

Photos of McCoy Creek Hike
Burns BLM District

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The hike starts on a faint jeep trail up a grassy swale, at a "Wilderness Boundary" marker.



The route follows the old jeep trail over a sage plain, in the direction of the Kiger Notch (on horizon).



The jeep track ends on the edge of the canyon, but the hike continues overland to a lone juniper post.



From the juniper post, it's a short but steep scramble down the hillside into McCoy Creek.



The canyon bottom is a rich mosaic of wet and dry meadows, willow thickets and aspen groves.



Though cattle graze the canyon heavily in early summer, upstream are found enchanting meadows...



...and thick stands of quaking aspen to entice the explorer.



Downstream, it's easy to reconnoiter the open grassy flats and willow thickets of lower McCoy Creek.