 800 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	4,800 in 1955	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10,010 in 1968	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Brook Trout	30	10.9	6.6-15.1
2005	Brook Trout	10	14.5	12.5-15.5

Comments: Some of the brook trout in Cairn Lake grow to respectable size.

Crow Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 9194 ft

Location: 45.17869, -109.57085 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 1

Section: 07S17E36

Size: 11.4 acres

Depth: 35ft (Ave), 72ft (Max)

Access: Trail from east Rosebud Lake to sylvan lake. Also accessible from lake mary on the west fork of Rock Creek.

Camp sites: Fuel for fires is limited.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Sylvan Lake #13	7.5 mi (7.5 on trail)	3200 up, 350 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	11,200 in 1934; 18,000 in 1933	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2012	Brook Trout	8	10.6	7.8-13.0
1994	Brook Trout	34	11.2	10.2-13.0

Comments: Beautiful Lake. No special management recommended.
Nice population of brookies. 2012 survey 4 hr. set 8 EB caught.

Dewey Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 9394 ft

Location: 45.10984, -109.75734 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 23

Section: 08S16E28

Size: 37.3 acres

Depth: 41ft (Ave), 95ft (Max)

Access: About 12 miles from east Rosebud Lake and 1 mile downstream from Fossil Lake. Good Trail.

Camp sites: Good campsites. Firewood is available but no fires permitted.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	14.5 mi (14.5 on trail)	3300 up, 160 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	4,800 in 1955	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3,706 in 1985; 3,738 in 1981	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	18	9.6	5.1-14.8
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13	11.3	8.6-13.4

Comments: Golden's were planted in '55. YCT's were stocked in 1968 and 1981 and are self sustaining at present. No sign of the golden and YCT are pure. Inlet appears ideal for spawning. This is a logical stopping point for a camp along the 'beaten path'.

Duggan Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 8899 ft

Location: 45.11763, -109.7387 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 21

Section: 08S16E22

Size: 4.4 acres

Depth: 10ft (Max)

Access: The lake is a wide spot in east Rosebud Creek.

Camp sites: Camping available but firewood is limited.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	13.5 mi (13.5 on trail)	2800 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1	10.0	10.0-10.0

Comments: Fishery is part of the stream environment. No management plans proposed.
9.1" cutthroat caught 8/6/87 age 3 or 4. '98 - Ed Keyser and crew caught 14"ers, saw larger.

East Rosebud Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 6206 ft

Location: 45.19423, -109.64268 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 3

Section: 07S17E21

Size: 111.7 acres

Depth: 9ft (Ave), 20ft (Max)

Access: Approximately 45 miles south of Columbus, MT. Accessible by two-wheel drive vehicle.

Camp sites: USFS campground on the east side.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	DRIVE mi (TOLAKE on trail)	None up, None down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Rare	Self-Sustained
Brown Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Rainbow Trout	Common	Stocked
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Rare	Unknown

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brown Trout	44,100 in 1981; 600 in 1979	
Cutthroat Trout	150,000 in 1936; 40,000 in 1934	
Rainbow Trout	2,065 in 2021; 6,011 in 2020	2,000 in 2023; 2,000 in 2024
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,007 in 2022; 5,867 in 1997	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Brook Trout	1	13.0	13.0-13.0
2020	Brown Trout	50	15.0	9.7-25.5
2017	Brook Trout	1	12.1	12.1-12.1
2017	Brown Trout	35	15.4	8.9-26.5

Comments: The possibility that mcbride CT will become self sustaining appears unlikely. Desmet rainbow plants began in 1990.

Surveyed with 2 sinking and 2 floating nets

'00 plant was short due to hatchery rebuild. '01 fish were 6-7". 3 plants, 6" RB's, 2,000 each - late May, late June, late July. 34 Longnose Suckers and 11 Mountain Whitefish sampled in 2014

Echo Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 8620 ft

Location: 45.13068, -109.74808 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 37

Section: 08S16E15

Size: 12.2 acres

Depth: 9ft (Ave), 21ft (Max)

Access: 2 day hike from e Rosebud Lake on Trail #15 to just past big park lake. Take the right fork up Granite Creek. Trail is good enough for horses

Camp sites: Plenty of campsites. Firewood is available but picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	13.5 mi (13.5 on trail)	2500 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	7,056 in 1971	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	9.9	7.4-15.8
2007	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13	12.7	10.3-18.5

Comments: This lake is a good choice to get off the main trail. FWP sampled with overnight net sets in 2007 and 2017. Average size YCT were in good shape

Elk Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud
Elevation: 6796 ft
Location: 45.16454, -109.66004 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 6
Section: 08S17E5
Size: 7.3 acres
Depth: 2ft (Ave), 5ft (Max)

Access: First Lake upstream from East Rosebud Lake on Trail #15.
Camp sites: Nice camping, some firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	3 mi (3 on trail)	600 up, 50 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained
Rainbow Trout	Rare	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Rainbow Trout	6,816 in 1948; 7,365 in 1947	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	12	8.1	6.0-10.5
2015	Rainbow Trout	2	10.9	10.4-11.5
2007	Brook Trout	16	8.3	6.5-10.0
2007	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1	8.5	8.5-8.5

Comments: The 2015 gill net set was a 2 hour daytime set. The 2015 net set was poor. In 2015, one of the two rainbow trout sampled was collected by angling for 2 hours.

Fossil Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud
Elevation: 9896 ft
Location: 45.092, -109.7905 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 25
Section: 08S16E31
Size: 164.7 acres
Depth: 37ft (Ave), 150ft (Max)

Access: Easily reached By Trail from cooke city or east Rosebud Lake. This is the most heavily used trail in the beartooths.
Camp sites: No firewood. Camping best away from the lake. No trees.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Clarks Fork	10 mi (10 on trail)	2400 up, 200 down
Alpine (east Rosebud)	16 mi (16 on trail)	3692 ft up, 300 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stock, with some natural reproduction
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Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	9,000 in 2017; 10,000 in 2014	10,000 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	105	11.2	8.0-13.8
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	12	10.8	9.2-14.0

Comments: The lake receives plenty of use as it is a popular camping spot along the beaten path trail. The 2012 FWP survey caught 12 YCT netting and angled 19. Fish spawn in the inlets and outlet and there is some evidence of recruitment.

Froze-to-death Lake (Froze To Death Lake)

Drainage: East Rosebud
Elevation: 10175 ft
Location: 45.18073, -109.74536 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 48
Section: 7S16E34
Size: 68.96 acres
Depth: 54ft (Ave), 195ft (Max)

Access: West of east Rosebud Lake above phantom lake. ~10 miles of steep Unmaintained Trail. 4,000 ft gain in elevation.
Camp sites: Scarce firewood. Several nice campsites.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Phantom Creek	9 mi (7 on trail)	4050 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10,000 in 1978	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	33	11.6	6.3-14.0
2003	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	10.5	6.5-14.5

Comments: 2012 FWP survey 33 YCT caught 15.5 hr. netting.

Lake At Falls

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 8200 ft

Location: 45.12356, -109.7071 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 12

Section: 08S16E23

Size: 49.8 acres

Depth: 19ft (Ave), 50ft (Max)

Access: 11 miles from the trailhead at East Rosebud Lake - Trail #15.

Camp sites: Couple of good camp spots. Firewood available but picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	11 mi (11 on trail)	2100 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Rare	Unknown
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Golden Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	6,400 in 1955	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	25	12.8	5.7-25.2
2015	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	27	13.8	10.8-15.7

Comments: Heavily used but fishery appears in good shape.

The 2015 sampled was obtained by angling for 5.5 hours. Visual appearance of hybrid fish look more like Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout.

Little Arch Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 10027 ft

Location: 45.15813, -109.73789 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 42

Section: 8S16E3

Size: 50.235 acres

Depth:

Access: 3.5 miles Up Trail #15 above east rosebud lk. Cross Creek above elk lk. Then a steep hike up the s side of Arch Creek (no trail). Timber bushwacking is a mess.

Camp sites: Rocky, no firewood. Camping best at lower Arch Lake.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	8 mi (3.5 on trail)	3900 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	488 in 2013; 488 in 2005	488 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	47	10.3	6.5-14.5
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	17	12.7	10.6-16.2

Comments:

Little Scat Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 9394 ft

Location: 45.10881, -109.71298 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 15

Section: 08S16E23

Size: 5.0 acres

Depth: 1ft (Ave), 3ft (Max)

Access: 10 miles From Trailhead at east Rosebud Lake. No trail for the last 2 miles from lake at falls. Very difficult climb.

Camp sites: No adequate camping tho' some firewood is available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	13.8 mi (11.5 on trail)	3400 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	500 in 2017; 500 in 2012	500 in 2023

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
1990	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: Little scat was planted to distribute GT downstream into Scat Lake and Martin Lake. Replant the chain with goldens but this time into scat and/or Martin Lakes. Little scat is too shallow.

8/5/87 no fish caught or observed in 1 hour. Probably too shallow to overwinter fish. 4.5 hour gill net set in '90. Enter drainage at the right edge of the falls and stay right around Martin Lake. 07/30/03 - visual survey - no sign of fish, lake is

Only 4-5 ft deep.

Sample with martin and scat.

Lost Lake (Hidden Lake)

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 9164 ft

Location: 45.19428, -109.68714 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 45

Section: 07S17E30

Size: 3.5 acres

Depth: 18ft (Ave), 36ft (Max)

Access: West of East Rosebud Lake up the south (west) fork of Armstrong Creek. Trail part of the way if found. Mostly brutal bushwacking.

Camp sites: Lots of firewood and good camping below the lake on the south side.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Armstrong Creek	3 mi (0 on trail)	3000 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Arctic Grayling	Unknown	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	200 in 2015; 400 in 2008	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	350 in 2020; 1,475 in 1971	350 in 2028

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	No Fish Caught	0		
2014	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: This lake sees very few visitors. Adjustments to grayling stocking will be made and monitored with intent of increasing grayling survival.

No fish were sampled in an overnight net set or during hook and line sampling in 2014 and 2019.

Martin Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 9118 ft

Location: 45.11598, -109.71162 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 13

Section: 08S16E23

Size: 30.0 acres

Depth: 40ft (Ave), 108ft (Max)

Access: Steep Unmaintained Trail at lake at falls (11.5 mi. From e. Rosebud lake). Climb the chute just to the right of the falls coming from Martin Lake.

Camp sites: No use. Few rocky campsites. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	13 mi (11.5 on trail)	3300 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	3,000 in 2017; 3,000 in 2012	3,000 in 2023

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
1998	Golden Trout	1	15.4	15.4-15.4
1987	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: The 2015 sample was collected with a 2.5 hour daytime gill net set. In 2015, staff also tried to obtain fish with angling but were unsuccessful in catching any fish in 3 hours.

Angler report from 2013-- caught 8 fish 6-10" in 2 hrs.

Medicine Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 9994 ft

Location: 45.11894, -109.76876 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 33

Section: 08S16E20

Size: 30.3 acres

Depth: 38ft (Ave), 42ft (Max)

Access: Up the well Traveled Trail from east Rosebud Lake to twin outlets lake then northwest to medicine lake.

Camp sites: Few campsites. Little use. No firewood. Limited trees for bear hangs.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	15.5 mi (14.5 on trail)	3860 up, 160 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	6,400 in 1955	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3,030 in 2013; 3,030 in 2003	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	6	18.9	16.3-20.7
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10	18.8	16.3-20.9

Comments: Medicine Lake was changed from an 8 year cycle to 10 years to allow extra rest between plants. The 2012 FWP survey caught 10 YCT in 14 hr. net set. Fat and healthy.

Oly Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 9761 ft

Location: 45.11009, -109.77667 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 28

Section: 08S16E20

Size: 2.5 acres

Depth: 5ft (Ave), 18ft (Max)

Access: Headwaters of east Rosebud Creek downstream from Cairn Lake.

Camp sites: A couple of nice places to camp. No fires allowed.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	15.5 mi (15.25 on trail)	3600 up, 160 down

Species Present		Abundance	Status	
Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	No Fish Caught	0		
2012	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: EBT from Cairn Lake could eventually invade Oly Lake. Lots of large fairy shrimp present. No fish caught in FWP surveys 1994,2007,2012, 2017. YCT are in pond just below the lake

Phantom Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 9394 ft

Location: 45.19538, -109.72753 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 47

Section: 07S16E26

Size: 19.5 acres

Depth: 21ft (Ave), 56ft (Max)

Access: 5.5 miles of Good Trail from east Rosebud Lake, then unimproved for .5 till lost in rocks. Stay near cliffs. Go through saddle test refind trail.

Camp sites: Excellent camping and firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Phantom Creek #7	6 mi (5 on trail)	3300 up, 100 down

Species Present		Abundance	Status	
Stocking Data		Historic	Planned	
Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
Yellowstone Cutthroat		Common	Self-Sustained	
Arctic Grayling		50,000 in 1955		
Cutthroat Trout		56,672 in 1949		
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	17	11.5	7.3-13.6
1997	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3	10.5	7.2-13.9

Comments: Tough climb to the lake. No change in management planned. Beautiful place. Tough to fish shoreline because of cliffs. Don cuthill 7/13/92, 14-15" CT's in good shape. Not as many as in froze to death. Lots of fish 4-13" seen cruising in '97. 2012 FWP survey 14.5 hr net set caught 17 YCT.

Rainbow Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 7797 ft

Location: 45.13612, -109.6909 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 8

Section: 08S16E13

Size: 58.0 acres

Depth: 76ft (Ave), 180ft (Max)

Access: Leave east Rosebud Lake on Trail #15. You'll pass elk lake and rimrock lake on the way to rainbow lake.

Camp sites: The many campsites are overused and firewood is picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	8 mi (8 on trail)	1600 up, 200 down

Species Present		Abundance	Status	
Stocking Data		Historic	Planned	
Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
Rainbow Trout		Rare	Self-Sustained	
Rainbow Trout X Golden Trout		Common	Self-Sustained	
Yellowstone Cutthroat		Unknown	Unknown	
Rainbow Trout		3,500 in 1949		
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Rainbow	21	11.8	7.6-15.9
1998	Rainbow Trout	1	7.5	7.5-7.5
1998	Rainbow X Golden Trout	1	9.3	9.3-9.3

Comments: Golden trout planted in Lake at falls in 1955 drifted into Rainbow lake. Now there are colorful GTXYCTXRB hybrids in Rainbow lake providing a good self-sustaining fishery.

Rimrock Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 7603 ft

Location: 45.14494, -109.68671 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 7

Section: 08S17E7

Size: 33.6 acres

Depth: 10ft (Ave), 25ft (Max)

Access: East Rosebud Trail #15. Rimrock is the Second Lake encountered on the main trail. The valley is narrow and steep here.

Camp sites: No firewood. No good places to legally camp.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Alpine (east Rosebud)	6 mi (6 on trail)	1300 up, 50 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Rainbow Trout Hybrid	Common	Self-Sustained

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Rainbow Trout	6,816 in 1948	

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2015	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Rainbow	21	10.3	6.3-15.7
2007	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Rainbow	13	10.1	7.6-12.5

Comments: Rimrock has colorful GTXRBXYCT hybrids. In 2015 the FWP mountain lakes crew observed an otter in the lake.

Scat Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 9335 ft

Location: 45.11083, -109.71278 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 14

Section: 08S16E23

Size: 7.0 acres

Depth: 17ft (Ave), 45ft (Max)

Access: Steep climb at lake at falls (11.5 mi. From e. Rosebud lake). Climb the chute just to the right of the falls. Stay on the west side of Martin Lake.

Camp sites: Questionable camping near the lake. Plenty of firewood.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Alpine (east Rosebud)	13.5 mi (11.5 on trail)	3350 up, 200 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Golden Trout	Common	Stocked

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Golden Trout	700 in 2017; 700 in 2012	700 in 2023

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
1998	No Fish Caught	0		
1990	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: '82 plant was in little Scat Lake. Plant was also intended to create a GT fishery in Scat Lake test Martin Lake downstream. Excellent habitat for golden trout. Great outlet spawning site.

Shallow gillnet set for 1.5 hours in '87 caught no fish. Gill net set for 4.5 hours in '90, 18 hours in '98. One 12"er was possibly seen in the outlet stream in '98. Net set for 19 hours in '03.

Survey with martin and I. Scat.

Shadow Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 8521 ft

Location: 45.19658, -109.67278 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 44

Section: 07S17E19

Size: 8.4 acres

Depth: 7ft (Ave), 19ft (Max)

Access: Accessible via a very steep Intermittent Trail west of east Rosebud Lake or by hiking x-country from Armstrong Creek.

Camp sites: There is plenty of firewood and a few good places to camp.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Armstrong Creek	2.5 mi (0 on trail)	2240 up, 0 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	360 in 1997	

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2019	Brook Trout	17	8.7	7.8-9.8
2014	Brook Trout	20	8.0	7.0-8.9

Comments: There is very little use at this lake.

The 2019 sample was obtained using hook and line sampling. Brook trout didn't seem as abundant as past samples

Slough Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 7642 ft

Location: 45.20532, -109.68371 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 46

Section: 07S17E19

Size: 5.8 acres

Depth: 3ft (Ave), 6ft (Max)

Access: Slough Lake is a wide spot in Armstrong Creek, a tributary to east rosebud creek. 2 miles of Good Trail from e rosebud lake. Thru '96 burn.

Camp sites: A few places to camp. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Phantom Creek	2 mi (2 on trail)	1350 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	16,326 in 1936	
Rainbow Trout	229 in 1931	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	7.8	5.6-9.5
1997	Brook Trout	5	9.4	7.9-10.9

Comments: Lake is a wide spot in Armstrong Creek and almost too shallow to set gill nets. '97 fish were fat. 2012 FWP Angled 1.5 hrs caught 15 EB.

Snow Lake, Lower

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 9243 ft

Location: 45.15328, -109.64049 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 4

Section: 08S17E4

Size: 8.0 acres

Depth: 18ft (Ave), 53ft (Max)

Access: 2.5 miles up east Rosebud Trail then x-country 2 miles up Snow Creek on the north (east) side. A tough steep hike a?? emphasis on tough!

