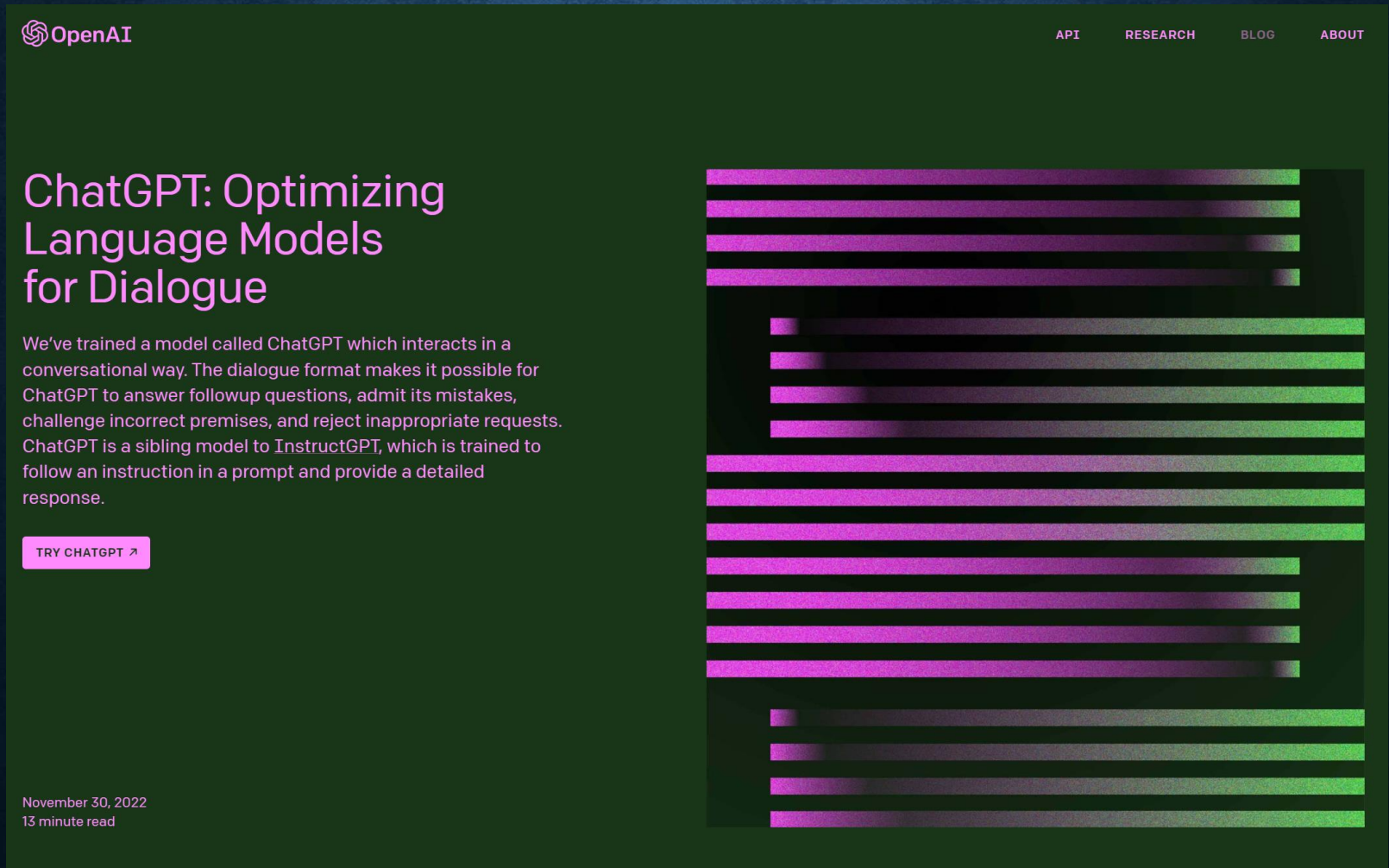


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FLY FISHING COLORADO'S INDIAN PEAKS WILDERNESS AREA

With Mike Kruse & Steve Schweitzer

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Beautiful vistas in IPWA are unmatched...



From Haimovi Plateau looking SE over Hell Canyon

Beautiful vistas in IPWA are unmatched...



