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## Hambone Springs

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Have been working for the past couple weeks on the trail that heads out of Hambone Springs camp. The trail is relatively easy to follow for the first mile or so, then quickly gets swallowed up by the forest after the saddle near Hambone Butte. Very wild country. If you have a high clearance vehicle for the insane Abbot Road, then take a trip out there and check it out. I wouldn't bring any young children though; this area is very remote and contains heavy populations of bears and cougars. The trail starts after the last campsite, to the left after the Wilderness sign. Stay left of the small meadow at the beginning of the trail; it goes through some brushy huckleberries then gets easier to follow. Be careful out there! Also, the 1/8 mile trail down to the spring has been cleared, although the flow is but a trickle this time o' year.

We also dropped down to the Roaring River with the idea of trying to locate the elusive E-W trail along the canyon. There is nothing to report other than many piles of huckleberry packed bear poop and tangles of old forest. It seems that the trail has been swallowed up by the forest. It probably wasn't that substantial to begin with, considering the proximity of the Abbot Trail/Road. 1200' drop in a mile...

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