Camp sites: Good campsites with plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	5 mi (3 on trail)	3000 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Rainbow Trout	1,076 in 1993; 2,500 in 1989	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Rainbow Trout	5	7.9	6.9-9.2
2000	Rainbow Trout	3	12.7	6.4-17.5

Comments: Very little sign of use, likely because of the difficult access. At the time of the survey there were many birds nesting near the shore.

Low abundance of rainbow trout at the time of the survey in 2014. Crews did not observe any fish rising or swimming near shore.

Snow Lake, Upper

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 9351 ft

Location: 45.14937, -109.63885 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 5

Section: 08S17E9

Size: 10.4 acres

Depth: 6ft (Ave), 25ft (Max)

Access: 2.5 miles up east Rosebud Trail then x-country 2.5 miles up Snow Creek. Same as Lower Snow Lake, very tough steep hike.

Camp sites: Good campsites near the lake.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	5.5 mi (2.5 on trail)	3100 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Rare	Stocked

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Rainbow Trout	2	13.1	12.1-14.1
2000	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: There was very little sign of use, likely because of the difficult access. Rainbow trout were present in low numbers during the 2014 survey.

Sylvan Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 9184 ft

Location: 45.18868, -109.58802 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 2

Section: 07S17E26

Size: 18.5 acres

Depth: 16ft (Ave), 40ft (Max)

Access: ~6 miles Of Trail from east Rosebud Lake (trailhead is east of east Rosebud Lake).

Camp sites: Excellent camping and fuel 1/4 mile below Lake.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Sylvan Lake #13	6.5 mi (6.5 on trail)	3174 up, 240 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Golden Trout	29	9.5	7.4-11.7
2008	Golden Trout	20	9.2	6.0-12.0

Comments: This is our golden trout brood lake where eggs have been taken through the years for planting other waters. Even so, this thriving population could stand some fish harvest. The 2017 sample was obtained during the egg take. eggs taken in 2005,06,07,08,09,11,12, and 17

Turgulse Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 10198 ft

Location: 45.17358, -109.76451 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 49

Section: 07S16E33

Size: 82.9 acres

Depth: 80ft (Max)

Access: 7 miles up Phantom Creek Trail near east Rosebud Lake. Then 3 miles x-country upstream from phantom lake.

Camp sites: There are places to camp but no firewood. Stay at phantom if you want fire / shelter

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Phantom Creek	10 mi (7 on trail)	4100 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10,000 in 1978	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13	13.2	10.9-15.4
2003	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	13.7	13.0-14.3

Comments: Fish congregate near outlet. Spawning substrate appears marginal but the fish are obviously reproducing very well. '92 - many fish seen cruising and rising 6-16". Fish were in good shape and of different age groups. Friends of a. Lundberg 7/94 caught tons of fish of all sizes. 8 fish angled '03 13.0-14.3 ave. 13.7". 2012 FWP survey 5 hr net set caught 24 YCT.

Twin Outlet Lake

Drainage: East Rosebud

Elevation: 9197 ft

Location: 45.11407, -109.7516 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 23

Section: 08S16E21

Size: 29.5 acres

Depth: 50ft (Max)

Access: Approximately 14 miles from the trailhead at east Rosebud Lake on Trail #15. It is on the main trail.

Camp sites: Nice camping spots. Plenty of firewood. No fires above here.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Alpine (east Rosebud)	14 mi (14 on trail)	3100 up, 160 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	10.4	6.0-14.4
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	10.6	7.9-14.5

Comments: YCT result from drift from Dewey Lake upstream. 2017 sample was angled, fishing was better in the outlet ponds

Rock Creek Drainage

Basin Creek Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 8994 ft

Location: 45.14536, -109.42862 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 42

Section: 08S19E7

Size: 6.7 acres

Depth: 3ft (Ave), 6ft (Max)

Access: 4 miles of excellent trail up Basin Creek. 2,100' climb.

Camp sites: Decent camping. Lots of firewood.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Basin Creek	4 mi (4 on trail)	2138 up, 0 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Brook Trout	1,560 in 1938	
Cutthroat Trout	3,000 in 1958; 3,325 in 1953	

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2015	Brook Trout	20	9.5	7.4-11.3
2006	Brook Trout	40	8.3	4.8-11.0

Comments: Lake receives fairly heavy use. It is very shallow but may be deeper than the 5.5 ft shown in our records, 8 ft more probable. Outside the A-B Wilderness.

The 2015 gill net set was a 4 hour daytime set. Eleven of the twenty fish 2015 sample was obtained by 1.5 hours of angling. The shallow shoreline required long casts.

Basin Creek Lake, Lower

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 8387 ft

Location: 45.15042, -109.41193 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 41

Section: 08S19E8

Size: 2.5 acres

Depth: 7ft (Ave), 21ft (Max)

Access: 2 1/2 miles of well maintained somewhat steep trail.

Camp sites: Few campsites, some firewood.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Basin Creek	2.5 mi (2.5 on trail)	1550 up, 0 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Brook Trout	Rare	Self-Sustained

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Arctic Grayling	260 in 1997; 200 in 1985	
Brook Trout	1,040 in 1938	

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2015	No Fish Caught	0		
1995	Brook Trout	2	14.2	13.8-14.5

Comments: Brook Trout occupy the lake when they move downstream from Upper Basin Lake. Winterkill is common. Lily pads and mosquitoes surround the lake.

The 2015 survey was a 6 hr day time set. No fish were observed. Spawning habitat is good in inlet and fair in outlet.

Black Canyon Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9397 ft

Location: 45.06954, -109.53304 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 33

Section: 09S18E5

Size: 82.4 acres

Depth: 68ft (Ave), 185ft (Max)

Access: 9 miles up the lake fork of Rock Creek. Trail is maintained for 8 miles then up west side of valley.

Camp sites: Campsites are best below the lake. No fires allowed.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lake Fork Rock Creek	9 mi (8 on trail)	2200 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	3,080 in 1941	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	7,400 in 2019; 8,000 in 2013	8,240 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	17	13.8	12.4-14.8
2010	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	28	10.9	6.5-16.4

Comments: Lake gets a fair amount of use so stocking every 6 years. 2017 FWP sampled 17 YCT in a short day set. Lots of ice still floating in the lake at time of sample. Fish were in pretty good shape for right after ice out.

Bowback Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10594 ft

Location: 45.12218, -109.59998 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 65

Section: 08S17E23

Size: 6.4 acres

Depth: 16ft (Ave), 40ft (Max)

Access: 7 miles up w fork Rock Creek on Trail #1. 1/4 mile short of Sundance pass climb / scramble up through one of two chutes to the west. Ship creek basin.

Camp sites: Above timberline. Little camping. No firewood. Camp below.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Fork Rock Creek	8.5 mi (6.5 on trail)	2700 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	320 in 2020; 320 in 2012	320 in 2028

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	30	10.7	7.7-16.3
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	26	12.4	10.4-14.8

Comments: 2016 FWP sample was a 16.5 hr net set. Lots of YCT in good shape. Angler reported several larger YCT near inlet. Maybe there has been some limited reproduction.

Broadwater Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 8020 ft

Location: 45.08175, -109.47997 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: None

Section: 08S18E35

Size: 1.0 acres

Depth: 3ft (Max)

Access: The lake is a wide spot in the lake fork Rock Creek. 3 miles of Good Trail

Camp sites: None, Lost Lake closest

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lake Fork Rock	3 mi (3 on trail)	800 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Comments: Since this lake is part of a stream no special fisheries management is proposed.

Too shallow to set net. 89 creel cards - 10 eb <12", 2rb? 8-12" range, 1ct? 12-16" range. Angle this next time in area.

Crescent Lake (Hellroaring Lake 8)

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10011 ft

Location: 45.04292, -109.48302 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 24

Section: 9S18E14

Size: 10.38 acres

Depth: 18ft (Ave), 42ft (Max)

Access: Hike up Hellroaring Creek from Jeep Trail #3004. Easy hike.

Camp sites: Rocky campsites. Firewood available.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Hellroaring Plateau	2 mi (1 on trail)	640 up, 380 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Brook Trout	1,000 in 1941	

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2011	Brook Trout	6	8.6	8.2-9.1
2004	Brook Trout	8	8.8	8.2-9.3

Comments: Hellroaring Lake #6 (the small lake 70 yards south of Crescent Lake) had 2 Yellowstone cutthroat sampled in it during a 2014 survey.

Daly Lake (Hellroaring Lake 11)

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9774 ft

Location: 45.04528, -109.46796 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 27

Section: 9S18E14

Size: 6.72 acres

Depth: 16ft (Ave), 40ft (Max)

Access: Forest road #3004 to hellroaring plateau. Travel NW down a steep grassy slope from the trailhead then hike up Hellroaring Creek.

Camp sites: Fair camping with firewood plentiful. Consider camping at Hellroaring Lake #9

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Hellroaring Plateau	2 mi (1 on trail)	290 up, 380 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Unknown

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2014	Brook Trout	49	9.1	6.3-10.2
2014	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3	12.6	12.0-13.3
2004	Brook Trout	8	8.3	6.6-9.2

Comments: Brook trout are in good condition.
In 2014, 35 of the 51 fish sample were obtained by angling for 7.5 hours.

Dude Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10198 ft

Location: 45.13639, -109.58455 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 67

Section: 08S17E13

Size: 12.2 acres

Depth: 32ft (Ave), 20ft (Max)

Access: 6 miles From Trailhead on west fork of Rock Creek. Go up left side of outlet stream. Good path most of way south of creek.

Camp sites: Above timberline. Poor, rocky campsites, scarce firewood.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
West Fork Rock Creek	6 mi (5 on trail)	2300 up, 0 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Brook Trout	2,600 in 1938; 25,000 in 1931	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,440 in 2015; 2,440 in 2007	1,220 in 2023

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	17	11.7	9.2-15.8
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	18	14.0	9.3-16.3

Comments: Stocked every 8 years. YCT have moved from here down to Senal Lake where they are doing well. 2021 FWP surveyed with netting and angling YCT were a little on the thin side.

Elk Horn Lake (Wapiti, Hellroaring Lake #5)

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10116 ft

Location: 45.04229, -109.48897 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 21

Section: 9S18E15

Size: 2.39 acres

Depth: 4ft (Ave), 7ft (Max)

Access: Easy hike from the hellroaring plateau jeep road #3004.

Camp sites: Firewood and flat spots are limited. Camp below.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Hellroaring Plateau	2 mi (1 on trail)	650 up, 400 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Brook Trout	23	10.1	7.3-12.2
2014	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2	11.0	9.9-12.0
2000	Brook Trout	25	10.4	7.0-13.6
2000	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	4	9.3	6.9-11.3

Comments: The brook trout were in good condition. The lake is shallow and rocky.

Mostly brook trout but some Yellowstone cutthroat move downstream from Hairpin into this Lake.

Emerald Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9764 ft

Location: 44.99722, -109.5263 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 8

Section:

Size: 38.71 acres

Depth: 150ft (Max)

Access: Headwaters of Rock Creek just over the state line. Hike 2 miles to Glacier Lake, over the dam, and head SW 1 mile.

Camp sites: Fuel and camping near the lake.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Glacier Lake	3 mi (3 on trail)	1200 up, 150 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Rare	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Comments: Emerald was allowed to go barren prior to the '87 plant to rebuild food base. Food is limited during winter. No real spawning sites. This lake is in Wyoming!! Check with Cody before sampling! Stocking suspended for now. (not sampling in the future).

Need to check plankton density as well as fish condition. ct'81 16, ave 10.0", 9.0-12.0". 7/17/91 1/3 Of Lake was still ice covered. ct'91 33, ave 9.7", 7.0-11.0". EB'91 2, ave 12.5", 11.5-13.6". 1995 plant canceled. Reproduction is occurring.

'99 fish were thin. Saw 30-40 others. Wyoming will hold off stocking.

First Rock Lake (First Rock Creek Lake)

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 8994 ft

Location: 45.08608, -109.5483 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 35

Section: 8S18E31

Size: 19.27 acres

Depth: 11ft (Ave), 36ft (Max)

Access: 8 miles By Trail up the lake fork of Rock Creek past Keyser Brown Lake. Paths from Keyser Brown on N. Side of creek - some deadend at creek.

Camp sites: A few places to camp - sort of wet. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lake Fork Rock Creek	8 mi (7 on trail)	1800 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	20,000 in 1931	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Brook Trout	1	5.8	5.8-5.8
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	19	9.7	7.7-11.3
2010	Brook Trout	7		
2010	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	17	9.0	7.2-10.8

Comments: Many people refer to First Rock Lake as Second Rock Lake and Keyser Brown as First Rock Lake. FWP sample in 2017 caught 9 YCT angling and 10 YCT, 1 EBT in a 2 HR net set. Cruising YCT were easy to catch

Glacier Lake (Emerald Lake)

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9706 ft

Location: 45.00783, -109.54054 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 9

Section: 09S18E32

Size: 176.0 acres

Depth: 220ft (Max)

Access: Headwaters of Rock Creek. 2 miles of steep, Excellent Trail. Glacier Lake trailhead.

Camp sites: Fair camping - not too many level flat places. Heavily used. Best camping near inlet

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Glacier Lake	2 mi (2 on trail)	1150 up, 150 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	2,100 in 1940; 11,400 in 1937	
Cutthroat Trout	7,600 in 1953	
Rainbow Trout	603 in 2013; 622 in 1999	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	22,000 in 2021; 10,000 in 2019	22,000 in 2025; 22,000 in 2028

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Brook Trout	18	12.1	7.7-15.7
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	21	10.9	6.5-17.3
2020	Brook Trout	8	12.9	3.8-16.1

Comments: Relatively easy access. YCT are stocked every three years while EB are self sustaining. Best camping is near inlet from Triangle lake but it is tough to get to. The South end of the dam and adjacent shoreline is in Wyoming.

Greenough Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 7337 ft

Location: 45.05162, -109.41705 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 3

Section: 09S19E8

Size: 0.8 acres

Depth: 4ft (Ave), 10ft (Max)

Access: 1/4 mile from greenough campground located 15 miles south of red lodge.

Camp sites: Camping available at USFS campground 1/4 mile north.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Greenough Lake	.25 mi (.25 on trail)	0 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Chub	Unknown	Unknown
Rainbow Trout	Abundant	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	2,000 in 1934; 2,800 in 1933	
Rainbow Trout	1,500 in 2022; 6,042 in 2021	6,000 in 2023; 6,000 in 2024

Comments: Catchable size arlee rainbow planted four times a year prior to holidays from June to September. Some fishermen bothered by chubs.

Hairpin Lake (Hellroaring Lake #2)

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10194 ft

Location: 45.04595, -109.49941 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 18

Section: 9S18E15

Size: 35.61 acres

Depth: 65ft (Max)

Access: Relatively easy access from Jeep Trail by walking cross country across the hellroaring plateau.

Camp sites: A few camp spots are available, mostly rocky. Little to no firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Hellroaring Plateau	3.5 mi (2.5 on trail)	600 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,650 in 2022; 1,645 in 2014	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	12	13.4	9.6-14.7
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2	13.5	13.1-13.9

Comments: Yellowstone Cutthroat reproduce and are present in the outlet streams and ponds. An overnight net set in 2021 caught 12 Yellowstone Cutthroat.

Hellroaring Lake 4

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10175 ft

Location: 45.04261, -109.49362 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 20

Section: 9S18E15

Size: 1.85 acres

Depth: 2ft (Ave), 6ft (Max)

Access: Hike up Hellroaring Creek from the Jeep Trail #3004. ~4 mile hike.

Camp sites: Few flat spots. Firewood is scarce. Camp below in drainage.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Hellroaring Plateau	3.5 mi (2.5 on trail)	600 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	19	8.5	4.5-12.7
2000	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	49	8.8	4.5-15.3

Comments: Shallow rocky lake that likely has fish moving into it from Haripin Lake. Fish in this lake can likely overwinter because of the amount of flow in the creek.

The 2014 sample was obtained with 5 hours of angling.

Hellroaring Lake 9

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9738 ft

Location: 45.04267, -109.47427 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 25

Section: 9S18E14

Size: 6.55 acres

Depth: 12ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: Hike up Hellroaring Creek from the Jeep Trail #3004. 2 miles down a steep grassy slope from the trailhead (NW).

Camp sites: Plenty of firewood. Some hard used campsites.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Hellroaring Plateau	2 mi (1 on trail)	300 up, 400 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	34,300 in 1933; 25,000 in 1931	
Cutthroat Trout	20,000 in 1932	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2011	Brook Trout	11	7.6	4.4-9.1
2011	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1	8.4	8.4-8.4
2004	Brook Trout	7	7.8	7.1-9.5
2004	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	8.2	7.2-9.5

Comments: Popular lake in the hellroaring lake chain. These cutthroat may be the remnants of an original stocking in 1901-05 by prospector melvin martin.

'90 gill net set for 24.5 hours. Fish were stunted. 1971 27 eb 6.9-8.8" ave 7.9". 1990 17 eb 6.1-9.7" ave 7.7", 7 CT 7.4-10.1" ave 8.3". 2000 fish were very thin and small but apparently healthy.

The brookies here should be harvested to help out the long surviving cutts.

Keyser Brown Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 8794 ft

Location: 45.08831, -109.53121 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 34

Section: 08S18E32

Size: 9.5 acres

Depth: 4ft (Ave), 8ft (Max)

Access: Located on the lake fork of Rock Creek 7 miles from the trailhead. About 6 miles up Trail #1 to marked fork, then Trail #2 (left) for 1 mile.

Camp sites: Campsites are plentiful but due to the amount of use firewood is picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lake Fork Rock Creek	7 mi (7 on trail)	1700 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	11,000 in 1933	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Brook Trout	18	8.6	7.2-10.0
2014	Rainbow Trout	1	10.2	10.2-10.2
2005	Brook Trout	10	7.6	6.5-9.0
2005	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	9	8.4	7.0-10.0

Comments: This is a popular location that receives a fair amount of use. The fish were skittish which made angling a bit more challenging. The 2014 sample was obtained with 4 hours of angling.