From atop Arapahoe Pass looking east to Nederland, CO



**CLEAR RUNNING
CREEKS ARE
EVERYWHERE**



**GOING OFF-TRAIL
REWARDS THOSE WHO DO**

**TROUT ARE PLENTIFUL IN
ALL THE OBVIOUS PLACES**



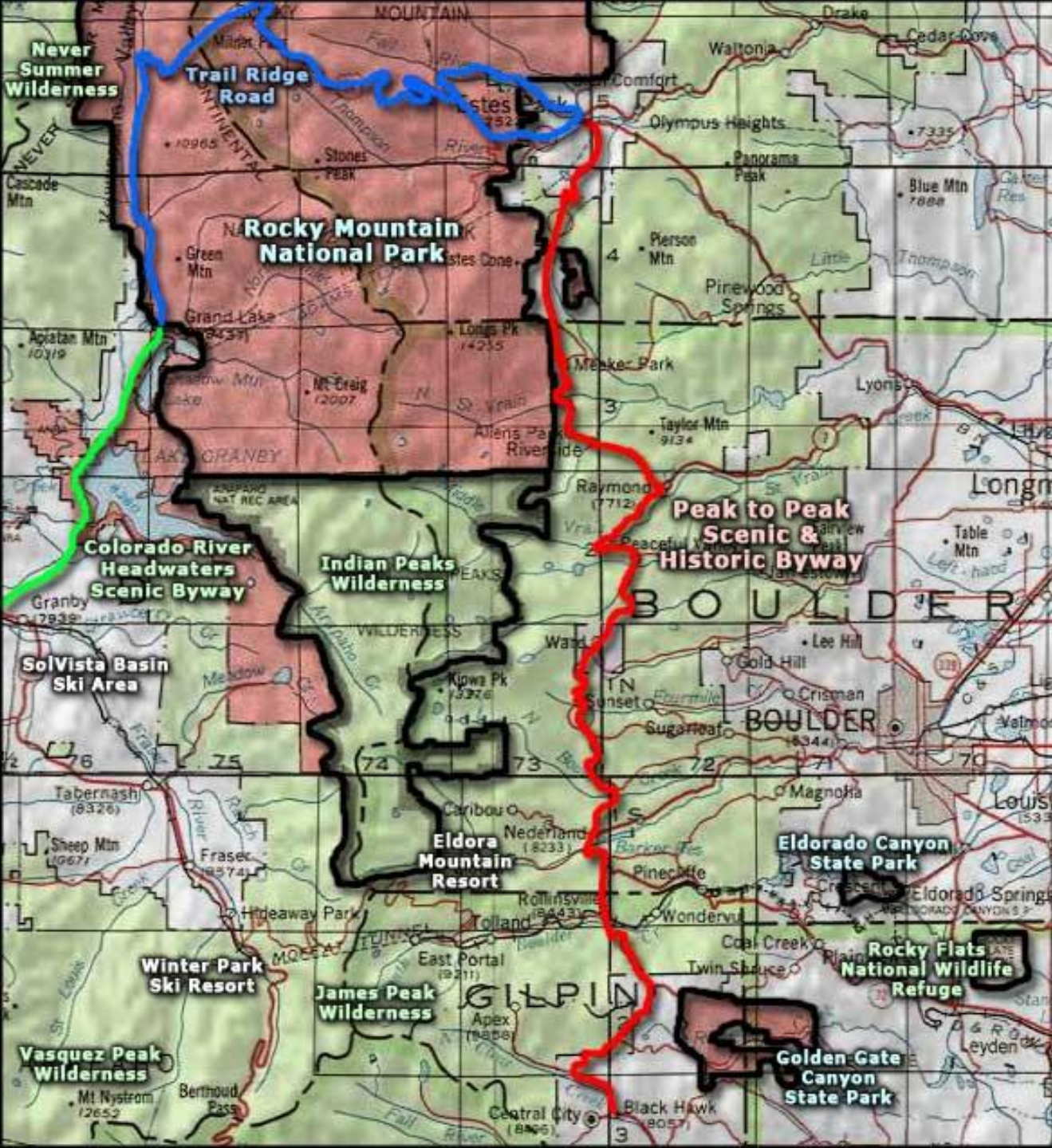
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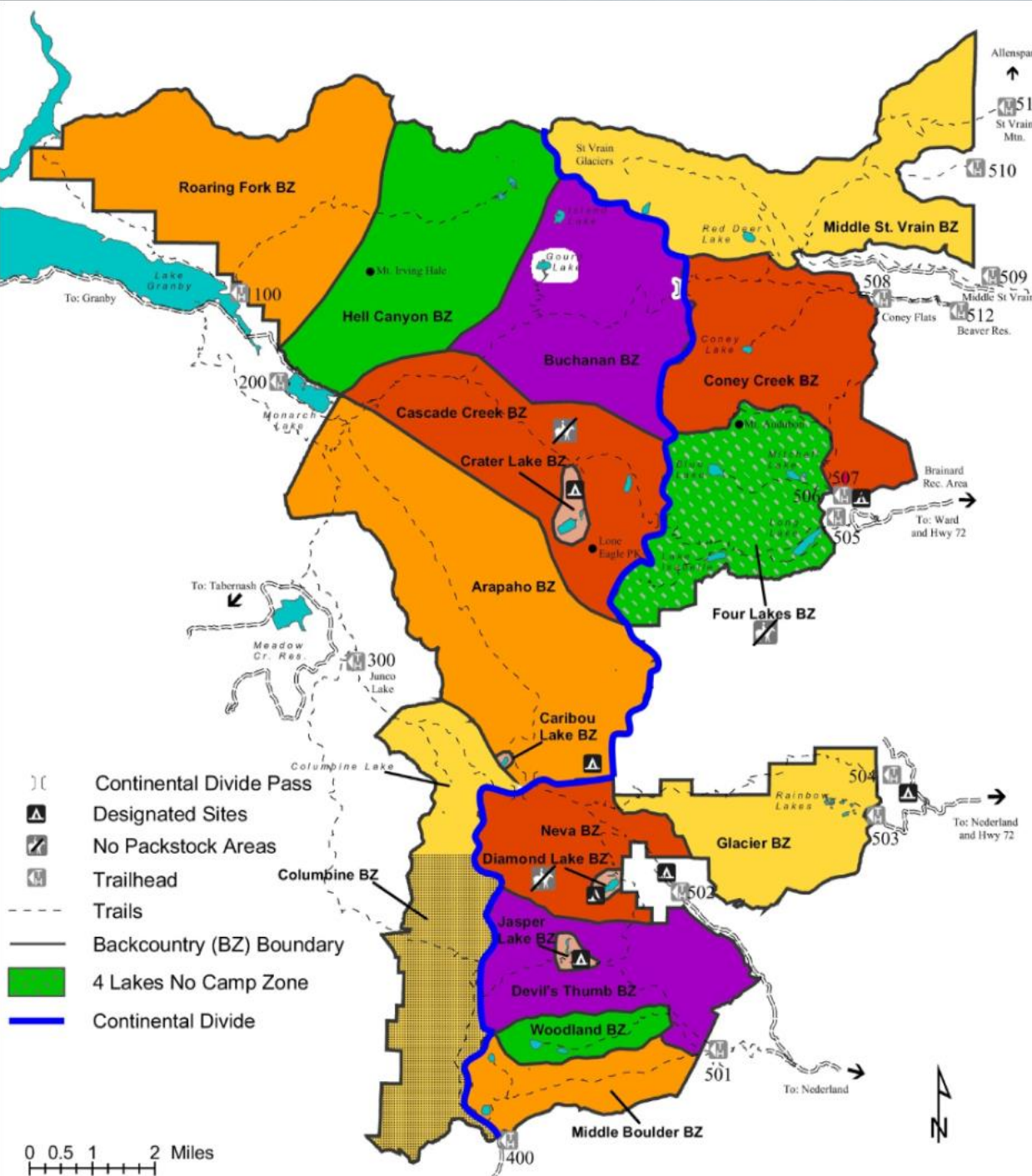


