

**Photos of Mud Creek Trail**  
Burns BLM District

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The trail starts at a steel gate along Indian Creek and soon requires a calf-deep ford of this stream.



The old jeep road then climbs steeply out of the Indian Creek canyon.



For the next 2 miles, the old road wanders through sage uplands with stands of juniper trees...



...and through open grasslands that show signs of a long ago range fire.



After hiking through a dry landscape, the wet verdant stream canyon of Mud Creek is a welcome sight.



Cattle grazing has been excluded here for several years, so the native grasses are now tall and lush...



...and the riparian willow and shrub communities are now thick and healthy.



A good lunch destination is the road crossing of Mud Creek, just below the extensive hillside springs.