Kookoo Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10394 ft

Location: 45.12216, -109.58758 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 58

Section: 08S17E23

Size: 6.1 acres

Depth: 10ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: Northwest of shadow and Sundance Lakes up the west fork of Rock Creek. Head north from the Sundance bridge up one of two chutes to plateau.

Camp sites: Camping possible, but rocky. Better below. No firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Fork Rock Creek	7.5 mi (6.5 on trail)	2340 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	610 in 2018; 610 in 2010	610 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	8.9	6.1-13.1
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	21	12.8	8.0-16.0

Comments: YCT dont grow as well here as they do in the lakes above. 2016 sample saw fair numbers of average size YCT. At least 2 age classes indicate some reproduction.

Lake Gertrude

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9594 ft

Location: 45.13948, -109.49626 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 48

Section: 8S18E10

Size: 6.48 acres

Depth: 5ft (Ave), 11ft (Max)

Access: 4 mile rigorous climb Up Trail #12 along Timberline Creek from the West Fork of Rock Creek. Trail #8 to Silver Run Lakes splits left 2/3 up.

Camp sites: Some places to camp. Firewood plentiful.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Timberline	4 mi (4 on trail)	2000 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	11,200 in 1934; 10,000 in 1933	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	13	8.2	6.7-9.1
2005	Brook Trout	71	8.0	6.0-10.0

Comments: The Cascade Fire burned almost to the lake. The gill net set in 2015 was a 3.25 hour daytime set.

Lake Mary

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10007 ft

Location: 45.15183, -109.56441 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 68

Section: 8S18E7

Size: 7.64 acres

Depth: 18ft (Ave), 50ft (Max)

Access: 5 miles of Good Trail from the trailhead on the west fork of Rock Creek to quinnebaugh meadows. Then head north up a good steep trail ~1 mile

Camp sites: Camping near the outlet. Some wood is available

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Fork Rock Creek	6 mi (6 on trail)	2100 up, 50 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	2,600 in 1938; 11,200 in 1934	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Brook Trout	10	11.7	9.3-14.1
1994	Brook Trout	11	10.3	6.3-12.9

Comments: Brook trout are self sustaining and their population varies year to year. In 2021 FWP crew had slow fishing for somewhat larger than average brookies.

Lost Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 8476 ft

Location: 45.08011, -109.50131 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 32

Section: 08S18E34

Size: 11.3 acres

Depth: 8ft (Ave), 25ft (Max)

Access: 5 miles of Maintained Trail Up Lake fork of Rock Creek. Head south before the bridge. Path is marked - '94.

Camp sites: Plenty of campsites but firewood has been picked over

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lake Fork Rock Creek	5 mi (5 on trail)	1320 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Arctic Grayling	Common	Stocked
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	800 in 2018; 1,185 in 1997	
Cutthroat Trout	5,000 in 1965; 4,956 in 1961	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,500 in 1975; 1,003 in 1971	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Arctic Grayling	8	11.9	9.0-16.7
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2	12.2	12.1-12.2
2017	Arctic Grayling	12	14.8	12.5-16.0
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	17.3	14.2-19.3

Comments: Of the multiple grayling lakes sampled this population is one of the best for abundance. Angler use at this lake has increased. 2017 FWP sampled with netting and angling. YCT up to 17 inches, GR up to 15 inches. In 2014, crews observed several larger Yellowstone cutthroat trout (approximately 16-18 inches) swimming near shore.

Marker Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10936 ft

Location: 45.11396, -109.60361 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 62

Section: 08S17E23

Size: 13.6268 acres

Depth: 46ft (Ave), 115ft (Max)

Access: 2 miles from Maintained Trail at Sundance Lake. Head NW from Sundance bridge. Tough climb, worth it.

Camp sites: Above timberline. Poor camping, no firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Fork Rock Creek	9 mi (6.5 on trail)	3007 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	3,600 in 1950	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3,100 in 2018; 3,100 in 2010	3,100 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	36	10.7	9.3-14.0
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	25	17.7	15.6-20.5

Comments: This is the highest elevation fishery in the Beartooths. It is known for good catch rates of nice sized YCT. 2016 FWP sample caught somewhat smaller YCT that were kind of skinny. Perhaps high stock rate has caught up to this lake, will lower stock numbers

Moon Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10375 ft

Location: 45.03797, -109.53536 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 15

Section: 09S18E17

Size: 82.2 acres

Depth: 45ft (Ave), 115ft (Max)

Access: 4 miles of hiking from the end of the Glacier Lake (rock Creek) road. Break off Glacier Trail at the bridge.

Camp sites: Many places to camp but no firewood or shelter. It can be very windy. Best to camp near the stream below.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Glacier Lake	4 mi (4 on trail)	1680 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	1,040 in 1938	
Cutthroat Trout	26,400 in 1955; 4,700 in 1953	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8,220 in 2020; 7,800 in 2017	8,220 in 2023; 8,220 in 2026

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	35	12.0	6.9-19.9
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	34	14.0	6.9-16.0

Comments: 2019 sample was obtained with netting and angling. Large YCT were observed cruising shorelines but they were picky and hard to catch.
Moon Lake is stocked every 3 years.

Mountain Goat Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10039 ft

Location: 45.01999, -109.55663 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 11

Section: 9S18E30

Size: 8.78 acres

Depth: 60ft (Max)

Access: Headwaters of Rock Creek. 2 miles of Steep Trail to Glacier Lake and 1 mile cross country (NW).

Camp sites: Firewood scarce. Poor campsites near timberline.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Glacier Lake	3.5 mi (2 on trail)	1500 up, 150 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,000 in 2022; 1,525 in 2018	1,000 in 2026

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	28	12.1	9.8-14.7
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13	8.7	7.1-11.3

Comments: Some of these fish move into Mountain Sheep Lake. 2021 sample with netting and angling. Fish looked in great shape.

Ryeberg Lake (Hellroaring 12)

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9512 ft

Location: 45.04328, -109.46234 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 28

Section: 9S18E13

Size: 3.98 acres

Depth: 2ft (Max)

Access: Via Trail up Hellroaring Creek or cross country from jeep Trail #3004.

Camp sites: Some used campsites with plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Hellroaring Plateau	2.5 mi (2 on trail)	700 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Rare	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	27	7.9	4.1-11.1
2004	Brook Trout	8	9.0	6.8-10.5

Comments: This is a shallow rocky lake that is a wide spot in Hellroaring Creek. The fish were easily scared but a well placed cast was usually rewarded with a Yellowstone cutthroat on the line.

No brook trout observed during the 2014 survey.

Second Rock Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9204 ft

Location: 45.08101, -109.56356 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 36

Section: 08S18E31

Size: 25.9 acres

Depth: 21ft (Ave), 50ft (Max)

Access: Lake Fork Trail #1 for 6 miles to Trail #2 to keyser brown lake. Stay north of keyser brown, first rock, And Creek to second rock lake.

Camp sites: Nice meadow near outlet test others. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lake Fork Rock Creek	9 mi (7 on trail)	2100 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	42,000 in 1933	
Cutthroat Trout	4,700 in 1953	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2006	Brook Trout	73	8.4	6.0-12.3
1994	Brook Trout	69	9.3	6.3-13.3

Comments: On 7/26/84 USFS ranger caught 7 eb - max. Size = 12.0". '89 creel cards - 43 eb 8-12", 90 eb 12-16", 1 rb?? 8-12" range. Self-sustaining brookie lake. From lake Fork Trailhead take Trail #1 to Trail #2 which goes to keyser brown lake. From keyser brown follow paths on the north side of the creek to first rock lake, Then cross-country on the north side of the valley to second Rock Lake. MFWP survey 06 lots of fish 6-12.5"

Senal Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10153 ft

Location: 45.13747, -109.58087 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 66

Section: 8S17E13

Size: 3.59 acres

Depth: 10ft (Max)

Access: Near Dude Lake on the west fork of Rock Creek. 5 miles up west fork on Good Trail then a decent path up the south side of the outlet stream.

Camp sites: Above timberline. There are a few small flat spots for a tent. It is best to camp below.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Fork Rock Creek	5 mi (4 on trail)	2277 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Brook Trout	18	11.1	7.2-15.1
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	12	12.4	10.5-17.8
2012	Brook Trout	3	13.0	12.2-13.6
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	4	12.2	11.0-13.7

Comments: Brook Trout stocking pre-dates written records. YCT can come down from Dude Lake. Self sustaining brookies are nice sized. In 2021 FWP surveyed with angling and netting.

September Morn Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9860 ft

Location: 45.09919, -109.54349 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 40

Section: 08S18E29

Size: 11.3 acres

Depth: 30ft (Ave), 75ft (Max)

Access: 8 miles up the lake fork of Rock Creek near Sundance pass on Trail #1.

Camp sites: Several campsites with some available firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lake Fork Rock Creek	8 mi (8 on trail)	2500 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	7,000 in 1933	
Cutthroat Trout	25,000 in 1931	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Brook Trout	33	10.0	6.2-11.8
2006	Brook Trout	18	3.8	2.8-4.5

Comments: Brook trout were abundant and vulnerable to angling. The 2014 sample was obtained by angling for 4 hours.

Shadow Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9604 ft

Location: 45.10152, -109.58507 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 52

Section: 08S17E25

Size: 3.6 acres

Depth: 6ft (Max)

Access: Hike 8 miles up west fork on Trail #1 to Sundance bridge. Stay on right side Of Creek. Trail disappears and reappears. Lake is a creek meander.

Camp sites: Few flat places to camp. Little firewood. Camp in valley below

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Fork Rock Creek	9 mi (9 on trail)	1870 up, 160 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	360 in 2021; 360 in 2015	360 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	4	13.0	11.7-14.3
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	12.8	6.5-14.8

Comments: 2016 FWP survey found fat, healthy fish though not very many. Lake is quite shallow and you can see most of the fish cruising around. Some fish may move into the larger, deeper unnamed lake just below.

Sheep Lake (Mountain Sheep Lake)

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9994 ft

Location: 45.01842, -109.55855 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 12

Section: 9S18E30

Size: 5.44 acres

Depth: 8ft (Ave), 18ft (Max)

Access: Headwaters of Rock Creek. 2 miles of Steep Trail to Glacier Lake. 1 mile cross country (NW) from inlet of Glacier Lake.

Camp sites: Fuel for fires is scarce. Poor camping.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Glacier Lake	3.5 mi (2 on trail)	1400 up, 150 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,620 in 1976; 2,430 in 1969	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	12.8	10.7-18.7
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	16	16.0	13.0-17.8

Comments: Fish move into Mountain Sheep Lake from Mountain Goat Lake and likely cant get back because of falls. FWP sample in 2021 with netting and angling.

Shelf Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10188 ft

Location: 45.02668, -109.52193 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 16

Section: 09S18E21

Size: 51.0 acres

Depth: 27ft (Ave), 55ft (Max)

Access: 3 miles from the end of the Glacier Lake (rock Creek) road. Leave Glacier Lake Trail .25 miles after foot bridge and head north up the ridge on the west side of the creek. There is a trail that is fairly steep and has some downed timber.

Camp sites: There are some places to camp but there is no shelter or firewood. It is best to camp along the stream below.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Glacier Lake	3 mi (3 on trail)	1400 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Brook Trout	32	10.9	8.1-15.7
2013	Brook Trout	15	10.3	6.9-13.2

Comments: This lake usually produces nice fat brookies. The 2019 sample obtained with angling and netting was no exception.

Ship Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10594 ft

Location: 45.11702, -109.59641 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 61

Section: 08S17E23

Size: 28.9 acres

Depth: 22ft (Ave), 55ft (Max)

Access: 1 mile from Maintained Trail at Sundance Lake.

Camp sites: Above timberline. Some rocky places, camp below. No firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Fork Rock Creek	8 mi (6.5 on trail)	2600 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	11,200 in 1934; 6,000 in 1932	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Brook Trout	20	9.0	8.2-9.7
2009	Brook Trout	31	8.3	6.3-9.9

Comments: 2016 sampled with 4.5 hr net set. Decent size EB, some were stunted. Easy to catch. FWP crew angled 8 in 15 min in 2016.

Silt Lake, Lower

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9794 ft

Location: 45.09642, -109.59623 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 54

Section: 08S17E26

Size: 3.2 acres

Depth: 10ft (Max)

Access: 9.5 miles up the trail along the west fork of Rock Creek and 1 mile further up the creek drainage on a good path.

Camp sites: Poor camping. Firewood is away From Lake.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Fork Rock Creek	10.5 mi (10.5 on trail)	2100 up, 160 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	4	9.4	7.4-14.1
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	11.2	8.8-14.4

Comments: 50/acre every 4 years. Water is cold and growing season is short (surrounding mountains block sunlight). Outlet is blocked by talus. Use of the lake indicates a need for continued stocking.

Silt Lake, Upper

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9988 ft

Location: 45.09611, -109.60193 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 55

Section: 08S17E26

Size: 4.4 acres

Depth: 7ft (Max)

Access: About 11 miles up the west fork of Rock Creek, 9.5 on a Maintained Trail, last 1.5 on a path.

Camp sites: Poor camping. Little firewood near the lake.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Fork Rock Creek	11 mi (11 on trail)	2100 up, 160 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	380 in 2020; 380 in 2016	380 in 2024; 380 in 2028

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3	9.1	8.9-9.3
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	9.1	7.7-10.2

Comments: 2016 FWP angled 3 YCT 10-11 inches. Fish were in decent shape. YCT do only o.k. here but use indicates a need for a fishery.

Silver Run Lake 43

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9450 ft

Location: 45.1354, -109.47872 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 43

Section: 8S18E14

Size: 4.02 acres

Depth: 4ft (Max)

Access: Take Trail #12 up Timberline Creek ~2.75 miles then #8 to the left. The lakes are located just under the silver run plateau. There are 5 lakes.

Camp sites: Some camping spots. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Timberline	5 mi (4.5 on trail)	1900 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Rare	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2012	No Fish Caught	0		
1995	Brook Trout	1	10.2	10.2-10.2

Comments: Must be a pretty tough spot for a fish to spend the winter! May be potential for spawning in the outlet.

'95 fish was in average health. No fish found in #45, #46, or #46b. Do fish move here from downstream? 2012 FWP survey No fish caught angling.

Silver Run Lake 44

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9650 ft

Location: 45.13341, -109.48213 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 44

Section: 8S18E14

Size: 1.71 acres

Depth: 4ft (Max)

Access: Take Trail #12 up Timberline Creek ~2.75 miles then #8 to the left. The lakes are located just under the silver run plateau. There are 5 lakes.

Camp sites: Some rocky places to camp. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Timberline	5 mi (4.5 on trail)	1900 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Rare	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2012	No Fish Caught	0		
1995	Brook Trout	5	13.5	10.9-14.9

Comments: Very suprised to see fish here. Seems very strange that these fish are not frozen out every winter. May be spawning potential in inlet, none in outlet.

'95 fish were average to fat. No fish found in #45, #46, or #46b. Do fish move here from downstream? 2012 FWP survey NO fish caught in gill net or angling.

Silver Run Lake 47

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9597 ft

Location: 45.12938, -109.48269 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 47

Section: 8S18E14

Size: 2.81 acres

Depth: 10ft (Max)

Access: Take Trail #12 up Timberline Creek ~2.75 miles then #8 to the left. The lakes are located just under the silver run plateau. There are 5 lakes.

Camp sites: Few campsites. Some firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Timberline	5.5 mi (4.5 on trail)	1900 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2012	Brook Trout	11	10.1	8.7-11.6
2005	Brook Trout	24	10.7	9.5-12.0

Comments: #47 may be the Only Lake here that can overwinter fish. The fish may have come from timberline or gertrude lakes. No planting records. Possible/probable spawning in outlet and inlet.

'89 creel cards - 5 eb 8-12" range. '95 fish were average to very thin. No fish found in #45, #46, or #46b. 2012 FWP survey 5 hr net set caught 11 EB. This is the lake that is best of all in this group of lakes and probably stocks the others.

Sliderock Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10394 ft

Location: 45.03875, -109.51204 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 30

Section: 09S18E16

Size: 81.0 acres

Depth: 107ft (Ave), 245ft (Max)

Access: Hike from Jeep Trail on hellroaring plateau. The lake is at the head of Hellroaring Creek. 4 mile hike.

Camp sites: Above timberline. No real campsites. No firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Hellroaring Plateau	3 mi (2 on trail)	1200 up, 480 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	1,560 in 1938; 13,600 in 1933	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Brook Trout	55	11.9	10.1-13.6
2013	Brook Trout	6	7.3	5.7-9.3

Comments: This is the deepest lake in the beartooths.

In 2013 the low number of fish sampled likely was a result of a poor net set.

Smethurst Lake (Hellroaring Lake #10)

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9594 ft

Location: 45.04149, -109.47052 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 26

Section: 9S18E14

Size: 3.79 acres

Depth: 3ft (Ave), 4ft (Max)

Access: Hike up Hellroaring Creek from the Jeep Trail #3004. NW down a steep grassy slope from the trailhead.

Camp sites: Good campsites. Firewood is available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Hellroaring Plateau	1.5 mi (1 on trail)	280 up, 460 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2011	Brook Trout	1	12.2	12.2-12.2
2011	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	22	8.1	2.2-11.9
2004	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	9.4	7.9-10.3

Comments: Good spawning area. This lake is a shallow wide spot in Hellroaring Creek. Most of shoreline is marshy. Prospector Melvin Martin may have planted these cutts in 1901-05.

In 2014 Yellowstone cutthroat trout were sampled in the small marsh ponds south of Smethurst Lake.

Snowbank Lake (Hellroaring Lake #3)

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10142 ft

Location: 45.03966, -109.49345 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 19

Section: 9S18E15

Size: 7.82 acres

Depth: 15ft (Ave), 40ft (Max)

Access: Easy hike from hellroaring Jeep Trail #3004.