ABOUT IPWA

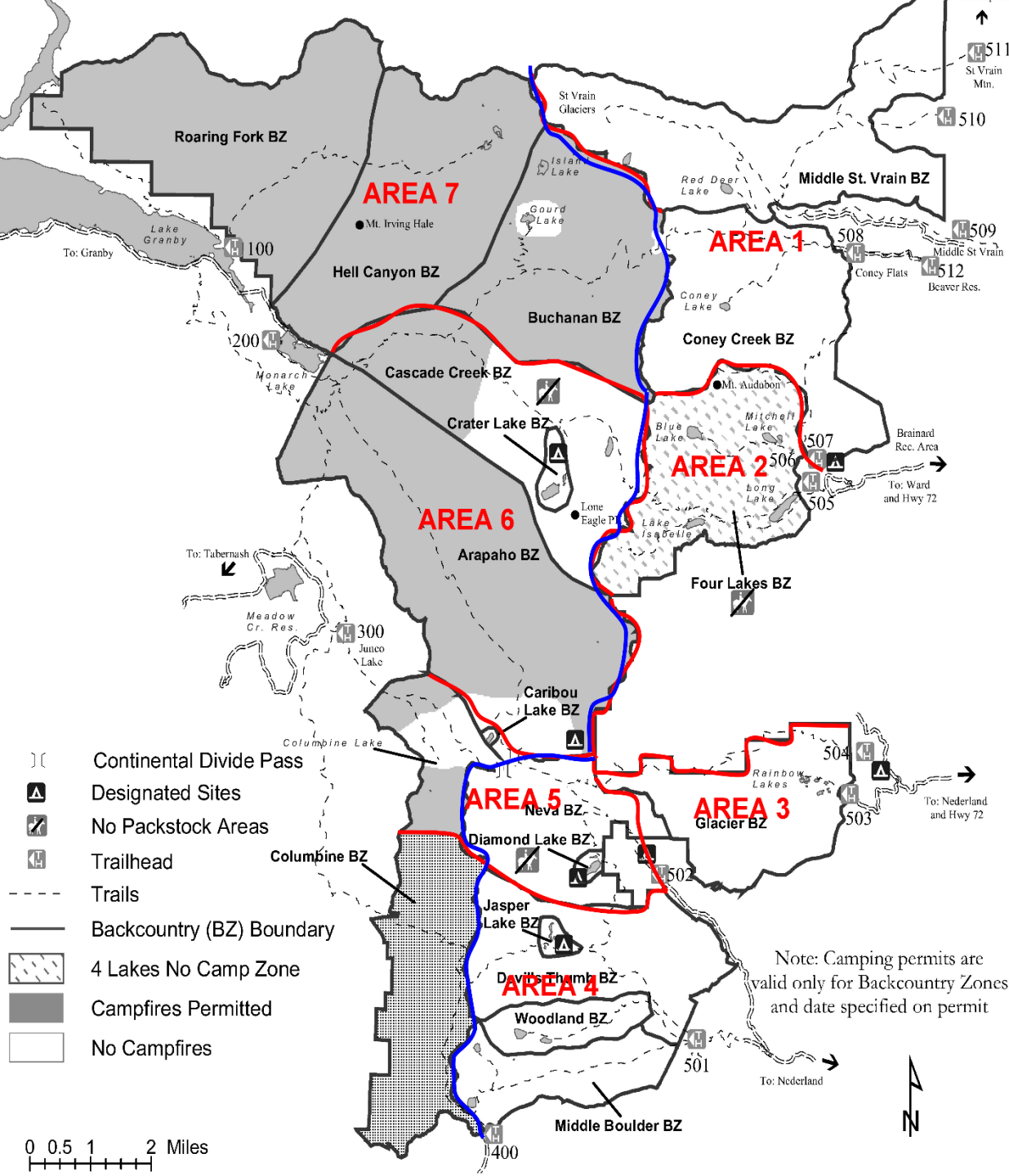
**IPWA &
RMNP
share a
common
border**



IPWA has 18 Back-Country Zones (BCZs)



The book focuses on **7 areas**, following the major drainages



IPWA by the Numbers

- 6 Passes over the Cont. Divide
- 7 Peaks above 13,000 ft
- 28 trails
- 33 of 50+ lakes contain fish
- 35% of terrain above tree line
- 88 creeks, streams & rivers
- 119 Square Miles
- 133 Trail Miles
- 76,711 Acres

IPWA vs RMNP

1. IPWA is one of the most visited wilderness area in the U.S. (765 wilderness areas in U.S.)
2. IPWA is a managed fishery, RMNP is self-sustaining
3. IPWA allows dogs on trails
4. IPWA is the poster-child for high-altitude fishing
5. IPWA is only 28% the size of RMNP





FISH IN IPWA











Tenkara USA



How do those fish get there?





ESSENTIAL GEAR



Fishing should be the simplest part of your trip

- 1 rod
- 1 fly box
- 4-5x tippet
- Nippers



Day Trip Must-Have's

- Polarized Glasses
- Hat
- Water filtration
- Lunch/snacks
- Rain Gear
- Warmth Layer

Leave Behind

- Waders
- Float Tubes
- Sink-tip lines



FLY GEAR

For Streams

- 3-4 pc, 2-4 Weight 8 - 8 ½ foot fly rod
- Tenkara 11' - 12' rod

For Lakes

- 3-4 pc, 4-5 Weight 8 ½ - 9 foot fly rod

Lines & Leaders

- WF-F lines are a perfect all around choice
- DT-F lines fine for streams but not for windy lakes
- Start with a 9-ft 5X leader and build from there. (a 12' leader to 6X is not uncommon for lakes)



Backpacking & Camping

Everyone's list of gear is personal

Don't Overpack, But Be Prepared

- Water Purification
- Rain Gear
- Map & Compass
- First Aid
- Shelter
- Food
- Knife



HIGH-ALTITUDE FISHING TACTICS



Lake Fishing

- Look for **plant growth**
- Look for a **shallow littoral zone** and deep drop-off
- **Lakes are extremely diverse food factories:**
damsels, scuds, caddis, midges, mayflies, leeches, ants, beetles, etc.



