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## Serene Lake, Shellrock and Rock Lakes trails

**Topic:** Serene Lake, Shellrock and Rock Lakes trails

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### Serene Lake, Shellrock and Rock Lakes trails

**Simon Harding** : 4/8/2009; 5:19:07 AM

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Can anyone comment on the shape of these trails late in the season last year? I sawed out some portions over the summer that as I understand it are now wilderness. I am wondering what kind of shape they will be in this season. The section between the Rock lakes Basin and Serene Lake had a lot of small blowdown on it last year as the trees along that section are small. It seemed to me blowdown was less an issue up there than it is elsewhere for some reason.

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### Re: Serene Lake, Shellrock and Rock Lakes trails

**Robert Koscik** : 4/8/2009; 6:15:28 AM

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I wonder if constructive "jungle gym" cuts made into the larger logs would be easier than sawing all the way thru (in 2 places). Since most trails aren't used by horses, the 1930s standards don't always apply, especially in places where ya can't use a chainsaw. Personally I don't mind climbing over a couple minor logs, but some of those old growth trees are dangerous to navigate. Brushing out trails is just as valuable, unless you get one of those windstorm scattered matchstick messes...

Anyway just a thought. Hikers are somehow making it thru Bull of the Woods even though there are a million down trees. Shellrock etc. are just as popular areas, and I think in a couple years people will see the impact of the sawing ban and hopefully raise enuff ruckus to get some exceptions in the works. Didn't someone mention that it's up to the district F.S. office to submit the necessary paperwork for an exception? Or must it come from higher up? In either case, if saws and heavy equipment are used for fire lines, there is no way in hell that it shouldn't apply to trail maintenance as well.

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**Rob Williams** : 4/8/2009; 10:56:59 AM

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Here is a link to a message I posted back in Feb of 2008 after I got a response from my letter to Sen Wyden about exceptions for using chainsaws in Wilderness areas to do trail maintenance:

[http://www.trailadvocate.org/discuss/msgReader\\$805?mode=topic&y=2008&m=2&d=18](http://www.trailadvocate.org/discuss/msgReader$805?mode=topic&y=2008&m=2&d=18)

I haven't been to Serene Lake for a few years now, however I did take the Grouse Point trail last year which overlooks Serene Lake.

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**Re: Serene Lake, Shellrock and Rock Lakes trails****Simon Harding** : 4/8/2009; 7:20:51 PMReads: 765, Responses: 0 ( [↩](#) view responses to this item)

Hey Adventure Bob how are you? The trouble with notches is that kids and older folks can not use them and they are safe for no one.....

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Simon,

At the end of October I did two hikes in the area you're asking about. The first was from the trail head at Hideaway lake to Shellrock lake and the second was from Frazer Turnaround to Middle/Upper Rock Lakes and on to Serene lake.

On the second trip I tried to get to the trail head for Trail "X" by Bobs Buck Camp/Cripple Creek, but there was a big tree across the road (I think it was on FS Rd 4635) so I had to turn around. Drove back to Estacada to report it (sometimes I wish I had a Sat phone!) and get a map to Frazier Turnaround.

Both trails were clear except for a muddy section between the Rock Lakes and the switchbacks leading up to Serene Lake. Can't wait until the snow is pretty much gone to get up there again!

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**Re: Serene Lake, Shellrock and Rock Lakes trails****Don Walton** : 6/19/2009; 8:58:09 AMReads: 504, Responses: 3 ( [↩](#) view responses to this item)

I'm heading up this way tonight after work - for the weekend. Going to take the kids up to Shellrock and then saturday take a day hike up to serene. It's been at least 15 years for me having been up to serene lake. I guess I will see how the trail is.

Last year we camped at Shellrock - and the trail was in good condition without any obstruction (early september).

-NEW HERE!... hello all!

-don

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**Re: Serene Lake, Shellrock and Rock Lakes trails****Don Walton** : 6/22/2009; 10:01:16 AMReads: 499, Responses: 2 ( [↩](#) view responses to this item)

So I went up to shellrock lake this weekend - but got rained out by saturday morning. Took up a bunch of neebies - and 40% showers ended up as 9hrs straight rain. Anyhow - will be heading back up in a few weeks. If it was just a night of showers with a chance to dry things out a bit - that would be one thing - but after listening to the WB - getting a 50% chance of rainfall by sunday morning we decided to bag it.

Trail to Shellrock is fine - after the log/creek crossing as you start to circle the lake there is a large log (2'6" dia min)... folks have been tromping the brush around it - but if someone has a bigger saw it would be nice to get that out of there. Unfortunately I am not certified or or signed up - or I would head back up with my saw next weekend.

It is easy enough to get around - but I it would be nice not to trample the underbrush and wild plants.

- In 3 weeks I am going back up - and will head all the way up to serene - hope the weather holds up.

-d

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**Re: Serene Lake, Shellrock and Rock Lakes trails****Simon Harding** : 6/23/2009; 5:35:14 AMReads: 531, Responses: 1 ( [↩ view responses to this item](#))














I am unsure where the Wilderness Boundary in that area now lies. I think I was the last guy to do any saw work in there last season. I won't be going back. At least, not with a saw. That log is probably the first of many folks are going to have to climb over or bushwhack around. Unless it is outside the presently unmarked wilderness boundary.

[Discuss this message.](#)**Re: Serene Lake, Shellrock and Rock Lakes trails****Don Walton** : 7/8/2009; 9:37:22 AMReads: 494, Responses: 0 ( [↩ view responses to this item](#))

heading up again this weekend (thursday-sunday) - will go all the way up to serene for a few days - then back down through cashe meadow trail thru shellrock - will snap photos of trail blockages along the way.

-don

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