Camp sites: Camping is better at lower lakes. Little firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Hellroaring Plateau	3 mi (2.5 on trail)	480 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Brook Trout	9	9.7	8.9-10.2
2014	Brook Trout	77	9.8	6.5-11.9

Comments: Brook trout were in good condition and abundant. 2019 sample with angling only. Plenty of fish were observed but they were surprisingly picky for brookies.

Sundance Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9601 ft

Location: 45.10929, -109.57762 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 50

Section: 08S17E24

Size: 2.9 acres

Depth: 8ft (Ave), 17ft (Max)

Access: 8 miles up the Maintained Trail along the west fork of Rock Creek to the Sundance bridge, then cross test hike back downstream.

Camp sites: Few places to camp. Firewood scarce. Camp on the hill above.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Fork Rock Creek	9 mi (9 on trail)	1800 up, 250 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	11,200 in 1934; 12,000 in 1933	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	290 in 2020; 290 in 2016	290 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1	14.4	14.4-14.4
2009	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: YCT not doing very well here. FWP nets caught no fish in 2009 and 1 YCT in 2016. The lake is very silty, blue from glacial till.

Timberline Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9794 ft

Location: 45.13599, -109.50477 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 49

Section: 08S18E16

Size: 31.4 acres

Depth: 27ft (Ave), 85ft (Max)

Access: Rigorous climb Up Trail #12 along Timberline Creek. 2/3 up is Trail #8 to the silver Run Lakes. Pass lake gertrude on the way.

Camp sites: Some camping spots and firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Timberline	5 mi (5 on trail)	2100 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	11,200 in 1934; 24,000 in 1933	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Brook Trout	24	8.1	5.3-9.5
2005	Brook Trout	45	7.9	6.5-9.5

Comments: The 2015 sample was obtained by angling for 1.5 hours. In 2015 the fish were brightly colored but some were in poor condition.

Triangle Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10453 ft

Location: 45.11942, -109.59152 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 60

Section: 08S17E23

Size: 6.3 acres

Depth: 18ft (Ave), 35ft (Max)

Access: West fork Rock Creek Trail #1 7 miles almost to Sundance pass. Then west uphill through one of two chutes. Up the outlet stream not recommended.

Camp sites: Above timberline. Best to camp along the w fork of Rock Creek.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Fork Rock Creek	8 mi (6.5 on trail)	2600 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	630 in 2018; 630 in 2010	630 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	14.4	8.7-19.2
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1	20.0	20.0-20.0

Comments: This lake has been known to produce some really large Cutts. 2016 FWP sample caught nice size YCT, not huge. YCT have been found living to 10 years old here.

Triangle Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 9837 ft

Location: 45.0126, -109.55226 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 10

Section: 09S18E30

Size: 7.9 acres

Depth: 11ft (Ave), 35ft (Max)

Access: 2 miles of Steep Trail to Glacier Lake. Triangle drains into the NW end of Glacier Lake. Toughest part of hike is getting around Glacier Lake

Camp sites: Some camp sites and wood. Camping sites are better at Glacier Lake.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Glacier Lake	3 mi (2 on trail)	1170 up, 160 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	790 in 2017; 1,580 in 2009	790 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	30	11.0	9.2-14.4
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	23	12.0	4.7-17.1

Comments: Toughest part of this hike is getting around Glacier Lake. Looks like 2 size classes in 2021, possibly some reproduction.

Unnamed Lake (Half Moon Lake)

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 10391 ft

Location: 45.02819, -109.53651 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: None

Section: 09S18E20

Size: 11.242 acres

Depth: 4ft (Ave), 15ft (Max)

Access: Glacier Lake trailhead. Leave the Glacier Lake trail a bit past the bridge and follow the primitive trail towards Moon Lake. The lake is just before Moon Lake.

Camp sites: There is no camping spots or firewood. The shoreline is all rock and boulder.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Glacier Lake	4 mi (4 on trail)	1670 up, None down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Brook Trout	14	11.2	5.1-12.8

Comments: Shoreline is all rock and boulder. FWP crew angled in 2019, caught brook trout from 5-13 inches. Not sure how they got here but it looks like they are self sustaining and doing well

Wild Bill Lake

Drainage: Rock Creek

Elevation: 6762 ft

Location: 45.15654, -109.36917 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: None

Section: 8S19E3

Size: 2.27 acres

Depth: 8ft (Max)

Access: Approximately 10 miles up the west fork of Rock Creek.

Camp sites:

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
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Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Unknown	Self-Sustained
Rainbow Trout	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	30,000 in 1934	
Rainbow Trout	1,500 in 2022; 6,042 in 2021	6,000 in 2023; 6,000 in 2024

Comments: Lake is stocked four times a year prior to holidays from may to september with catchable sized rainbow. Lake is handicapped accessible.

Slough Creek Drainage

Abundance Lake

Drainage: Slough Creek

Elevation: 8400 ft

Location: 45.08864, -110.01078 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 1

Section: 08S14E32

Size: 17.2 acres

Depth: 37ft (Max)

Access: 4x4 Jeep Trail from daisy pass north of cooke city or hike in by trail from Slough Creek.

Camp sites: There are some small camp spots near the lake and some good spots closer to the parking lot. Plenty of wood is available.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Lake Abundance	.25 mi (.25 on trail)	0 up, 0 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Cutthroat Trout	24,300 in 1947	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,000 in 2020; 1,000 in 2017	1,000 in 2023; 1,000 in 2026

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13	11.0	6.3-16.3
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	23	11.9	6.9-17.5

Comments: Reproduction occurs but harvest exceeds recruitment so the lake is stocked every 3 yrs. Lake receives a fair amount of fishing pressure. In 2021 FWP sampled with overnight net set.

Heather Lake

Drainage: Slough Creek

Elevation: 9371 ft

Location: 45.17481, -110.07202 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 6

Section: 07S13E35

Size: 4.4 acres

Depth: 4ft (Max)

Access: At lake abundance Take Trail #24 down the Stillwater to Trail #34 up Horseshoe Creek past lake of the woods. Cross divide past peace then n up creek.

Camp sites: Many good camping spots. Lots of firewood available.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Lake Abundance	13.5 mi (12.5 on trail)	2800 up, 2000 down
Independence	16.2 mi (15.2 on trail)	3400 ft up, 1000 ft down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	37	10.6	6.7-12.6
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	16	12.3	6.7-15.4

Comments: There is no record of fish stocking in Heather Lake. Yellowstone Cutthroat could be indigenous. FWP sample with netting and angling in 2021. Most fish were caught angling.

Horseshoe Lake

Drainage: Slough Creek

Elevation: 9187 ft

Location: 45.14268, -110.08944 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 2

Section: 08S13E15

Size: 5.0 acres

Depth: 13ft (Max)

Access: 4x4's can drive to independence and drop into Slough Creek, Lake abundance Creek Trail-rock creek-outlet creek.

Camp sites: Firewood is available. Lots of 'junk' Around Lake.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Lake Abundance	14 mi (13.5 on trail)	1940 up, 1162 down
Independence	15 mi (14.5 on trail)	2214 ft up, 2634 ft down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Rare	Stocked

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,000 in 2008; 1,000 in 2000	

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2012	No Fish Caught	0		
1989	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: Lake provides recreation for elk hunters. Much of this area was burned in 1988. '89 net set for 5 hours in the afternoon. 1,300 CT's planted in '76.

Stocked every 8 years. Not very 'pristine'. '88 fire may have hurt fishery. Let this one go till scheduled 1992 plant. 2012 FWP survey 12.5 hr. net set 0 YCT caught or observed.

Peace Lake

Drainage: Slough Creek

Elevation: 8750 ft

Location: 45.16344, -110.0643 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 5

Section: 8S13E1

Size: 2.83 acres

Depth: 4ft (Max)

Access: Trail down the Stillwater River to the Horseshoe Creek trail. Past Lake of the Woods the trail gets faint and a little tough to find.

Camp sites: Firewood available. There are some flat camp sites. Much of this area burned in '88.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Independence	14 mi (14 on trail)	1125 up, 2000 down
Lake Abundance	12.5 mi (12.5 on trail)	2025 ft up, 1700 ft down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	18	9.2	6.9-12.2
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	28	7.8	5.1-10.0

Comments: No stocking record exists. Yellowstone Cutthroat could be indigenous. The lake was down about 18 inches when FWP crew visited in 2021.

Stillwater Drainage

Anvil Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9512 ft

Location: 45.10029, -109.96184 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 36

Section: 08S14E27

Size: 10.1 acres

Depth: 17ft (Ave), 45ft (Max)

Access: Good Trail up the Stillwater to Goose Creek then cross country or hike west from Goose Lake jeep trail 2.5 miles (cross country).

Camp sites: Plenty of firewood and some decent camp sites. About 70% of shoreline burned in 1988.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	3.5 mi (0 on trail)	400 up, 800 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,500 in 2022; 758 in 2014	

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1	16.3	16.3-16.3
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	37	12.9	11.0-15.3

Comments: There were good numbers of fish in the 2017 sample. In 2021 only one YCT was caught in an overnight net set. This led to increase plant numbers to 150/acre in 2022.

Asteroid Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9453 ft

Location: 45.27134, -110.01458 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 80

Section: 06S14E32

Size: 3.2 acres

Depth: 17ft (Ave), 40ft (Max)

Access: Headwaters of Flood Creek drainage. Hike on trails to lake surrender then cross country SE 3 miles. No trail.

Camp sites: Fair firewood. Good camping.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Initial Creek	22 mi (22 on trail)	4000 up, 1200 down
Woodbine	13 mi (7 on trail)	4100 ft up, 0 ft down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Golden Trout	Common	Stocked

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Golden Trout	320 in 2017; 320 in 2012	320 in 2023

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2018	Golden Trout	1	13.9	13.9-13.9
1994	Golden Trout	18	8.4	6.0-12.6

Comments: Intent of plant is to allow GT to move downstream. Good outlet for spawning, nice gravel. Good food base, lots of aquatic invertebrates. Fish planted in '91 were .9" 0's and 4.7" age 1's.

2.5 hour net set in daylight in '01. Water level was low. 1982 plant apparently did not take. Ralph Saunders reported no fish in 1987 and netting in '91 failed to show any survival. Glen Owens 7/99 - no fish. Access is both long and difficult.

The lake plateau can be reached from any of 4 Trailheads, Woodbine, west stillwater, upsidedown and box canyon.

Aufwuchs Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 8951 ft

Location: 45.21631, -110.04652 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 54

Section: 07S13E24

Size: 30.0 acres

Depth: 28ft (Max)

Access: Tough hike off Of Trail #23 on wounded Man Creek. About 15 miles from Woodbine. 3700' up, 300' down.

Camp sites: Decent camping with plenty of firewood. '92 no signs of any use.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Woodbine	15 mi (13 on trail)	3700 up, 300 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	7,020 in 1969	

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	47	11.9	7.4-20.3
1992	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	19	15.3	8.9-20.2

Comments: Tough to get to this lake. FWP sampled in 2016 good fishing for healthy YCT up to 20 inches. Inlet was dry outlet was nearly dry. Reproduction likely occurs in wet years only. K. Latterell and B. Leshner caught 35 YCT 7-18" early July 2010. skinny to avg. weight.

Barrier Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 8394 ft

Location: 45.25064, -110.05274 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 66

Section: 07S13E1

Size: 42.4 acres

Depth: 130ft (Max)

Access: Long hike from any Trailhead. The excellent Initial Creek trail gets you near wounded Man Lake. From this lake it's an arduous 1.5 m climb down.

Camp sites: Tough camping. May be best at the outlet. Lots of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Stillwater	19.5 mi (17 on trail)	3300 up, 1700 down
Box Canyon	17.5 mi (15 on trail)	3100 ft up, 1600 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout X Golden Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Rainbow Trout	32	7.7	5.1-11.7
1997	Rainbow X Golden Trout	10	10.3	8.4-13.5

Comments: Origin of these fish is unknown. FWP sampled with angling in 2019. Fishing was easy for RB 6-12 inches. Low use. Very steep sides/shorelines - rocky.

Beauty Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9358 ft

Location: 45.10583, -109.97032 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 34

Section: 08S14E27

Size: 5.9 acres

Depth: 19ft (Ave), 55ft (Max)

Access: 1 mile north of Goose Creek, a tributary of the Stillwater near Lulu Pass. Hike west from Goose Lake.

Camp sites: Camp spots can be found but some are marshy. There is plenty of wood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	4 mi (0 on trail)	500 up, 1100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,080 in 1968; 1,000 in 1967	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	46	11.0	6.8-13.8
2008	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10	9.6	7.1-12.0

Comments: The FWP crew reported "amazing fishing" for 7-14 inch Yellowstone Cutthroats in 2018. Cutthroat have remained self sustaining here since the 1970's.

Bill Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 8456 ft

Location: 45.29616, -110.00305 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 76

Section: 06S14E20

Size: 10.4 acres

Depth: 12ft (Ave), 28ft (Max)

Access: From Woodbine 5 Trail miles to flood crk. Climb! 4 miles up the crk (no trail). Flood crk drainage is basically impassable. Do not attempt unless you enjoy torture! Use Box Canyon, Upsidedown or West Fork Stillwater trailheads.

Camp sites: There are some flat spots to camp, plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Woodbine	9 mi (5 on trail)	3130 up, 0 down
Box Canyon Trail	22.5 mi (22.5 on trail)	2900 ft up, 1200 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Cutthroat Hybrid	Common	Self-Sustained
Rainbow Trout Hybrid	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Golden X Rainbow X Cutthroat	16	9.2	6.2-15.4
2018	Rainbow Trout	9	10.4	9.4-11.8
1991	Cutthroat X Golden Trout	1	9.8	9.8-9.8
1991	Rainbow X Golden Trout	2	9.4	9.3-9.5

Comments: Access from the lake plateau is long and difficult. MTFWP sampled in 2018 and found good numbers of nice sized fish, most looked like hybrids.

Cataract Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 8781 ft

Location: 45.28013, -109.89649 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 8

Section: 06S15E29

Size: 9.7 acres

Depth: 22ft (Ave), 45ft (Max)

Access: Easy hike from Woodbine to sioux charley. Cross river. Work south through burn ~1 mi to Falls Creek. Steep x-country climb up creek. Stay to left.

Camp sites: Few good campsites but lots of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Woodbine	8 mi (4 on trail)	3800 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Rare	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	485 in 2015; 485 in 2007	485 in 2023

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
1997	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1	17.0	17.0-17.0
1990	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: Trophy fishery is the goal here. Poor spawning grounds. 8-year cycle at 50/acre. Leave as is. Good fishery potential, lots of feed, but no fish left from the '77 plant.

Access is 'very' difficult. Use by fishermen would be very limited. Little sign of use. The outlet of the lake is burned. '97 fish weighed 2.3 lbs. Lots of caddis. '90 gill net set for 5 hours by volunteer crew.

Ralph Saunders 9/5test6/04 - 10 hours each way with 25lb packs. Treacherous - burned downfall with thick regrowth. Jump log to log. Will get worse before better. Weird 14" CT's - blood red, high fat. Survey at some future date.

Chrome Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 8535 ft

Location: 45.3508, -109.79643 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 1

Section: 05S16E31

Size: 3.6 acres

Depth: 4ft (Ave), 17ft (Max)

Access: Reached via the benbow mine road. The lake is outside the absaroka-beartooth wilderness. Marginal for 2 wheel drives. Advisable to walk down.

Camp sites: Plenty of firewood and some campsites on south side Of Lake.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Benbow Mine Road	0 mi (0 on trail)	0 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Arctic Grayling	Common	Stocked
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	360 in 2020; 360 in 2012	360 in 2025
Brook Trout	8,000 in 1943	
Cutthroat Trout	15,000 in 1932	
Rainbow Trout	3,570 in 1949	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	455 in 2021; 360 in 2019	360 in 2023; 360 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	11.2	10.0-13.0
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	9	10.3	8.5-11.5

Comments: Relatively easy access via Benbow Road. Large shrimp (1") and many leeches present. No GR caught in last two samples. In 2008 both species seemed to be doing well. Will continue stocking both species.

Cimmerian Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 8594 ft

Location: 45.29573, -110.02713 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 85

Section: 06S14E19

Size: 18.8 acres

Depth: 13ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: Located on Flood Creek which is near impassable avoid!. Best access is from the lake plateau down Flood Creek.

Camp sites: Some campsites and plenty of firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon	19.5 mi (19.5 on trail)	3100 up, 1200 down
Initial Creek	21.5 mi (21.5 on trail)	3300 ft up, 1200 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Rainbow Trout X Golden Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Golden X Rainbow X Cutthroat	14	10.8	5.5-16.7
1986	Rainbow Trout	2	14.7	11.0-18.4
1986	Rainbow X Golden Trout	4	10.6	7.5-17.0

Comments: A good fishery with a lot of colorful hybrids. Fish also occupy the creek. In 2018 the FWP crew sampled with angling and found nice sized fish that fought hard.

Courthouse Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9935 ft

Location: 45.12654, -109.95526 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 21

Section: 08S14E23

Size: 18.8 acres

Depth: 58ft (Ave), 205ft (Max)

Access: Can reach via Goose Lake Jeep Trail. Hike west from Goose Lake. Just below courthouse mountain.

Camp sites: Few campsites. Scarce firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	6 mi (0 on trail)	1600 up, 1000 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,880 in 2019; 1,880 in 2011	1,880 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	5	17.1	15.5-18.1
2010	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	6	20.0	19.1-20.7

Comments: 2017 FWP sample caught 5 YCT in overnight set, no fish caught angling. Densities seem low. This lake has grown some really nice size YCT in the past.
Orange plankton D. Shoshone present.

Diaphanous Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9611 ft

Location: 45.28416, -110.08671 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 73

Section: 6S13E27

Size: 8.68 acres

Depth: 25ft (Max)

Access: Several trails From Lake plateau serve the lake.