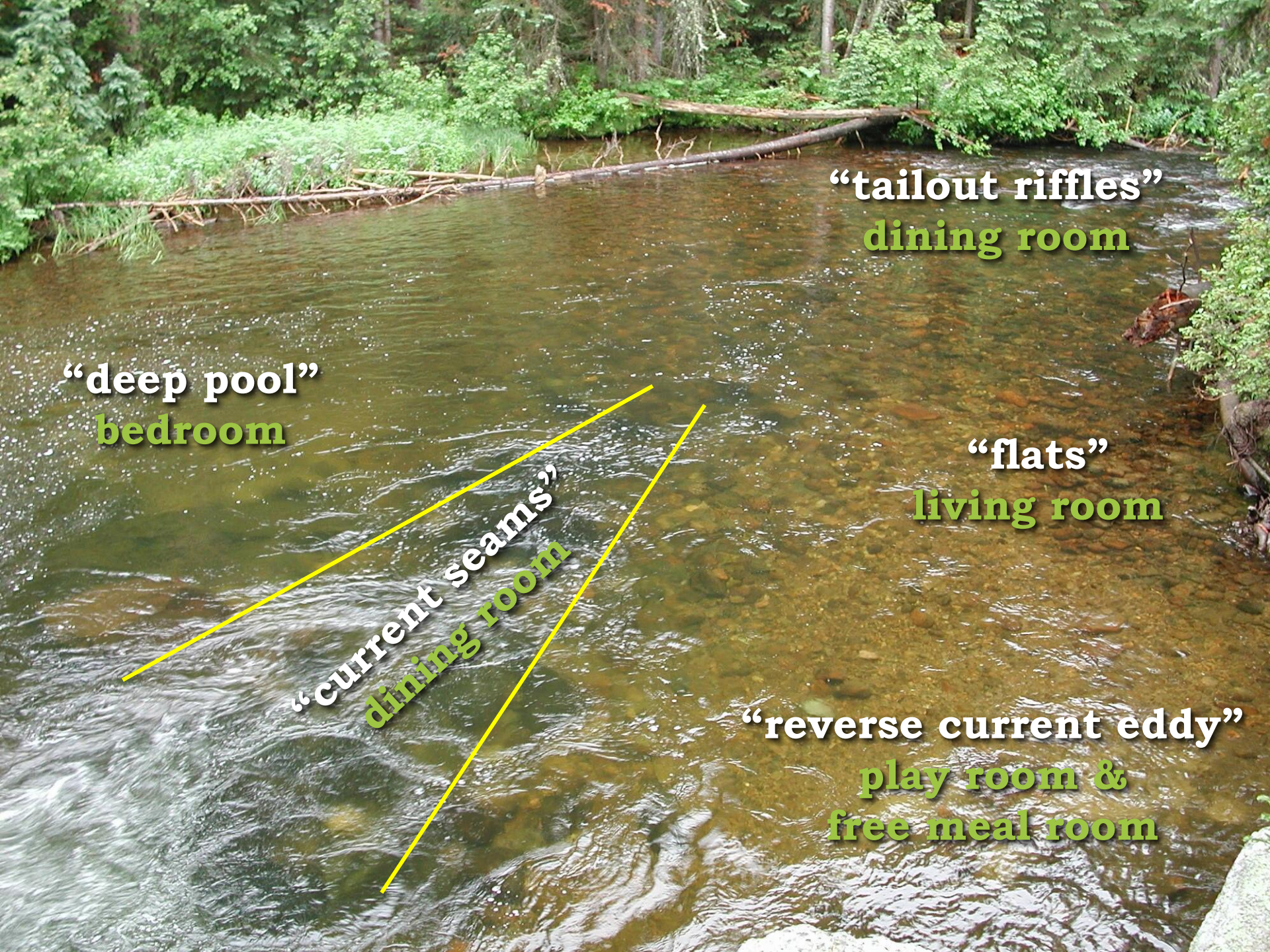
Lake Fishing

- Pattern cruising fish
- Avoid wading in
- Anabatic winds are your friend!
- Fish still cruise the surface even in high winds
- Don't forget the inlets and outlets



Stream Fishing

- 42 streams contain fish (of 88 total streams)
- Brook Trout dominate most streams
- Most trails are flanked by some sort of fishable stream
- Many streams require knowing where they are and hiking off-trail to find them (use your topos!)



“tailout riffles”
dining room

“deep pool”
bedroom

“flats”
living room

“current seams”
dining room

“reverse current eddy”
play room &
free meal room



SELECTED DESTINATIONS

6 SELECTED DESTINATIONS

Easy

Moderate

Hard

0

0

0-1

0-1

1

1-2

Mitchell Lake
Blue Lake

Woodland Lake
Trail
(Woodland
Lake,
Skyscraper
Lake)

St. Vrain
Glacier Trail
(Gibraltar Lake,
Middle St. V
Creek)

Rainbow Lakes

“Separation Hike”

“Off-Trail Junkie”

“Short Hike”

King Lake Trail
(King Lake, S.
Boulder Creek)

Pawnee Pass Trail
(Mirror Lake,
Crater Lake,
Cascade Creek)

“Family Time”

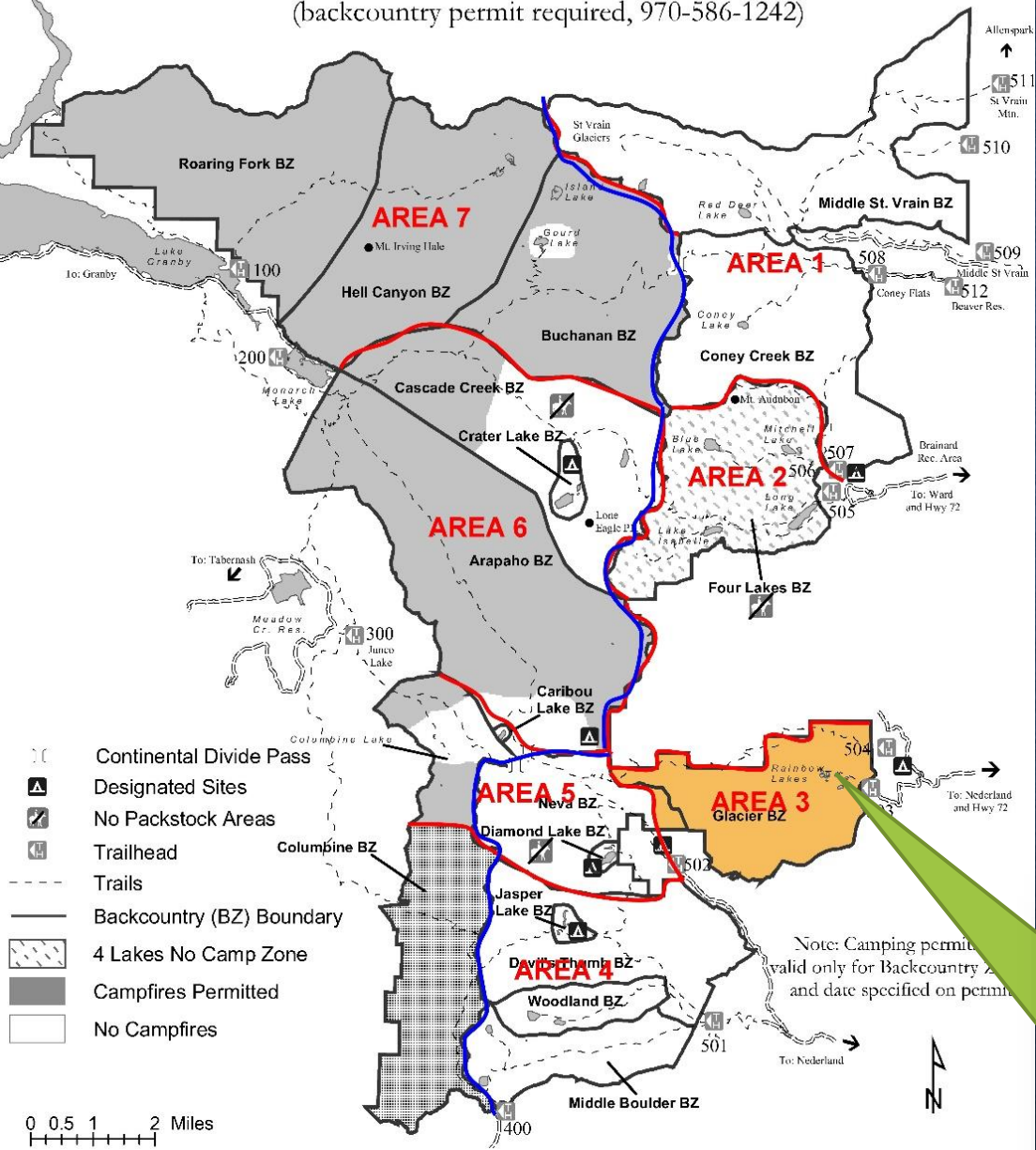
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“Cross the C. Divide”

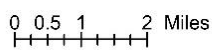
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Number of recommended backcountry nights

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- Continental Divide Pass
- Designated Sites
- No Packstock Areas
- Trailhead
- Trails
- Backcountry (BZ) Boundary
- 4 Lakes No Camp Zone
- Campfires Permitted
- No Campfires