Camp sites: Excellent camping but firewood is somewhat picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Fork of Stillwater	16 mi (16 on trail)	3100 up, 0 down
Upsidedown Trail	15.5 mi (15.5 on trail)	3780 ft up, 700 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Unknown	Unknown

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	850 in 2022	850 in 2026
Rainbow Trout	1,608 in 1980	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	No Fish Caught	0		
1993	Rainbow Trout	7	13.5	11.8-15.1

Comments: MTFWP netted in 2018 and found no fish. Five days of netting in '03 produced no fish for a whirling disease study. These fish appear to have died out.

Dreary Lake

Drainage: Stillwater
Elevation: 9194 ft
Location: 45.27861, -110.06228 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 88
Section: 06S13E25
Size: 15.5 acres
Depth: 5ft (Ave), 12ft (Max)

Access: Access best from the lake plateau. The lake is in the Flood Creek drainage. 4 ways in - initial Creek/Woodbine/upsidedown Trail/box canyon. (upsidedown or box canyon are best).

Camp sites: There are some camping spots. There is plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Initial Creek	20 mi (20 on trail)	3100 up, 700 down
Box Canyon Trail	19 mi (19 on trail)	3540 ft up, 1900 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout X Golden Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	No Fish Caught	0		
2018	Rainbow Trout	16	10.7	7.1-15.6
1994	Rainbow Trout	16	8.5	6.4-12.9
1994	Rainbow X Golden Trout	2	7.2	6.8-7.5

Comments: Most fish look like Rainbows, some have Golden Trout characteristics. MTFWP crew netted the lake in 2018.

Dryad Lake

Drainage: Stillwater
Elevation: 9194 ft
Location: 45.28501, -110.02473 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 84
Section: 06S14E30
Size: 5.1 acres
Depth: 12ft (Ave), 45ft (Max)

Access: Access difficult. Headwaters of Flood Creek. Hike on trails to lake surrender then x-country southeast 1.5 miles.

Camp sites: Only a few flat spots (near inlet). Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Woodbine	12 mi (6 on trail)	4050 up, 0 down
Box Canyon Trail	22 mi (20 on trail)	3500 ft up, 1100 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	510 in 2017; 510 in 2012	510 in 2023

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Golden Trout	16	13.7	9.1-18.9
1994	Cutthroat X Golden Trout	15	9.8	6.2-15.0
1994	Rainbow X Golden Trout	1	15.5	15.5-15.5

Comments: 1440 gt's planted in '82, 765 in '91. The '91 plants were age 0 and 1 fish. '01 net set for 19.5 hours. Long hike from anywhere. Glen Owens 7/99 found no goldens.

Replant when possible. Decent food base, some shrimp and lots of aquatic insects. Nice Lake. No spawning potential in the outlet - all large rocks 1 foot or better in diameter. Deep inlet stream has decent potential. It is sandy with some gravel. '94 fish in good general health. Stomachs full of shrimp.

Favonius Lake

Drainage: Stillwater
Elevation: 9505 ft
Location: 45.21864, -110.09625 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 56
Section: 07S13E15
Size: 25.5 acres
Depth: 5ft (Ave), 15ft (Max)

Access: Trail #27 up e. Fork of the boulder Past Lake kathleen and up Rainbow Creek. Take the right fork, cross the creek to columbine pass then down.

Camp sites: Lots of campsites and firewood is available

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon	12.3 mi (12.3 on trail)	3300 up, 700 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	35	10.2	4.9-18.1
2008	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	9	12.0	8.0-16.1

Comments: Fish are obviously spawning successfully. FWP visited lake in 2016 but didn't catch enough fish for a sample. Did see redds in inlet. FWP sampled in 2019, fishing was good but gill net didn't catch many.

Fly Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9794 ft

Location: 45.11996, -109.96935 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 25

Section: 08S14E22

Size: 2.5 acres

Depth: 17ft (Ave), 38ft (Max)

Access: Hike cross country from Goose Lake for 3 miles. One can drive to Goose Lake with a 4x4 truck.

Camp sites: Good camping between Spider and Fly lakes, Adequate firewood. Little use.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	5 mi (0 on trail)	1300 up, 1200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Brook Trout	10	9.7	8.2-11.0
2010	Brook Trout	13	10.5	8.8-12.0

Comments: The 2010 and 2017 samples were obtained using angling. EB are quite easy to catch here.

Glacier Green Lake (Glacier Creek Lake)

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9027 ft

Location: 45.14389, -109.92336 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 17

Section: 08S14E12

Size: 16.3 acres

Depth: 20ft (Ave), 47ft (Max)

Access: Leave the end of the Goose Lake Jeep Trail and take trail around e. Side to little goose. Then x-country NW to incisor lake, then down the creek.

Camp sites: Firewood and campsites available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	4 mi (3 on trail)	240 up, 1200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	6,900 in 1937	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Brook Trout	19	7.4	5.1-9.4
1995	Brook Trout	138	7.8	5.7-13.3

Comments: Overcrowded with brookies. Anglers should feel free to eat a fish supper here. 2017 FWP easily angled 19 EB in 40 min

Goose Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9945 ft

Location: 45.11735, -109.91315 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 42

Section: 08S15E19

Size: 102.0 acres

Depth: 46ft (Ave), 130ft (Max)

Access: Goose Lake 4x4 Jeep Trail from cooke city. From the end of the jeep road, follow the hiking trail over the hill, north to Goose Lake 1/4 mile.

Camp sites: Many places to camp but firewood is scarce. Above tree line.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	.25 mi (.25 on trail)	50 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10	9.3	5.6-11.4
1998	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	29	8.7	4.9-11.2

Comments: 2017 sample obtained with angling. Fish condition tends to be thin to average. The lake receives a fair amount of use.

Huckleberry Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9591 ft

Location: 45.08756, -109.92405 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 46

Section: 08S14E36

Size: 15.3 acres

Depth: 17ft (Ave), 49ft (Max)

Access: Short 1 mile cross country hike from Goose Lake Jeep Trail.

Camp sites: There are some flat spots to camp and some firewood is nearby.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	.5 mi (0 on trail)	160 up, 160 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Unknown

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Rainbow Trout	3,570 in 1949	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,000 in 2020; 2,300 in 2011	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	7	13.0	8.3-16.0
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	26	13.3	7.3-17.0

Comments: MTFWP completed a rotenone project to remove brook trout in 2007 and 2008. There were 200 8-inch YCT planted in 2009. Fingerlings were planted in 2009-2011 to establish self sustaining population. MTFWP sampled in 2018 with netting and angling. The YCT appear to be self-sustaining now and are growing to nice sizes.

Imelda Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9804 ft

Location: 45.16618, -109.91183 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 13

Section: 08S15E6

Size: 32.4 acres

Depth: 26ft (Ave), 75ft (Max)

Access: From Lake abundance Take Trail #24 down the Stillwater to Clarks Creek opposite horseshoe creek test Trail #34. Difficult 4 mile x-country up Clarks Creek.

Camp sites: Rocky terrain provides marginal camping. Firewood scarce.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lake Abundance	14 mi (10 on trail)	2800 up, 1600 down
Woodbine	19.9 mi (15.2 on trail)	4500 ft up, 0 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
1995	Brook Trout	62	7.6	6.2-9.0
1975	Brook Trout	35	8.4	6.0-10.3

Comments: Any route you choose to this lake it is a ball buster. A. Hag. Agrees '95. Only fair spawning potential in inlet but the brookies make the most of it.

Greg Aldrich reports lots of small EB's up to 10" 8/92. '95 - fish were in average condition.

Incisor Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9699 ft

Location: 45.13457, -109.91323 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 18

Section: 08S15E18

Size: 5.9 acres

Depth: 14ft (Ave), 32ft (Max)

Access: No Trail. Best access is from Goose Lake via the Goose Lake jeep trail.

Camp sites: Few campsites. Some firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	3 mi (2 on trail)	240 up, 440 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Abundant	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	3,000 in 2017; 1,000 in 2011	1,180 in 2023

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Golden Trout	20	11.4	9.9-12.8
2017	Golden Trout	22	12.4	7.2-16.8

Comments: Golden in this lake are brightly colored with bright orange flesh. 2022 survey found Males and females ripe and possibly congregated near outlet leading to high net catch rate.

Jasper Lake (Tumble Lake)

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9184 ft

Location: 45.34573, -110.04104 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 100

Section: 6S14E6

Size: 34.16 acres

Depth: 15ft (Ave), 77ft (Max)

Access: No Trail exists from Trail #90 on the west fork of the Stillwater. Follow East side of Tumble Creek. It's a steep climb, large boulders and deadfall.

Camp sites: Nice campsite, plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Initial Creek	6.5 mi (4 on trail)	2600 up, 100 down
W.F.Stillwater	None mi (None on trail)	None ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	5,000 in 1977; 5,074 in 1968	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	22	10.8	6.4-14.6
2003	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	13.1	11.5-14.5

Comments: Lake is also referred to as tumble lake. There are also YCT in the upper lake. The 2003 sample was obtained by angling.

Jay Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9794 ft

Location: 45.30673, -110.06669 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 93

Section: 06S13E14

Size: 23.7 acres

Depth: 35ft (Max)

Access: Best access is from the Boulder lake plateau. The lake is in the Flood Creek drainage which is basically impassable.

Camp sites: Unsheltered area. Lots of flat spots. Some firewood .

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Woodbine	15 mi (6 on trail)	4530 up, 0 down
W.F.Stillwater	22 mi (19.5 on trail)	4200 ft up, 1000 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Largemouth Bass	5,000 in 1988	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,300 in 1977	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	22	14.4	7.2-16.9
2005	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	14	13.4	9.3-15.5

Comments: Jay Lake as planted in '77 with Yellowstone cutthroat and is now self-sustaining. MTFWP crew netted and angled in 2018. Some of the larger fish were a little thin but most were in good shape.

Jeff Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9220 ft

Location: 45.08959, -109.93605 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 48

Section: 08S14E36

Size: 1.3 acres

Depth: 4ft (Max)

Access: Accessible from the Goose Lake Jeep Trail. Outside of the a-b wilderness.

Camp sites: Some firewood and campsites available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	2 mi (1 on trail)	0 up, 640 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Unknown

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	300 in 2020; 325 in 2011	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1	11.3	11.3-11.3
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	10.8	7.9-12.7

Comments: Rotenone project to remove brook trout in 2007 and 2008. YCT planted in 2009 and 2010. Jeff Lake has a good inlet flow most of which comes from sheep mtn. The outlet drops ~60 ft and flows into Mutt Lake. Numerous YCT observed in 2010. The 2013 sample was obtained using angling for 2 hours.

Jordan Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 8925 ft

Location: 45.23507, -110.07757 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 62

Section: 07S13E11

Size: 14.7 acres

Depth: 17ft (Ave), 35ft (Max)

Access: Trail #27 e fork of main boulder-I kathleen-rainbow cr-I columbine-columbine pass-between favonius test pentad, then 2 miles down test up to jordan.

Camp sites: Some campsites along the east shore with plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon	14 mi (14 on trail)	3400 up, 1400 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	16	10.3	8.2-12.6
2008	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	14	9.5	6.6-12.3

Comments: In 1969 it was felt this lake needed increased harvest and it seemed to be a well used lake. Not much has changed. There are still plenty of cutts that are a bit on the thin side and there is still evidence of use.

Lake Aries

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9547 ft

Location: 45.11244, -109.96653 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 29

Section: 8S14E27

Size: 6.0 acres

Depth: 32ft (Max)

Access: Hike cross country from Goose Lake. One can reach Goose Lake with a 4x4 truck or hike NE from beauty lake.

Camp sites: Camping is fair, some firewood. Little sign of '88 fire.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	4.5 mi (0 on trail)	1000 up, 1200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Brook Trout	10	8.5	7.5-9.5
2013	Brook Trout	19	7.5	5.1-8.9

Comments: No additional management suggested. Little use.
The 2017 sample was obtained with 2 anglers for 15 minutes. Brook Trout were eager to eat a fly

Lake Of The Woods

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 8784 ft

Location: 45.16151, -110.04532 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 49

Section: 08S13E1

Size: 7.9 acres

Depth: 6ft (Ave), 16ft (Max)

Access: Take Trail #24 down the Stillwater from the lake abundance trailhead. At Horseshoe Creek Take Trail #34 to lake of the woods.

Camp sites: Many campsites, plenty of firewood. Area is burned only a few live trees.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Lake Abundance	13 mi (13 on trail)	1700 up, 1500 down
Independence	16 mi (16 on trail)	3400 ft up, 1000 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	4	10.0	8.7-11.4
2012	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	38	8.6	4.5-12.4

Comments: No stocking record exists for Lake of the Woods, fish may have been transplanted from Peace and Heather Lakes. Few fish caught in 2021 net set however small fish were observed in inlet and fish were seen rising.

Lake Pinchot

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9332 ft

Location: 45.27921, -110.07191 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 91

Section: 06S13E26

Size: 53.9 acres

Depth: 12ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: Best access is from the lake plateau. Avoid the Flood Creek drainage like the plague! Basically impassable!

Camp sites: Excellent camping, lots of Firewood. Lake receives a lot of use.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Upsidedown Creek	16 mi (16 on trail)	3750 up, 1000 down
Box Canyon	18 mi (18 on trail)	2950 ft up, 400 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout X Golden Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Rainbow Trout	11	13.3	11.0-15.5
1993	Rainbow Trout	7	12.3	10.8-14.5
1993	Rainbow X Cutthroat Trout	12	11.5	6.4-14.8

Comments: Lake Pinchot is a popular place with signs of horse use. The origin of the Rainbows is not known. Spawning success is evident. MTFWP sampled in 2018 with angling. They caught Rainbows from 11-15 inches that fought hard.

Lake Surrender

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 8728 ft

Location: 45.29602, -110.03597 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 86

Section: 06S14E19

Size: 9.1 acres

Depth: 13ft (Ave), 40ft (Max)

Access: Best access is from the lake plateau. The lake is in the Flood Creek drainage which is basically impassable. There is intermittent trail from Lake Pinchot.

Camp sites: Camping is best near the inlet. There is plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon	19 mi (19 on trail)	3100 up, 1100 down
West Stillwater	21 mi (21 on trail)	3300 ft up, 1200 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Cutthroat Hybrid	Common	Self-Sustained
Rainbow Trout Hybrid	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Golden X Rainbow X Cutthroat	12	12.0	8.5-14.9
2018	Rainbow Trout	3	6.0	3.3-8.9
1997	Cutthroat X Golden Trout	2	9.6	8.1-11.0
1997	Rainbow X Golden Trout	2	9.0	8.0-10.0

Comments: Access is both long and difficult. The lake is full of colorful hybrids, CTXR BXGT and everything in between. The mountain lakes crew sampled with netting and angling in 2018.

Lake Wilderness

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9581 ft

Location: 45.27921, -109.84082 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 2

Section: 06S15E27

Size: 19.0 acres

Depth: 40ft (Ave), 120ft (Max)

Access: If going up Woodbine Creek, downfall and thick lodgepole. Best to cross stillwater plateau from near the benbow mine. Partial Trails.

Camp sites: Many campsites. Firewood is available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Near Chrome Lake	7 mi (2 on trail)	1500 up, 1100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3,000 in 1984; 540 in 1976	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	34	13.5	11.8-16.5
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	14	14.7	10.0-16.0

Comments: Good spawning area in outlet. The 2013 sample was obtained using angling.

Lightning Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9394 ft

Location: 45.33387, -110.07004 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 102

Section: 06S13E2

Size: 61.3 acres

Depth: 44ft (Ave), 122ft (Max)

Access: Up Trail #90 from Initial Creek to east side of tumble creek or east side of lightning creek. May be best from near mouth of divide creek.

Camp sites: Nice sites. Plenty of wood but picked over between lakes.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Initial Creek	9.5 mi (5 on trail)	2950 up, 200 down
Lake Plateau	20 mi (15 on trail)	2700 ft up, 500 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	10,310 in 1956	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2013	Golden Trout	36	10.7	6.3-19.8
2003	Golden Trout	16	9.4	6.9-16.3

Comments: Fish were progeny of Sylvan Lake stock. Goldens spawn in the outlet. Offspring spend time in Little Lightning, then move back into Lightning.

Multiple fire rings. Heavy use. The 2003 sample was obtained using angling.

Little Goose Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9984 ft

Location: 45.12609, -109.90624 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 43

Section: 08S15E19

Size: 8.1 acres

Depth: 9ft (Ave), 23ft (Max)

Access: Hike 1 mile up Goose Creek from Goose Lake. One can reach Goose Lake with a 4x4 vehicle.

Camp sites: Firewood scarce.some flat spots to camp

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	1.5 mi (1.5 on trail)	100 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	9.4	7.8-12.2
2000	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	11.1	7.8-13.9

Comments: No planting records. Fish may have come from the clarks fork river.

Reproduction is occurring at a healthy rate. Monitor periodically. 2017 sample was angled in 1.5 hours. YCT were a little more picky than usual

Little Lightning Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9391 ft

Location: 45.33857, -110.0667 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 102

Section: 06S13E2

Size: 13.8601 acres

Depth: 12ft (Ave), 12ft (Max)

Access: Up Trail #90 from Initial Creek to east side of tumble creek or east side of lightning creek. May be best from near mouth of Divide Creek.

Camp sites: Nice places to camp but firewood is picked over between lakes.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Initial Creek	9.25 mi (5 on trail)	2900 up, 200 down
Lake Plateau	None mi (None on trail)	None ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2013	Golden Trout	14	9.0	6.9-15.1
1995	Golden Trout	41	9.0	5.8-16.1

Comments: Fish from Lightning Lake spawn in the outlet. Emerging fry drift into Little Lightning. Over time some of these movr back into Lightning.

The 2003 sample was obtained by angling.

Martes Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9433 ft

Location: 45.24986, -110.08505 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 65

Section: 07S13E3

Size: 17.5 acres

Depth: 33ft (Max)

Access: Accessed from box Canyon Trail, upsidedown trail, or Woodbine trail the lake is north of the middle fork of wounded Man Creek.