INDIAN PEAKS WILDERNESS AREA

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EASY Rainbow Lakes



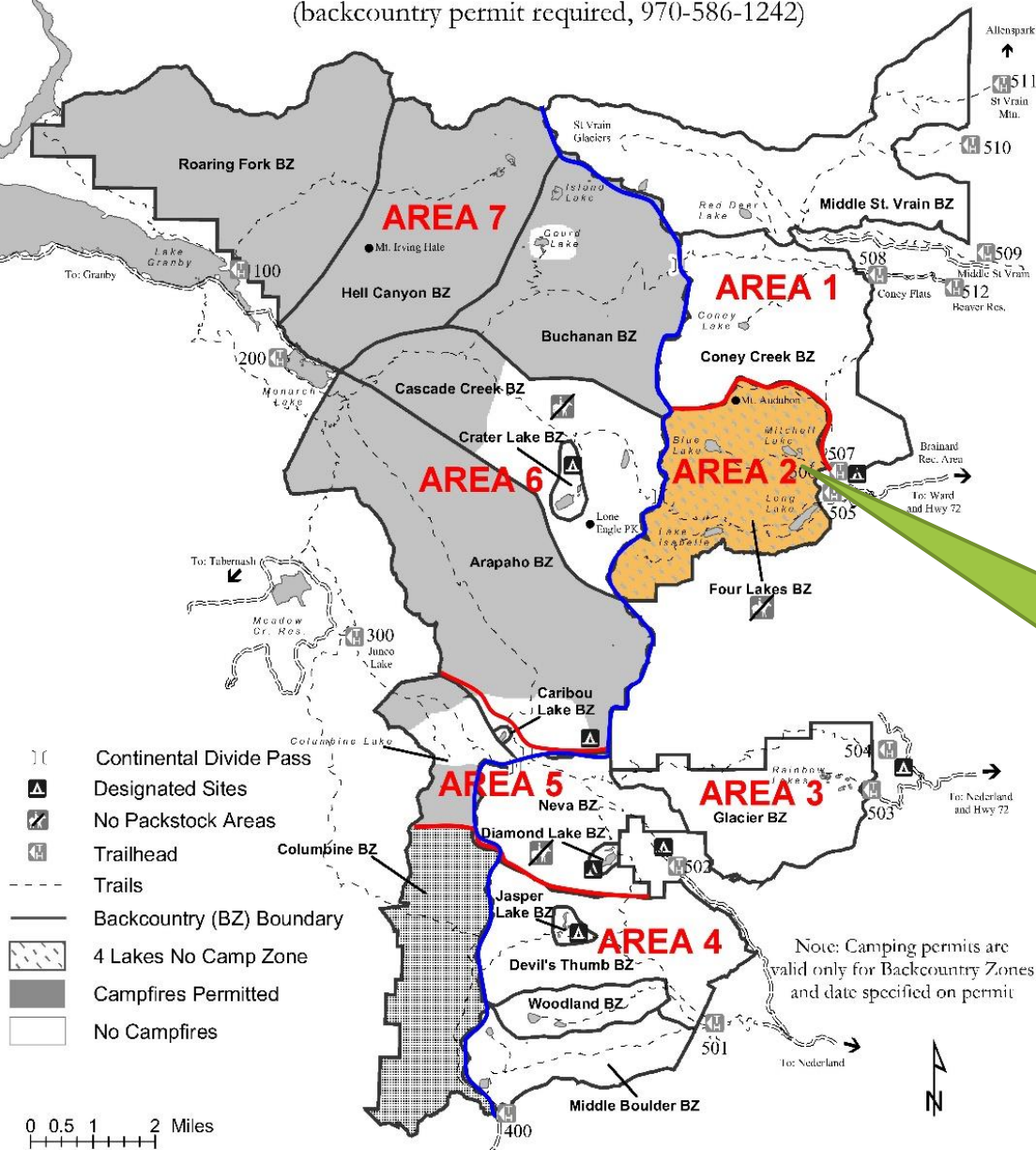
RAINBOW LAKES



What to Know

- 0.86 trail miles
- 370 ft altitude gain:
9,980 ft – 10,250 ft
- High trail usage
- 9 lakes, 1 stream
- Fish: Cutthroat,
Brookies
- No Rainbows!

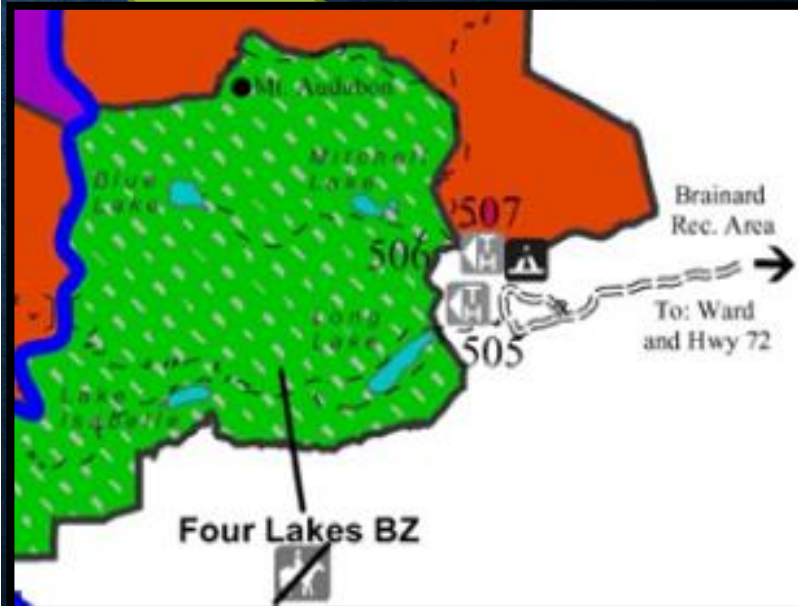
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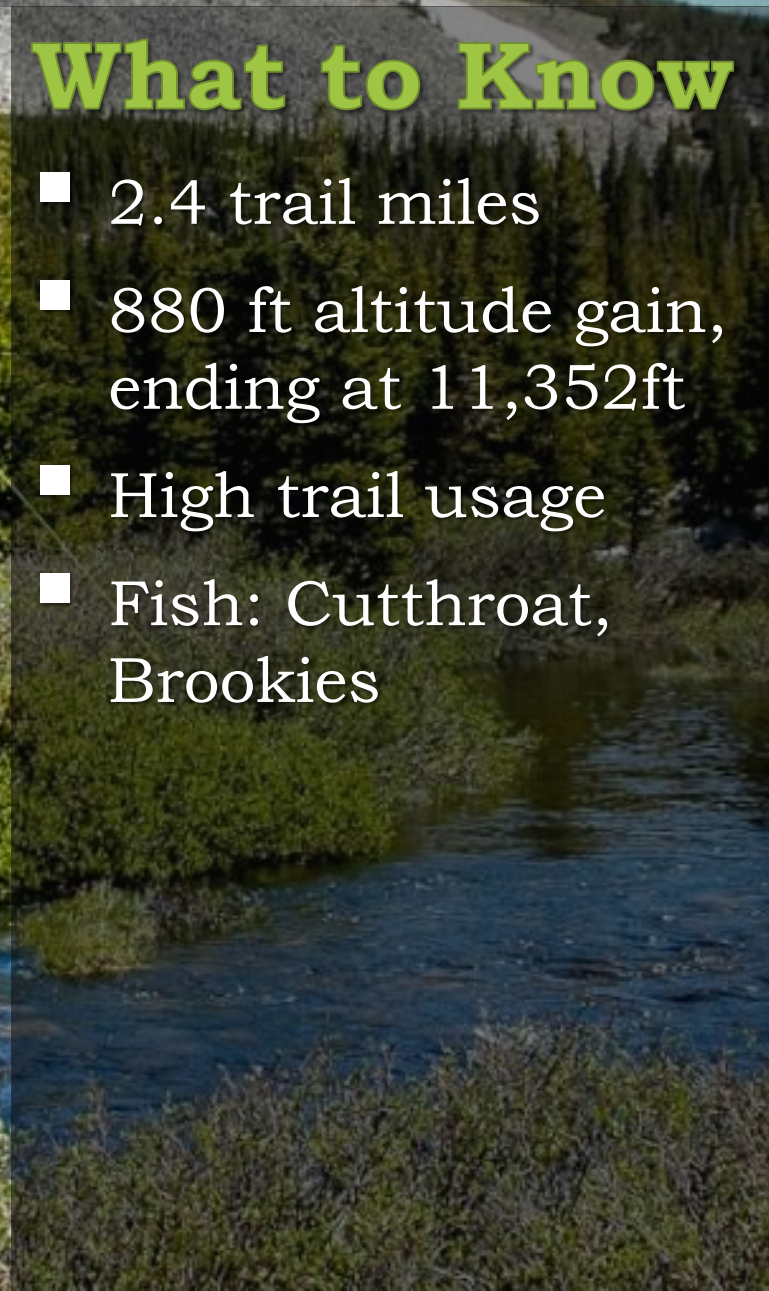
Easy Moderate Mitchell Creek and Lake



MITCHELL CREEK & LAKE

What to Know

- 2.4 trail miles
- 880 ft altitude gain, ending at 11,352ft
- High trail usage
- Fish: Cutthroat, Brookies

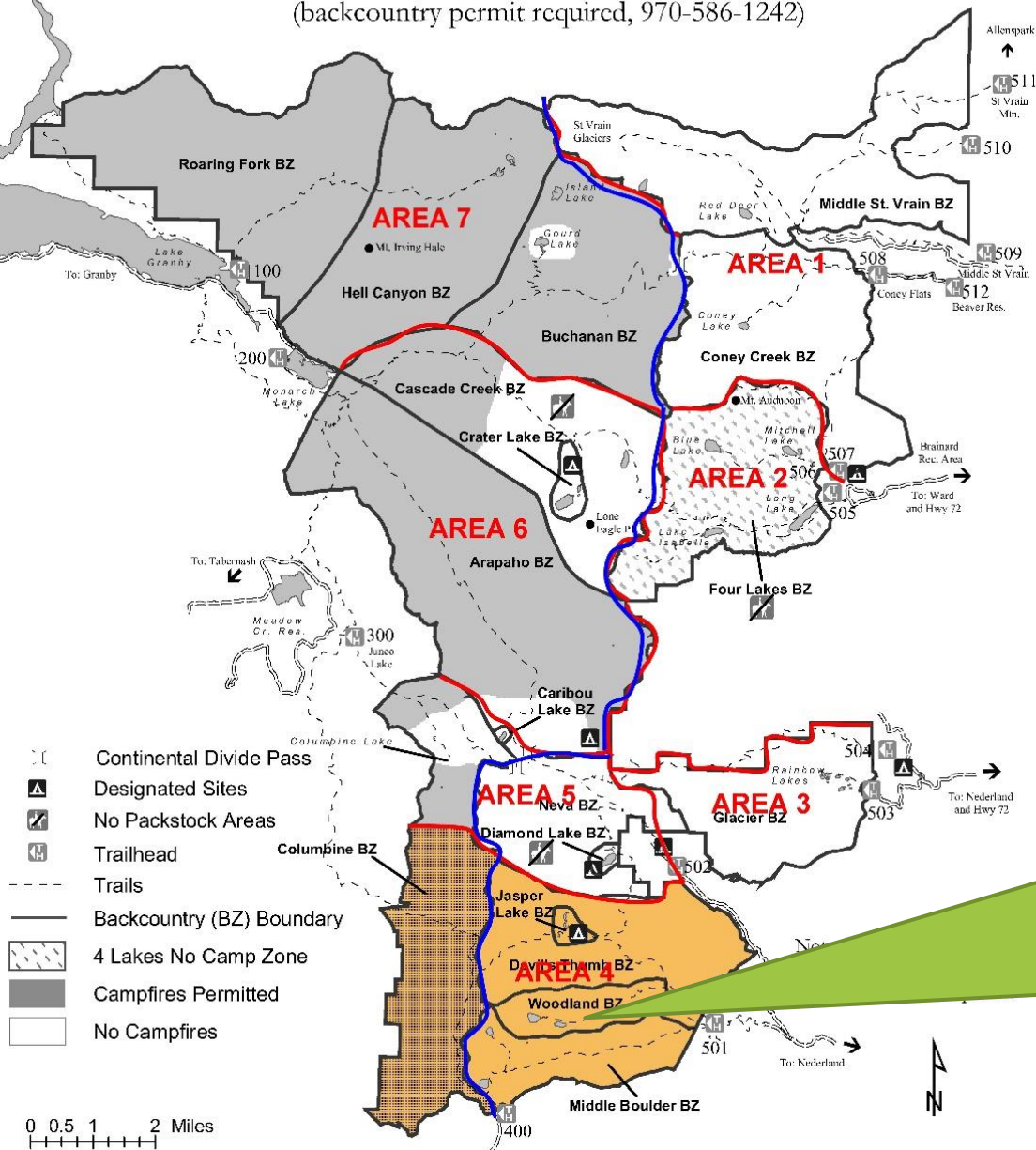




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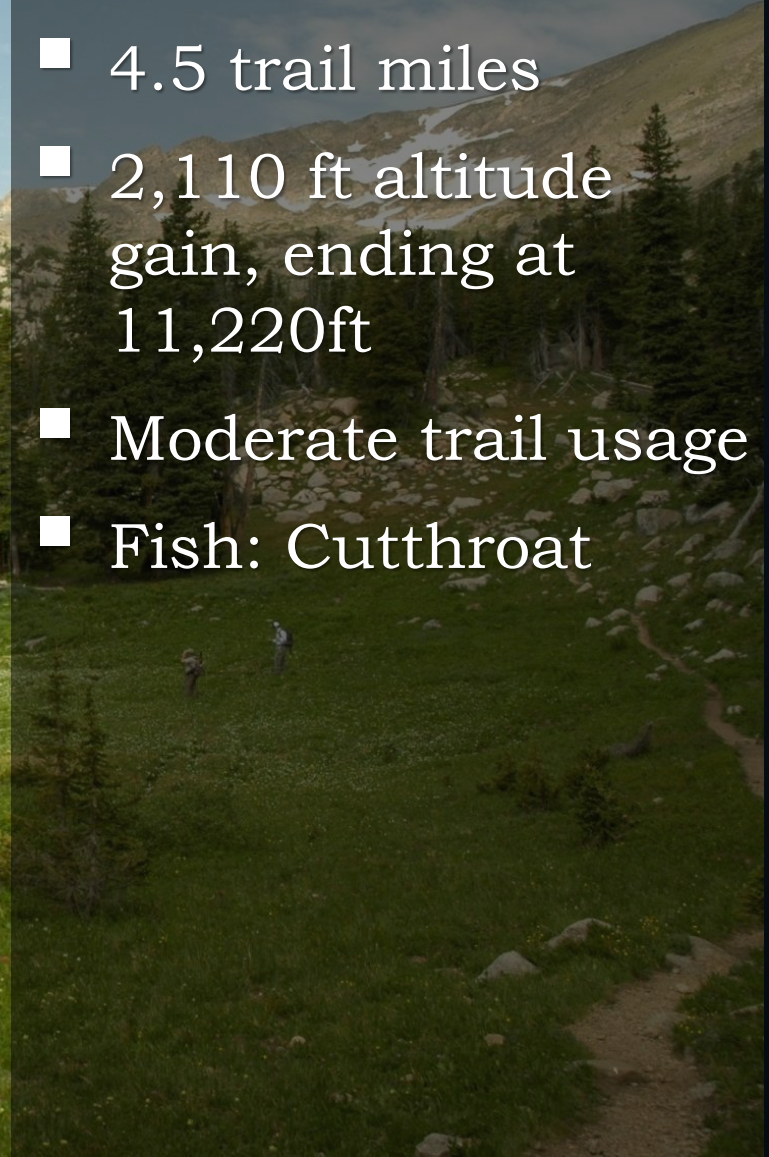
Moderate Woodland Lake Trail