Camp sites: Some good camp spots at East end of the lake with plenty of fuel.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon Trail #27	18.5 mi (18 on trail)	3600 up, 900 down
Woodbine	19.5 mi (19 on trail)	4200 ft up, 0 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	875 in 2019; 875 in 2011	875 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3	16.6	14.0-18.1
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	22	14.0	12.4-15.0

Comments: Martes lake usually produces large fish. Plant numbers were cut to 50/acre in 1995 to boost growth rates. The 2019 survey found low numbers of decent sized YCT.

Mountain View Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 6986 ft

Location: 45.3872, -109.90144 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: None

Section: 05S15E20

Size: 3.7201 acres

Depth: 6ft (Ave), 13ft (Max)

Access: Can be accessed by hiking up Mountain View Creek from the road above Stillwater mine settling ponds. It is quite steep at the start with some old road beds helping near the end. Use care to stay on NFS property. Can also be accessed from the Rabbit Gulch trail.

Camp sites:

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Road 2486	1.5 mi (NO on trail)	1500 up, 0 down
Rabbit Gulch	4.5 mi (3 on trail)	None ft up, None ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Unknown	Unknown
White Sucker	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Brook Trout	5	9.6	8.5-10.7
2018	Lake Chub	1	5.1	5.1-5.1
2009	Brook Trout	10	11.2	8.8-16.3
2009	White Sucker	6	9.5	7.3-14.8

Comments: The lake is outside of the A-B wilderness on Forest Service land. There is decent fishing for some nice size brook trout. White Suckers and Lake Chubs are also present.

Mouse Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9581 ft

Location: 45.20954, -110.09527 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 55

Section: 07S13E22

Size: 6.9 acres

Depth: 13ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: Trail #27 up east fork of main boulder-lake Kathleen-rainbow Creek-lake columbine-columbine pass. Then around unnamed lake to east then se.

Camp sites: There are flat areas (rocky) near the lake with firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon	13.5 mi (12.5 on trail)	3650 up, 500 down
Woodbine	22.5 mi (21.5 on trail)	3850 ft up, 0 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	345 in 2016; 300 in 2008	345 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	33	13.6	9.5-16.9
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	13.9	11.7-16.9

Comments: YCT males and females were ripe and it looked like they were trying to spawn on shoreline gravel during FWP sample in 2022. The 2022 sample was obtained with netting and angling.

Mutt Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9194 ft

Location: 45.09194, -109.93686 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 47

Section: 08S14E36

Size: 1.5 acres

Depth: 4ft (Max)

Access: Mutt is accessible from the Goose Lake Jeep Trail. Outside the a-b wilderness.

Camp sites: Some campsites. Scarce firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	2 mi (1 on trail)	0 up, 640 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Unknown

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	22	8.5	7.2-10.7
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	18	8.1	3.3-10.7

Comments: Rotenone project to remove brook trout from 2007-2009. Outlet flows into Goose Creek which has excellent spawning gravel and permanent flows. Fish can probably move between Goose Creek and the lake at high flows.

The inlet stream from Jeff Lake has excellent spawning gravel and flow. In the 2013 survey 13 of the 18 sampled fish were sampled using angling.

Owl Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9594 ft

Location: 45.27554, -110.09905 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 71

Section: 06S13E27

Size: 14.4 acres

Depth: 13ft (Ave), 30ft (Max)

Access: Approximately 12 Trail miles from the trailhead on the west fork of the Stillwater.

Camp sites: There are some good places to camp. Firewood nearby.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Upsidedown Trail	14 mi (14 on trail)	3700 up, 700 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Rainbow	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Rainbow Trout	7	13.9	10.0-19.5
2003	Rainbow Trout	15	11.5	9.5-13.2

Comments: The fish in Owl Lake look like pure Rainbows. MTFWP crew angled 7 RB from 10-19 inches in 2018. The fish were in good shape and fought hard.

Pentad Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9394 ft

Location: 45.22433, -110.10127 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 59

Section: 07S13E15

Size: 40.7 acres

Depth: 24ft (Ave), 58ft (Max)

Access: Trail #27 up east fork of main boulder-lake Kathleen-rainbow Creek-lake columbine-columbine pass. Then downhill to favonius and pentad lakes.

Camp sites: Plenty of campsites but firewood is a little picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon	12.5 mi (12.5 on trail)	3300 up, 700 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	25	10.9	8.9-13.5
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10	10.9	8.9-13.1

Comments: Origin of these fish unknown, natural reproduction sustains the population There is interaction with Favonius Lake upstream. Surveyed 2022 with angling, fish in average shape.

Picket Pin Lake, North

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 8826 ft

Location: 45.43079, -110.0402 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 105

Section: 05S14E6

Size: 5.3 acres

Depth: 10ft (Ave), 20ft (Max)

Access: Picket pin 4x4 road #140 from the West Fork Stillwater River. Access road to lake is not marked but head east just before the Brass Monkey Mine.

Camp sites: Many campsites and lots of firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Picket Pin Road	0 mi (0 on trail)	0 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,170 in 2021; 1,250 in 2020	1,060 in 2023; 1,060 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2015	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	5	14.8	10.6-19.9
1998	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2	16.1	14.9-17.3

Comments: The lake receives a lot of angling pressure because of its accessibility.

Stocked every 4 years. A poor net set during the 2015 survey is suspected to be the culprit for the low catch rates. Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout abundance is likely higher than the 2015 net sampling suggests.

One of the 4 fish sample in 2015 was collected with 0.75 hrs of angling.

Picket Pin Lake, South

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9099 ft

Location: 45.42663, -110.04614 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 104

Section: 05S14E6

Size: 5.0 acres

Depth: 8ft (Ave), 19ft (Max)

Access: Picket pin 4x4 road #140 from the West Fork Stillwater River. Access road to Picket Pin Lakes is not marked but head east just before the Brass Monkey Mine.

Camp sites: Many campsites. Lots of firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Picket Pin Road	0 mi (0 on trail)	0 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,375 in 2021; 1,060 in 2020	1,250 in 2023

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1	11.3	11.3-11.3
2015	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	24	10.4	6.4-14.4

Comments: The lake receives a fair amount of angling pressure because of its accessibility. Most of the shoreline is vegetated marsh land.

Changed stock frequency from 4 to 2 years starting in 2019.

Pipit Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9594 ft

Location: 45.27292, -110.10462 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 70

Section: 06S13E33

Size: 7.0 acres

Depth: 12ft (Ave), 25ft (Max)

Access: Access is served by Several Trails to the lake plateau between the boulder and stillwater drainages.

Camp sites: Nice places to camp. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Upsidedown Trail	14 mi (14 on trail)	3700 up, 700 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Rainbow	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Rainbow Trout	8	9.5	5.4-11.3
2007	Rainbow Trout	7	9.8	7.0-11.3

Comments: Excellent Trail all the way to Pipit Lake. The origin of the fish is unknown. FWP sample in 2016 fat healthy looking RB. Look like pure RB no sign of CT. Fwp sampled 07,6.5 hour set+angling,fat fish.

Raven Lake

Drainage: Stillwater
Elevation: 8994 ft
Location: 45.28826, -110.05392 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 87
Section: 06S13E25
Size: 10.0 acres
Depth: 46ft (Max)

Access: Best access is from the lake plateau. The lake is in the Flood Creek drainage which is basically impassable. From wounded man follow a Poor Trail past pinchot.

Camp sites: Nice campsites with plenty of firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon	18 mi (18 on trail)	3300 up, 800 down
West Stillwater	20 mi (20 on trail)	3300 ft up, 900 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Cutthroat Hybrid	Common	Self-Sustained
Rainbow Trout Hybrid	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Golden X Rainbow X Cutthroat	9	10.3	6.8-12.2
1997	Cutthroat X Golden Trout	3	9.0	5.8-10.7
1997	Rainbow X Golden Trout	4	9.0	6.3-11.2

Comments: Colorful hybrids. Access is long and difficult. FWP sampled in 2018 with hook and line.

Saderbalm Lake (Sodderholm Lake)

Drainage: Stillwater
Elevation: 9020 ft
Location: 45.34274, -110.01671 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 98
Section: 06S14E5
Size: 7.4 acres
Depth: 8ft (Ave), 29ft (Max)

Access: Hike up Saderbalm Creek, a tributary of the west fork of the Stillwater. No Trail exists from #90 on the west fork.

Camp sites: No campsites. Lots of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Initial Creek	6 mi (2 on trail)	2400 up, 0 down
Horseman Flats	9 mi (7 on trail)	3600 ft up, 900 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Arctic Grayling	Unknown	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	740 in 2022; 400 in 2015	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Arctic Grayling	2	17.2	16.7-17.7
2021	No Fish Caught	0		
1990	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: This lake And Creek are called sodderholm on old forest service maps and in marcusons original files. Good food supply. Spawning potential in outlet. 2009 plant depends on availability.

The 500 grayling planted in 1985 did not take. '90 gill net set for 2.5 hours by volunteer crew. This is a Tough Lake to get to. Tom mcgillvray fished for ~1.5 hours in '94. Saw no sign of fish. Lake appeared to have lots of food. Very pretty spot. Grayling will be put on an eight year schedule starting in 2009.

Sioux Charley Lake

Drainage: Stillwater
Elevation: 5796 ft
Location: 45.331, -109.93292 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 7
Section: 06S14E12
Size: 3.6 acres
Depth: 1ft (Ave), 4ft (Max)

Access: An easy 3 miles from the trailhead at Woodbine campground on the Stillwater river. Great trail.

Camp sites: Many places to camp but firewood is picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Woodbine	3 mi (3 on trail)	350 up, 50 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained
Rainbow Trout	Rare	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	7,365 in 1947; 5,000 in 1941	
Rainbow Trout	2,750 in 1951; 29,460 in 1949	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
1996	Brook Trout	27	7.9	5.4-9.7
1974	Brook Trout	32	7.8	5.3-10.2
1974	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1	7.5	7.5-7.5

Comments: No additional management needed. CT's planted '31, '37, '40, '41. Rb's in '33, '34, '36, '40, '48, '49.

'96 fish were in average condition. '89 creel cards - 188 eb <8-12", 1 >16". 56 RB <8-12", 3 12-16" range. 4 CT <8".

Sourdough Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9584 ft

Location: 45.11441, -109.96769 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 24

Section: 08S14E22

Size: 2.6 acres

Depth: 10ft (Ave), 22ft (Max)

Access: Best access is from Goose Lake via the Goose Lake Jeep Trail. From Goose Lake hike cross country 3 miles west.

Camp sites: Camping is fair but not much firewood. No evidence of '88 fire

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	4.5 mi (0 on trail)	1000 up, 1200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,000 in 1967	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Brook Trout	10	8.6	6.2-9.7
1999	Brook Trout	10	8.4	6.1-10.2

Comments: EB are very vulnerable to angling. 2017 sample with angling only. Caught 10 EB in 20 minutes.

Spider Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9794 ft

Location: 45.11887, -109.96516 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 26

Section: 08S14E22

Size: 6.3 acres

Depth: 25ft (Ave), 28ft (Max)

Access: Hike 3 miles cross country from Goose Lake. One can drive to Goose Lake with a 4x4 truck. NE of sourdough lake.

Camp sites: A few rocky camp spots. Little firewood. No sign of '88 fire.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	5 mi (0 on trail)	1300 up, 1200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Brook Trout	9	8.2	6.2-9.3
2010	Brook Trout	20	8.2	6.7-10.2

Comments: Lake is overcrowded with fish and has little fishing pressure. 2017 FWP sampled 9 EB with 30 minutes of angling. Lake could use some harvest

Sundown Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9584 ft

Location: 45.23305, -110.10255 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 61

Section: 07S13E10

Size: 5.2 acres

Depth:

Access: Box Canyon Trail - columbine pass from the boulder 16 miles or from Woodbine up stillwater and wounded man 21 miles.

Camp sites: Excellent campsite with firewood. Beautiful Lake.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon	16 mi (15 on trail)	3500 up, 500 down
Woodbine	21 mi (20 on trail)	3700 ft up, 0 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Westslope Cutthroat Trout	900 in 2012; 1,216 in 2011	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	520 in 2019; 520 in 2011	520 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2016	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	16	13.2	11.9-14.4
2009	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1	19.6	19.6-19.6

Comments: 2016 FWP sampled with netting and angling. Caught some nice YCT but not the big ones this lake has produced in the past. Although there is No Trail, horses can access the lake (and have).

Sunken Rock Lake

Drainage: Stillwater
Elevation: 9597 ft
Location: 45.24581, -110.09089 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 64
Section: 07S13E3
Size: 11.0 acres
Depth: 30ft (Max)

Access: Trail #27 e fork of main boulder-I Kathleen-rainbow Creek-I columbine-columbine pass-between favonius test pentad-e side Jordan Lake-up inlet then west.
Camp sites: Beautiful place to camp. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon Trail	15.5 mi (14.5 on trail)	3700 up, 1400 down
Woodbine	20 mi (19 on trail)	4275 ft up, 0 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	1,100 in 2017; 1,000 in 2011	1,100 in 2023
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	4,050 in 1969	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Golden Trout	3	13.2	7.7-17.8
2016	Golden Trout	33	13.2	6.8-18.5

Comments: Saw a couple size classes in 2016 and 2008 samples. Very few fish were caught with 2 overnight net sets in 2022. GT are self sustaining in the pond below. GT seem to be a little more vulnerable to angling here than in some other GT lakes.

Unnamed 69

Drainage: Stillwater
Elevation: 9592 ft
Location: 45.2698, -110.1018 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: None
Section: 6S13E34
Size: 2.4432 acres
Depth:

Access: The lake is on the main trail between Pipit and Wounded Man Lakes
Camp sites: There are campsites and firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon	14 mi (14 on trail)	3700 up, 750 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Rainbow Trout	8	7.8	6.5-9.5
1984	Rainbow Trout	5	8.4	5.6-13.0

Comments:

Wood Lake

Drainage: Stillwater
Elevation: 9784 ft
Location: 45.27532, -109.83391 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 3
Section: 06S15E26
Size: 12.0 acres
Depth: 17ft (Ave), 38ft (Max)

Access: Access tough up Woodbine Creek, downfall and thick lodgepole. Best to cross the Stillwater plateau from near the benbow mine. Partial Trails.
Camp sites: Questionable campsites. Best at lake wilderness.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Near Chrome Lake	8 mi (2 on trail)	1700 up, 1100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,800 in 2021; 1,200 in 2013	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2	15.7	14.1-17.4
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2	15.7	14.8-16.5

Comments: Limited use. Limited spawning success might be possible in the silty inlet. Outlet is all boulder/cobble. Fish here are fat. In 2013 the sample was obtained using angling for 3 hours. Water was a "milky" color.

Wounded Man Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9387 ft

Location: 45.27176, -110.08598 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 72

Section: 06S13E34

Size: 50.2 acres

Depth: 16ft (Ave), 55ft (Max)

Access: Popular lake on the lake plateau near wounded Man Creek. Several Trails serve the area.

Camp sites: A lot of camping sites. Some firewood is available, much of it is picked over.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Box Canyon	15 mi (15 on trail)	3100 up, 500 down
West Stillwater	17 mi (17 on trail)	3300 ft up, 600 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	19,890 in 1946; 40,190 in 1938	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Rainbow Trout	21	9.7	7.1-12.7
2003	Rainbow Trout	8	10.1	8.5-12.5

Comments: There is no record of the origin of the rainbows. This is a popular fishing spot and high use area. The 2019 sample was obtained with angling and netting.

Wrong Lake

Drainage: Stillwater

Elevation: 9007 ft

Location: 45.13749, -109.96277 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 20

Section: 08S14E15

Size: 20.6 acres

Depth: 49ft (Ave), 116ft (Max)

Access: Head west from the end of the Goose Lake Jeep Trail past anvil and beauty lakes, lake aries, sourdough, spider, fly and courthouse lakes.

Camp sites: Camping is good with lots of firewood on the south shore.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Goose Lake Jeep Trail	6.5 mi (0 on trail)	1600 up, 2100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,060 in 2009; 2,060 in 2001	2,060 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2017	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10	13.2	7.2-14.7
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	21	12.6	8.8-14.6

Comments: 25% of shoreline was burned in 1988. Very little use here. Surveys in 2013 and 2017 indicate reproduction is occurring. Hold off stocking till next sample
Tough hike 1000 feet down from Courthouse.

West Rosebud Drainage

Arrapooash Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 9804 ft

Location: 45.24626, -109.84681 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 32

Section: 07S15E3

Size: 9.1 acres

Depth: 25ft (Max)

Access: Access is from the Island Lake Trail 3/4 along Island Lake. Follow outlet stream up west side ~2 miles - no trail. Stay near stream. Steep.

Camp sites: Camping is in alpine limber pine. Plenty of firewood.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Mystic Lake #19	10 mi (7 on trail)	3300 up, 300 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	20	12.8	9.3-15.1
1997	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	29	12.9	7.7-14.6

Comments: The lakes in this cirque were fishless when surveyed in 1975 and 1978. Good inlet flow. Glacial silt may limit repro. Movement of fish between the 5 Lakes in this cirque is doubtful due to stream gradients where these fish came from is a mystery.

Avalanche Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 9794 ft

Location: 45.18262, -109.81143 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 11

Section: 07S15E36

Size: 62.2 acres

Depth: 135ft (Max)

Access: Access begins at Mystic Lake Trailhead. Up Huckleberry Creek just below granite peak. Trail fades in test out above huckleberry lake. Boulder hopping.

Camp sites: Campsites are few, rocky. Scarce firewood. Fairly high use.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Mystic Lake	9.5 mi (8 on trail)	3800 up, 300 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Cutthroat Trout	3,180 in 1950	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	10,000 in 2016; 10,000 in 2009	10,000 in 2024

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	13	14.5	13.1-15.7
2005	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	31	11.9	9.5-16.0

Comments: Fishery is visited by granite peak climbers. Catch rates are high. One of the Storm Lakes.

The 2013 sample was obtained by angling for 3 hours

Beckwourth Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 9335 ft

Location: 45.21173, -109.89444 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 26

Section: 07S15E20

Size: 6.2 acres

Depth: 9ft (Max)

Access: Head up the Mystic Lake Trail(#19) to Silver Lake. A path heads west from the outlet end of Silver Lake uphill and x-country and may disappear.

Camp sites: Good camping. Lots of firewood.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Mystic - West Rosebud	11 mi (8 on trail)	3300 up, 300 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	10.8	7.1-12.8
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	24	11.6	8.3-15.6

Comments: No plant record exists, fish likely came from Frenco Lake. FWP sampled in 2022 with angling. Yellowstone Cutthroat from 10-12 inches were easy to catch.

Crater Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 6612 ft

Location: 45.31463, -109.64767 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 38

Section: 06S17E16

Size: 2.3 acres

Depth: 36ft (Max)

Access: Access from Ernie Strum Memorial Trail off of West Rosebud Road where BLM land touches the road. The trail is marked with a small sign.

Camp sites: Campsites and firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Private Road	0 mi (0 on trail)	0 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Rainbow Trout	358 in 2018; 350 in 2015	350 in 2024; 350 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Lake Chub	3		
2020	No Fish Caught	0		
2018	Rainbow Trout	10	12.4	11.7-13.2

Comments: Crater Lake is on state land. Rainbow trout are stocked with no spawning potential. Lake Chubs are abundant.

Eedica Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 9833 ft

Location: 45.18995, -109.89836 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 23

Section: 07S15E29

Size: 8.9 acres

Depth: 40ft (Max)

Access: Isolated Lake between big and little park mountains. Good Trail exists just past silver lake. Tough hike/climb

Camp sites: Campsites at treeline. Firewood is limited.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Mystic Lake	12.0 mi (8 on trail)	3900 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	450 in 2016; 890 in 2008	890 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	38	10.1	6.9-11.9
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	20	11.3	6.4-14.3

Comments: Access is difficult. Good spawning area at outlet, but success not certain. Eedica is crow meaning far away. The 2022 sample was obtained with netting and angling.

Emerald Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud
Elevation: 6396 ft
Location: 45.25644, -109.69417 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 1
Section: 07S16E1
Size: 28.5 acres
Depth: 4ft (Max)

Access: Access by car on west Rosebud Creek. Outside the a-b wilderness.
Camp sites: USFS campground fee charged.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Rosebud	DRIVE mi (TOLAKE on trail)	None up, None down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Brown Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Rainbow Trout	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	200 in 2009; 3,499 in 1997	
Cutthroat Trout	5,000 in 1941; 30,000 in 1940	
Rainbow Trout	1,816 in 2021; 1,801 in 2020	1,800 in 2023; 1,800 in 2024
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,831 in 1997; 2,513 in 1989	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Brook Trout	3	12.7	12.5-13.1
2020	Brown Trout	15	13.2	8.9-20.8
2017	Brook Trout	8	12.7	9.8-14.2
2017	Brown Trout	4	16.0	11.6-25.5

Comments: McBride cutthroat were planted in 1986 and it was hoped that the population would become self sustaining. That did not happen so rainbows were planted starting in 1990. This lake gets stocked annually with rb.
 Grayling were stocked as unallocated fish from a hatchery study. Red Meadow Lake fish. This lake is primarily a self-sustaining brown trout and mountain whitefish and stocked rainbow fishery. 9 Longnose suckers and 3 mountain whitefish sampled in 2014
 3 plants, 6" rb's, 600 each - late may, late june, late july. One net set in 2014 sample

Ewe Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud
Elevation: 8810 ft
Location: 45.26577, -109.74396 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: None
Section: 06S16E34
Size: 5.0355 acres
Depth: 3ft (Max)

Access: See directions to Ram Lake. Ewe Lake is approximately a mile before Ram Lake and is a tough x country hike.
Camp sites: Very few flat places to camp. Plenty of firewood

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
No Trail. Follow Chicken Creek up from West Rosebud Road. Start on West side of creek	2 mi (None on trail)	None up, None down

Species Present	Abundance	Status

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	18	9.7	5.5-12.6

Comments: Ewe lake is a shallow lake that has Chicken Creek running through it. In 2018 the crew observed multiple sizes of Yellowstone Cutthroat trout. The fish appear to be self-sustaining.

Frenco Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud
Elevation: 9194 ft
Location: 45.21347, -109.88383 ([Map](#))
Marcuson's Code: 27
Section: 07S15E20
Size: 13.9 acres
Depth: 28ft (Max)

Access: 10 miles From Trailhead at Mystic Lake power plant. Last 2 miles steep terrain and unmaintained trail from north end of silver lake.
Camp sites: Good camping, abundant firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Mystic Lake	10.25 mi (8 on trail)	3200 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	9,540 in 1950	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	21	11.2	9.6-12.8
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	31	11.1	4.7-16.3

Comments: Frenco Lake was the only lake on the west bench of west Rosebud Creek that had fish at the time of the 1st surveys. FWP crew observed fish digging in sand to stir up a cloud while others swim in to feed.

Huckleberry Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 8574 ft

Location: 45.20954, -109.80592 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 5

Section: 07S15E24

Size: 8.0 acres

Depth: 8ft (Max)

Access: 6 miles of Good Trail, then 1 mile of steep cross country hiking south of Mystic Lake.

Camp sites: Few campsites, lots of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Mystic Lake	7 mi (7 on trail)	2400 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	2,500 in 1992	
Rainbow Trout	3,570 in 1949; 2,334 in 1946	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2013	Rainbow Trout	11	10.1	7.4-13.9
2005	Rainbow Trout	1	11.5	11.5-11.5

Comments: Lake provides fishery for granite peak hikers. Lake is self-sustaining. Shallow Lake with lots of algae. Good gravels in inlet for spawning. In 2013 the sample was obtained using angling for 4 hours.

Island Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 7734 ft

Location: 45.22213, -109.81824 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 14

Section: 07S15E14

Size: 144.0 acres

Depth: 40ft (Max)

Access: 6 miles from the trailhead at mystic hydroelectric plant. Good trail.

Camp sites: Beautiful place to camp. Lots of cover, flat spots, and firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Mystic Lake	6 mi (6 on trail)	1800 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	5,000 in 1941	
Rainbow Trout	4,100 in 1950; 42,840 in 1949	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2019	Rainbow Trout	15	10.6	4.1-16.5
2013	Rainbow Trout	14	9.0	3.8-17.5

Comments: Reproduction is more than adequate to maintain the fishery. Fish (and campers) were congregated around the inlets and the outlet. In 2019 the sample was obtained using angling near the outlet for 4 hours.

Island Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 5999 ft

Location: 45.37692, -109.70968 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 48

Section: 05S16E26

Size: 2.4 acres

Depth: 26ft (Max)

Access: Trail Head on the Benbow Jeep/ATV Trail. Or approximately a 3.5 mile hike in from the start of the Jeep Trail.

Camp sites: Campsites and firewood are available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Benbow Jeep Trail	1.5 mi (None on trail)	None up, None down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brown Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	500 in 2020; 500 in 2017	500 in 2023; 500 in 2026

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Brown Trout	8	13.1	11.5-15.9
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	5	12.8	11.5-14.3
2019	Brown Trout	8	13.0	10.0-15.0
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2	12.3	11.6-13.0

Comments: YCT stocking will continue to provide a mixed species fishery. The 2022 sampled was obtained using a 4 hr daytime gill net set and angling.

Lily Pad Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 6412 ft

Location: 45.31091, -109.64008 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: None

Section: 06S17E16

Size: 3.1155 acres

Depth: 19ft (Max)

Access: Access from Ernie Strum Memorial Trail off of West Rosebud Road where BLM land touches the road. The trail is marked with a small sign.

Camp sites: Campsites and firewood available.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Mystic Lake	10 mi (7 on trail)	3600 up, 300 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Rainbow Trout	9,000 in 1934; 6,000 in 1933	

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2016	Brook Trout	10	7.9	4.9-11.3
2013	Brook Trout	12	8.0	5.4-13.0

Comments: On state land.
The 2013 sample was obtained using angling for 2 hours.
Numerous lily pads make angling from shore somewhat difficult.

Little Face Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 10014 ft

Location: 45.2453, -109.85396 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 33

Section: 07S15E3

Size: 18.6224 acres

Depth: 55ft (Max)

Access: Access is from the Island Lake Trail 3/4 along Island Lake. Follow outlet stream up west side ~2 miles - no trail. Stay near stream. Steep.

Camp sites: Questionable, rocky campsites, some firewood. Very pretty.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Mystic Lake	10 mi (7 on trail)	3600 up, 300 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Rare	Unknown

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2013	No Fish Caught	0		
1997	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	6	10.1	9.7-10.6

Comments: The lakes in this cirque were fishless when surveyed in 1975 and 1978.
No potential spawning areas. Small outlet flows only during early summer. The possibility of fish movement between the 5 Lakes in this cirque exists but is doubtful due to stream gradients.
A fish might hardly survive the drop out of here let alone be able to invade from below. No indication of fish here during 2013 survey.

Lower Storm Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 9906 ft

Location: 45.18388, -109.82094 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 10

Section: 7S15E35

Size: 14.73 acres

Depth: 95ft (Max)

Access: Start from Mystic Lake. Trail to Huckleberry Creek, then cross country. 2 miles of steep terrain.

Camp sites: Campsites are limited. Scarce firewood. Above treeline.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Mystic Lake	9.25 mi (8 on trail)	3900 up, 300 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Cutthroat Trout	3,180 in 1950	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	890 in 2019; 890 in 2011	890 in 2027

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	19	12.8	7.6-19.3
2001	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	12	14.2	9.5-16.8

Comments: Management is for a trophy fishery. Decreased number stocked to 890 in 1995 to increase growth.
Stocked every 8 years. Poor spawning potential. Little use.

Mystic Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 7669 ft

Location: 45.2231, -109.78311 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 4

Section: 07S16E17

Size: 435.0 acres

Depth: 220ft (Max)

Access: 3 miles of Good Trail from the end of the West Rosebud road.

Camp sites: Lake receives a lot of use. Campsites and firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Mystic Lake	3 mi (3 on trail)	1300 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	8,448 in 1944	
Rainbow Trout	2,750 in 1951; 2,000 in 1950	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2021	Lake Chub	1	6.0	6.0-6.0
2021	Rainbow Trout	216	10.7	6.0-16.7
2018	Rainbow Trout	255	11.2	5.1-15.2
2018	Rainbow X Cutthroat Trout	96	11.2	6.9-16.5

Comments: Largest Lake in the a-b wilderness. One of the few lakes with self-sustaining rainbow trout. Rb's first stocked 1941. Cutthroat planted once in 1944.

Sampled with PPL Montana in 2012.

Nemidgi Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 9615 ft

Location: 45.22756, -109.87182 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 29

Section: 7S15E16

Size: 13.45 acres

Depth: 25ft (Max)

Access: Mystic Lake Trail to silver lake. Then north ~1.5 miles. Fairly steep. Trail leads off at first sight of silver to the west then north once you reach the bench. .

Camp sites: There are a few small, flat spots to put a tent. Camping is much better at Weeluna. There is plenty of wood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Mystic Lake	9.5 mi (8 on trail)	3700 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,370 in 2021; 1,370 in 2013	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	10.7	7.7-16.6
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	22	15.5	12.3-17.3

Comments: Good fishing is maintained with relatively high stock rates. The 2022 sample was obtained angling 5 angler hours. Fish were in good shape. A beautiful spot but somewhat difficult to get to.

Nugget Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 9394 ft

Location: 45.20692, -109.89637 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 25

Section: 07S15E20

Size: 8.3 acres

Depth: 30ft (Max)

Access: 8 miles to Silver Lake on Good Trail. Then follow a primitive trail west from the north end of Silver Lake for 3.5 miles.

Camp sites: Some campsites with an abundance of firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Rosebud (mystic)	11.5 mi (8 on trail)	3400 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	415 in 2016; 415 in 2008	415 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	20	125.1	14.6-410.0
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	37	12.6	10.7-14.3

Comments: FWP sampled with netting and angling in 2022. YCT were observed in large groups away from the outlet and inlet possibly avoiding the outlet net set. Sampled fish were in good shape

Princess Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 9141 ft

Location: 45.19824, -109.81312 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 6

Section: 07S15E25

Size: 25.0 acres

Depth: 35ft (Max)

Access: Good Trail to Huckleberry Creek at the upper end of Mystic Lake. Path up w side of Huckleberry Creek fades in test out for 1 mile then improves.

Camp sites: Good camping here - lots of fuel and shelter.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Mystic Lake	8 mi (8 on trail)	3100 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Abundant	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	2,608 in 1997; 1,344 in 1984	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2013	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	29	11.5	9.9-13.1
2005	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	20	11.0	6.5-15.3

Comments: There are good spawning gravels around the inlets. Very Pretty Lake. Used by goats. Located along the access route to granite lake, this lake sees some use.

Ram Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 9594 ft

Location: 45.26957, -109.76495 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 35

Section: 06S16E33

Size: 14.4 acres

Depth: 29ft (Max)

Access: Ram Lake is located at the headwaters of Chicken Creek which is a tributary to West Rosebud Creek to the west of West Rosebud Lake. There is no trail exists and it is a tough x-country hike. Start hiking up the west side of Chicken Creek, then over the boulders up to Ewe Lake.

Camp sites: Many campsites. Little use. Lots of firewood is available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
West Rosebud	3.5 mi (0 on trail)	3376 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,455 in 1983; 2,000 in 1975	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2018	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	23	12.6	11.3-14.5
2001	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	12	11.6	6.6-15.4

Comments: Ram lake has been a self sustaining Yellowstone cutthroat trout fishery since it was last stocked in 1983. It is a tough lake to get to, Pat Marcuson says "it hurts to get there." MTFWP sampled in 2018 with netting and angling and found good numbers of average sized fish.

Silver Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 7993 ft

Location: 45.21096, -109.85298 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 15

Section: 07S15E22

Size: 72.6 acres

Depth: 21ft (Max)

Access: 8 miles of good trail from the Mystic Lake hydroelectric plant on West Rosebud Creek.

Camp sites: Plenty of campsites and firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Mystic Lake	8 mi (8 on trail)	1900 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Rainbow Trout	28,560 in 1949; 25,440 in 1948	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Rainbow Trout	2	16.5	16.0-17.0
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Rainbow	2	16.3	16.1-16.5
2019	Rainbow Trout	9	15.6	13.7-17.8

Comments: Great camp spots at the lake show signs of use. Gravel present in both inlets and outlet, with decent spawning potential. The 2019 and 2022 samples were obtained with angling.

Star Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 8603 ft

Location: 45.16823, -109.86285 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 16

Section: 08S15E4

Size: 23.5 acres

Depth: 15ft (Max)

Access: 12 miles from the Mystic Lake power plant on west Rosebud Creek (last 3 miles No Trail). Tough access.

Camp sites: Some campsites test wood at the inlet end but access difficult.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Mystic Lake	12 mi (9 on trail)	2700 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Unknown	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3,000 in 2022; 3,000 in 2018	3,000 in 2026

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	14	11.7	10.0-13.9
2013	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: No fish captured during survey in 2013. Moved stocking up to 2014. Sample in 2022 caught YCT from 10 to 15 inches with netting and angling.
This lake is beautiful. Clear water. The outlet has various sizes of gravel suitable for spawning. Lots of feed present. Difficult access.

Twin Lakes

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 6089 ft

Location: 45.37351, -109.71145 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 47

Section: 5S16E26

Size: 0.35 acres

Depth: 11ft (Max)

Access: Trail Head on the Benbow Jeep/ATV Trail. Or approximately a 3.5 mile hike in from the start of the Jeep Trail.

Camp sites: Campsites and firewood are available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Private	1.5 mi (None on trail)	None up, None down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	3,180 in 1950	
Rainbow Trout	4,136 in 1950	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2008	Brook Trout	2	11.9	11.3-12.4
1970	Brown Trout	8	11.0	6.7-18.0

Comments: Old headgate and irrigation structure recently improved. On forest service land but outside wilderness. Short, easy hike from benbow Atv Trail.
The 2014 sample was obtained using a gill net set for 1.5 hrs. Two anglers also angled for 1 hour and caught 0 brook trout.

Weeluna Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 9794 ft

Location: 45.23391, -109.86916 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 30

Section: 07S15E9

Size: 10.2 acres

Depth: 30ft (Max)

Access: 8 miles of Good Trail from Mystic Lake hydro plant then north from silver lake for 2 miles. Fairly steep. No trail

Camp sites: There are nice campsites and some firewood. Camping is better here than at Nemidji.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Mystic Lake	10 mi (8 on trail)	3800 up, 300 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	765 in 2014; 765 in 2005	765 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2022	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	17	14.4	6.3-16.9
2019	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	25	14.2	6.9-16.0

Comments: Weeluna Lake is beautiful spot although a little tough to get to. Some smaller fish have been observed indicating some reproduction. The 2019 survey found fish spawning near the inlet.

West Fishtail Creek Lake 40

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 9528 ft

Location: 45.2984, -109.80029 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 40

Section: 6S15E24

Size: 1.61 acres

Depth: 4ft (Max)

Access: From Chrome Lake it's all cross country, forested, steep, rocky, thick and difficult until you hit the creek, then it's easy on the w side.

Camp sites: Good campsites. Plenty of firewood. Just below timberline.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Benbow Mine-chrome Lk	5 mi (0 on trail)	1600 up, 600 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	730 in 2017	730 in 2023

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	No Fish Caught	0		
2004	No Fish Caught	0		

Comments: Fish have made it down here from plants in the lakes above. Good spawning in inlet, ok in outlet. Great looking stream section ~1 mile below.

'98 - 2-5" fish observed. Obvious reproduction here. '98 fish were very fat. In 2004 9-11" fish were observed. Very spooky fish were seen in the creek below the lake. They may winter here as the lake is very shallow.

West Fishtail Creek Lake 41

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 9794 ft

Location: 45.29443, -109.80738 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 41

Section: 6S15E24

Size: 6.91 acres

Depth: 40ft (Max)

Access: From Chrome Lake it's all cross country, forested, steep, rocky, thick and difficult until you hit the creek, then it's easy on the w side.

Camp sites: Few rocky/boggy campsites. No firewood. Above timberline.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Benbow Mine-chrome Lk	5.5 mi (0 on trail)	2000 up, 600 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Stocked

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Golden Trout	25	9.9	7.8-18.6
2020	No Fish Caught	0		
2013	Golden Trout	38	7.8	6.3-10.0

Comments: Inlet is boulder/silt, no gravel. Outlet has marginal gravel for spawning.

Doubtful if fish from below can move up into #41.

West Fishtail Creek Lake 41A

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 9965 ft

Location: 45.29531, -109.80971 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 41A

Section: 6S15E24

Size: 1.58 acres

Depth: 12ft (Max)

Access: From Chrome Lake it's all cross country, forested, steep, rocky, thick and difficult until you hit the creek, then it's easy on the w side.

Camp sites: Few campsites. Rocky and boggy. No firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Benbow Mine-chrome Lk	5.5 mi (0 on trail)	2000 up, 600 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Rare	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	882 in 1992; 1,396 in 1991	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	No Fish Caught	0		
2013	Golden Trout	1	7.3	7.3-7.3

Comments: Inlet is sand/silt, no gravel. Outlet is silt/boulders, no gravel.

Doubtful if fish from below can move up into #41a. In 2013 only sampled one Golden Trout in the gill net that was set for 13 hours, fish present but very low abundance.

West Fishtail Creek Lake 43

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 9801 ft

Location: 45.30129, -109.80502 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 43

Section: 6S15E24

Size: 4.38 acres

Depth: 24ft (Max)

Access: From Chrome Lake it's all cross country, forested, steep, rocky, thick and difficult until you hit the creek, then it's easy on the w side.

Camp sites: Some campsites present. Plenty of firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Benbow Mine-chrome Lk	5.25 mi (0 on trail)	1700 up, 600 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Golden Trout	29	13.0	10.9-16.1
2013	Golden Trout	8	12.1	9.3-14.0

Comments: Access is difficult. Very little use - one old fire ring.

Poor looking spawning in the outlet, little gravel. In 2013 the sample was obtained using angling for 6 hours.

West Rosebud Lake

Drainage: West Rosebud

Elevation: 6596 ft

Location: 45.24983, -109.71122 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 2

Section: 07S16E2

Size: 19.0 acres

Depth: 6ft (Max)

Access: Approximately 45 miles south of columbus, mt. Accessible by two wheel drive vehicle.

Camp sites: Has USFS campground near outlet.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Drive To	0 mi (0 on trail)	0 up, 0 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Brook Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Brown Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Rainbow Trout	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	270 in 2009	
Cutthroat Trout	525,000 in 1936; 20,000 in 1934	
Rainbow Trout	3,061 in 2021; 3,002 in 2020	3,000 in 2023; 3,000 in 2024
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8,238 in 2021; 955 in 2014	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2020	Brook Trout	50	10.9	7.6-13.1
2020	Brown Trout	33	12.6	6.9-17.8
2017	Brook Trout	42	11.1	8.7-13.1
2017	Brown Trout	23	13.2	9.3-16.4

Comments: Both rainbows and cutthroats have been planted in the past. 3 plants annually of 6" rb's, 1,000 each - late may, late june, late july.

Surveyed every other year. Mountain whitefish and longnose suckers also present. Sampled with 3 gill nets in 2014.

CRAZY MOUNTAIN RANGE LAKES



Upper Twin Lake

Crazy Mountain Range

Big Timber Creek Drainage

Blue Lake

Drainage: Big Timber Creek

Elevation: 8282 ft

Location: 46.03294, -110.28797 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 9

Section: 03N12E6

Size: 10.1 acres

Depth: 42ft (Max)

Access: Follow Trails #119 test 118 from the half moon trailhead for 4 miles along big Timber Creek. The trail is nice and provides easy access.

Camp sites: There are good campsites. Firewood is available but not abundant.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Big Timber Creek	4 mi (4 on trail)	1100 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Rainbow Trout	16	9.4	6.9-13.0
1997	Rainbow Trout	18	9.5	8.3-11.4

Comments: Blue and Thunder Lakes are the most visited lakes in the Crazy Mountains. Blue Lake and Thunder Lake are connected with a very short creek that allows fish to easily move between the two locations. The shoreline is 95% timbered.

It is believed that rainbow trout were stocked by Druckmiller (a galena and sulfite miner) in the late 1930's.

Crazy Lake

Drainage: Big Timber Creek

Elevation: 9194 ft

Location: 46.00933, -110.2848 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 4

Section: 03N12E18

Size: 16.9 acres

Depth: 58ft (Max)

Access: Trails #119/118 from half moon to Blue Lake. Then cross country over talus rock to the lake. Very difficult.

Camp sites: Few rocky campsites. No firewood.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Big Timber Creek	7 mi (4 on trail)	3000 up, 1000 down
Beley Lakes	8 mi (0 on trail)	2300 ft up, 0 ft down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Rainbow Trout	6,900 in 1944	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,690 in 2022; 1,690 in 2014	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	49	14.9	13.7-16.4
1997	Rainbow Trout	18	9.7	6.8-12.7

Comments: This cirque lake sits well above timberline.

Yellowstone cutthroat trout were abundant at time of 2014 survey.

Druckmiller Lake

Drainage: Big Timber Creek

Elevation: 9056 ft

Location: 46.03087, -110.30909 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 12

Section: 03N11E1

Size: 24.2 acres

Depth: 97ft (Max)

Access: Take the trail at half moon campground to Granite Lake. Then continue along big Timber Creek to the divide.

Camp sites: Some firewood. Lake surrounded by talus rock and snowfields.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Big Timber Creek	4.5 mi (4 on trail)	1800 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	1,500 in 1933	
Rainbow Trout	2,420 in 2003; 2,412 in 1995	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	2,420 in 2019; 2,420 in 2011	2,420 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2006	Rainbow Trout	8	12.4	10.8-14.5
1990	Rainbow Trout	16	14.9	10.0-17.5

Comments: Eagle Lake rainbow were planted in 1987 at 165/acre. Density and strain should be assessed before the 2003 stocking.

No spawning areas present. Ron carlson reports good, heavy 16-18" rainbows 8/89. '90 fish were feeding primarily on red zooplankton. A few caddis larvae were also consumed. 7/12/99 - Lake was totally ice covered.

Eb planted in '33, RB in '35, '36, '37, '76, '78, '84. Reassess rainbow plants in the crazies. MFWP survey 06, good numbers and good health.

Granite Lake

Drainage: Big Timber Creek

Elevation: 8400 ft

Location: 46.03433, -110.293 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 10

Section: 03N11E1

Size: 13.4 acres

Depth: 95ft (Max)

Access: Follow Trail #119/118 from the half moon trailhead for 4 miles along big Timber Creek. Easy access.

Camp sites: A few campsites. Firewood has been picked over near the heavily used campsites.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Big Timber Creek	4 mi (4 on trail)	1100 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Rainbow Trout	8	9.9	6.9-12.9
1997	Rainbow Trout	6	9.6	7.3-13.2

Comments: Granite Lake receives its fair share of visitors. A small creek flows from Granite Lake into Blue Lake.

It is believed that rainbow trout were stocked by Druckmiller (a galena and sulfite miner) in the late 1930's.

Pear Lake

Drainage: Big Timber Creek

Elevation: 9000 ft

Location: 46.0236, -110.30555 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 11

Section: 03N11E12

Size: 39.8 acres

Depth: 185ft (Max)

Access: Follow the trail from the half moon campground to Blue Lake. Then hike cross country to the lake.

Camp sites: No firewood. Shoreline is 98% talus rock and rock ridges.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Big Timber Creek	4.5 mi (4 on trail)	1700 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Rainbow Trout	3,980 in 2000; 4,055 in 1992	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3,600 in 2019; 3,980 in 2011	3,980 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	28	11.9	9.7-13.6
2006	Rainbow Trout	2	17.5	17.0-18.0

Comments: Beautiful lake above timberline that was still 1/3 ice covered when surveyed on 7/23/14.

In 2012, 12 of the 28 fish sample was obtained by angling for 4 hours.

Thunder Lake

Drainage: Big Timber Creek

Elevation: 8197 ft

Location: 46.03371, -110.28601 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 8

Section: 03N12E6

Size: 3.2 acres

Depth: 7ft (Max)

Access: Four miles from the half Moon Trailhead along big Timber Creek. Easy access.

Camp sites: Campsites and firewood available. Shoreline is 90% timbered.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Big Timber Creek	4.5 mi (4 on trail)	1000 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
1990	Rainbow Trout	13	8.6	6.4-9.8

Comments: With blue, the most Visited Lakes in the Crazy Mountains. Thunder lake is connected to Blue and Granite lakes.

Thunder has the same rainbow trout population as Blue Lake. In 2014, 2 hours of angling effort at Thunder Lake resulted in 0 fish sampled.

Twin Lake, Lower

Drainage: Big Timber Creek

Elevation: 8092 ft

Location: 46.04524, -110.307 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 13

Section: 04N11E36

Size: 10.6 acres

Depth: 7ft (Max)

Access: Take the trail at half moon campground. The lake is below timberline. Good trail

Camp sites: There are many campsites and firewood is available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Big Timber Creek	4 mi (4 on trail)	900 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Rainbow	Unknown	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	1,060 in 1992; 1,060 in 1991	
Brook Trout	5,004 in 1936	
Rainbow Trout	7,776 in 1944; 4,200 in 1938	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Rainbow Trout	14	10.9	9.1-14.1
1999	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Rainbow	3	12.0	12.0-12.0

Comments: Lower Twin Lake is a shallow lake that has a defined creek channel running through it.

Twin Lake, Upper

Drainage: Big Timber Creek

Elevation: 8193 ft

Location: 46.04237, -110.31392 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 14

Section: 03N11E2

Size: 6.8 acres

Depth: 6ft (Max)

Access: Take the trail at Half Moon campground. The lake is below timberline.

Camp sites: Firewood available. Shoreline 10% talus, 65% timber, 25% grass

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Big Timber Creek	4.5 mi (4.5 on trail)	1000 up, 100 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Rainbow	Unknown	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Arctic Grayling	700 in 2008; 680 in 1992	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Rainbow Trout	7	12.0	10.6-14.3
1999	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout X Rainbow	4	10.9	7.4-13.2

Comments: Upper Twin Lake is a shallow lake that has a defined creek channel running through it.

Swamp Creek Drainage

Hidden Lake (Fish Lake)

Drainage: Swamp Creek

Elevation: 9574 ft

Location: 45.97704, -110.27469 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 2

Section: 03N12E30

Size: 5.0 acres

Depth: 63ft (Max)

Access: Across private property near Beley Lakes. Then up south fork of Swamp Creek. Some Trail and easy x-country hiking. Access across the public land is tough.

Camp sites: No firewood. Camping is better below.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Beley Lakes	3 mi (2 on trail)	1900 up, 200 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Unknown	Unknown

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,000 in 2019; 1,012 in 1982	1,000 in 2027

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
1995	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	6	12.1	7.8-17.3

Comments: This cirque lake sits above timberline and the surrounding mountain is all talus rock. Yellowstone cutthroat trout were self-sustaining for many years here however no fish were sampled during the 2014 survey.
No fish sampled during the 2014 survey.

Swamp Lake

Drainage: Swamp Creek

Elevation: 8968 ft

Location: 45.9668, -110.27471 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 1

Section: 03N12E31

Size: 22.2 acres

Depth: 61ft (Max)

Access: Private road on the Grosfield ranch. Access from the Big Timber Creek ranger station is difficult. Using only public lands to access the area would require many difficult miles of hiking.

Camp sites: Limited wood and campsites at lake.

<u>Trailhead</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation Change</u>
Grosfield Ranch Pvt.	3 mi (3 on trail)	1300 up, 200 down

<u>Species Present</u>	<u>Abundance</u>	<u>Status</u>
Brook Trout	Abundant	Self-Sustained

<u>Stocking Data</u>	<u>Historic</u>	<u>Planned</u>
Brook Trout	9,900 in 1959; 9,000 in 1954	

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u># of fish</u>	<u>Ave Length (in)</u>	<u>Range (in)</u>
2014	Brook Trout	81	9.5	6.7-12.0
1990	Brook Trout	19	10.0	8.0-12.6

Comments: Swamp Lake is not your typical a??swampa??lake. It is a deep cold lake that that has mostly a talus shoreline with only few stunted conifers in the area. The best access is across private land.
Brook trout are very abundant here.

Sweet Grass Creek Drainage

Campfire Lake (Hindu Lake)

Drainage: Sweet Grass Creek

Elevation: 8695 ft

Location: 46.06927, -110.39913 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 23

Section: 04N11E30

Size: 35.4 acres

Depth: 30ft (Max)

Access: Good trail across private ground to Trail #122 then #123. 15 miles, up 2,200 ft, down 200.

Camp sites: Campsites test firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Sweet Grass Creek	15 mi (15 on trail)	2200 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	45,000 in 1932	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	5,310 in 2016; 5,310 in 2008	5,310 in 2024

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
1999	No Fish Caught	0		
1995	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	11	11.0	6.9-17.2

Comments: This pretty lake that sits just below timberline is located on a bench above Moose Lake. It receives a moderate number of visitors.

A poor net set may have resulted in the low number of fish sampled during the 2014 survey.

Cascade Lake

Drainage: Sweet Grass Creek

Elevation: 8961 ft

Location: 46.06524, -110.26188 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 16

Section: 04N12E29

Size: 6.8 acres

Depth: 25ft (Max)

Access: Access is difficult. From half moon campground up over the ridge takes 5.5 hours. The outlet looks bad for access.

Camp sites: No firewood. The lake is surrounded by talus rock mountains.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Big Timber Creek	3.5 mi (None on trail)	3310 up, 925 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stock, with some natural reproduction

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	764 in 1946	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	340 in 2019; 340 in 2011	340 in 2027

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	22	14.5	12.3-17.3
1999	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	8	19.5	17.3-21.8

Comments: Cascade Lake sits well above timberline in a narrow cirque basin that receives limited sunlight and receives very little use. It is no surprise there is very little use as the access is very tough.

Cave Lake

Drainage: Sweet Grass Creek

Elevation: 8790 ft

Location: 46.07035, -110.32177 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 18

Section: 04N11E26

Size: 15.5 acres

Depth: 41ft (Max)

Access: Head up Milly Creek ~4 miles from the Maintained Trail up sweet grass creek (Trail #122). Access to #122 is across private land.

Camp sites: There are a few campsites and some firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Sweet Grass Creek	8 mi (4 on trail)	2600 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Golden Trout	Common	Self-Sustained
Golden Trout Hybrid	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Golden Trout	410 in 2003; 1,012 in 1992	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Golden Trout	8	17.8	13.4-22.3
1999	Golden Trout	11	13.3	8.3-18.8

Comments: Cave Lake is a beautiful lake in an open basin with a few scattered trees. The shoreline is 75% talus rock with the other 25% being timber and grass.

Hybridization of this golden trout population was detected in 2003.

Moose Lake

Drainage: Sweet Grass Creek

Elevation: 7951 ft

Location: 46.06709, -110.38658 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 21

Section: 04N11E29

Size: 13.1 acres

Depth: 11ft (Max)

Access: Maintained trail up the Middle Fork of Sweet Grass Creek, or from Porcupine Ranger Station. Good trail.

Camp sites: There are many campsites and firewood is plentiful.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Sweet Grass Creek	14 mi (14 on trail)	1500 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Rainbow Trout	Common	Self-Sustained

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Cutthroat Trout	7,040 in 1931	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	3,492 in 1941	

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Rainbow Trout	19	10.2	7.0-13.7
2006	Rainbow Trout	4	10.3	6.3-14.0

Comments: This stunning lake is located in a timbered valley at the upper end of the Middle Fork of Sweet Grass Creek. There is sign of moderate to light use here. The lake sits on private land.

North Fork Lake

Drainage: Sweet Grass Creek

Elevation: 8520 ft

Location: 46.1108, -110.3796 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 25

Section: 4N11E8

Size: 4.816 acres

Depth:

Access: Up north fork of sweet Grass Creek Via Trail from sweet Grass Creek. Good trail.

Camp sites: Campsites test firewood available.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Sweet Grass Creek	13 mi (13 on trail)	2100 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Self-Sustained

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	7	8.5	4.9-12.7
1990	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	37	9.5	6.3-14.0

Comments:

Sunlight Lake

Drainage: Sweet Grass Creek

Elevation: 8895 ft

Location: 46.10989, -110.38896 ([Map](#))

Marcuson's Code: 26

Section: 04N11E8

Size: 8.0 acres

Depth: 34ft (Max)

Access: Follow the Cattle Trail up the north fork ~3 1/2 miles from the maintained trail up sweet Grass Creek.

Camp sites: Campsites available close below the lake. Wood is scarce.

Trailhead	Distance	Elevation Change
Sweet Grass Creek	13.5 mi (13.5 on trail)	2500 up, 200 down

Species Present	Abundance	Status
Yellowstone Cutthroat	Common	Stocked

Stocking Data	Historic	Planned
Brook Trout	11,000 in 1937	
Cutthroat Trout	25,200 in 1939	
Rainbow Trout	22,400 in 1941	
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	1,000 in 2018; 1,000 in 2010	1,000 in 2025

Surveys	Species	# of fish	Ave Length (in)	Range (in)
2014	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	53	9.4	7.6-12.2
1990	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	15	11.9	7.1-15.2

Comments: The lake sits just above timberline in an open basin. The shoreline is roughly 60% rock and 40% grass. The lake was about 1/2 covered with ice during the 7/23/14 survey.

Yellowstone cutthroat trout were doing well and very abundant when surveyed in 2014.