WOODLAND LAKE TRAIL



What to Know

- 4.5 trail miles
- 2,110 ft altitude gain, ending at 11,220ft
- Moderate trail usage
- Fish: Cutthroat



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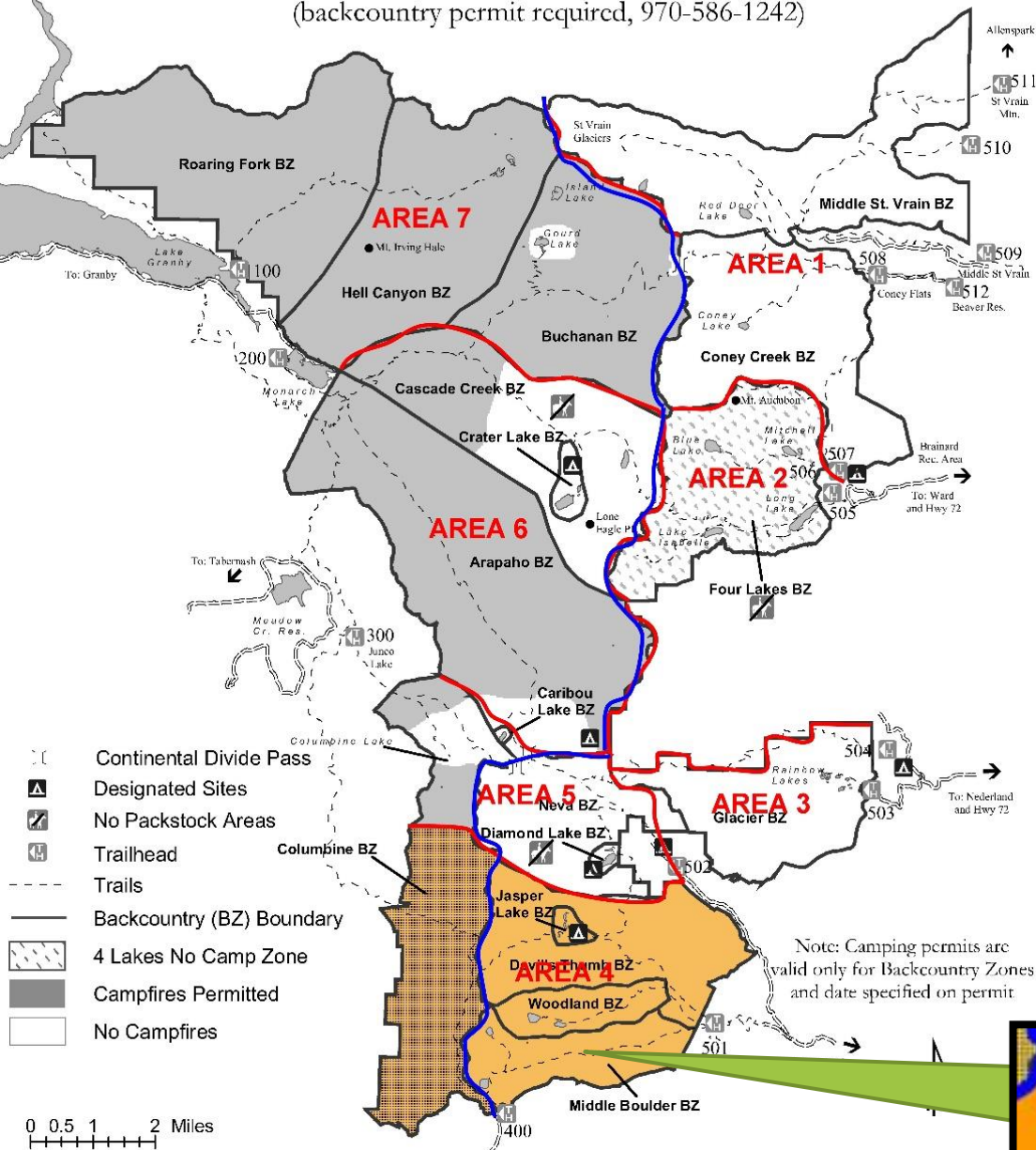


SOUTH FORK JASPER CREEK



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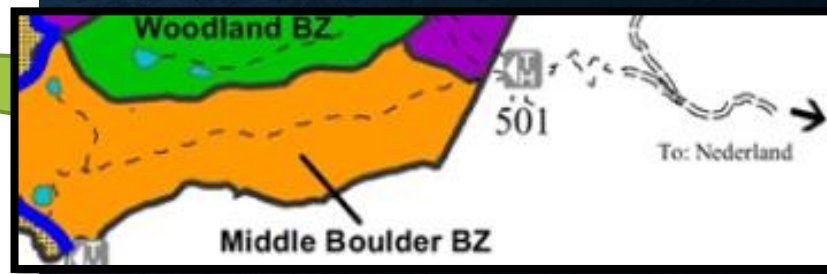
Moderate to Hard King Lake Trail



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KING LAKE TRAIL

What to Know

- 5.4 trail miles
- 2,515 ft altitude gain, ending at 11,638ft
- Moderate trail usage
- Fish: Brookies, Cutthroat

S. FORK MIDDLE BOULDER CR.

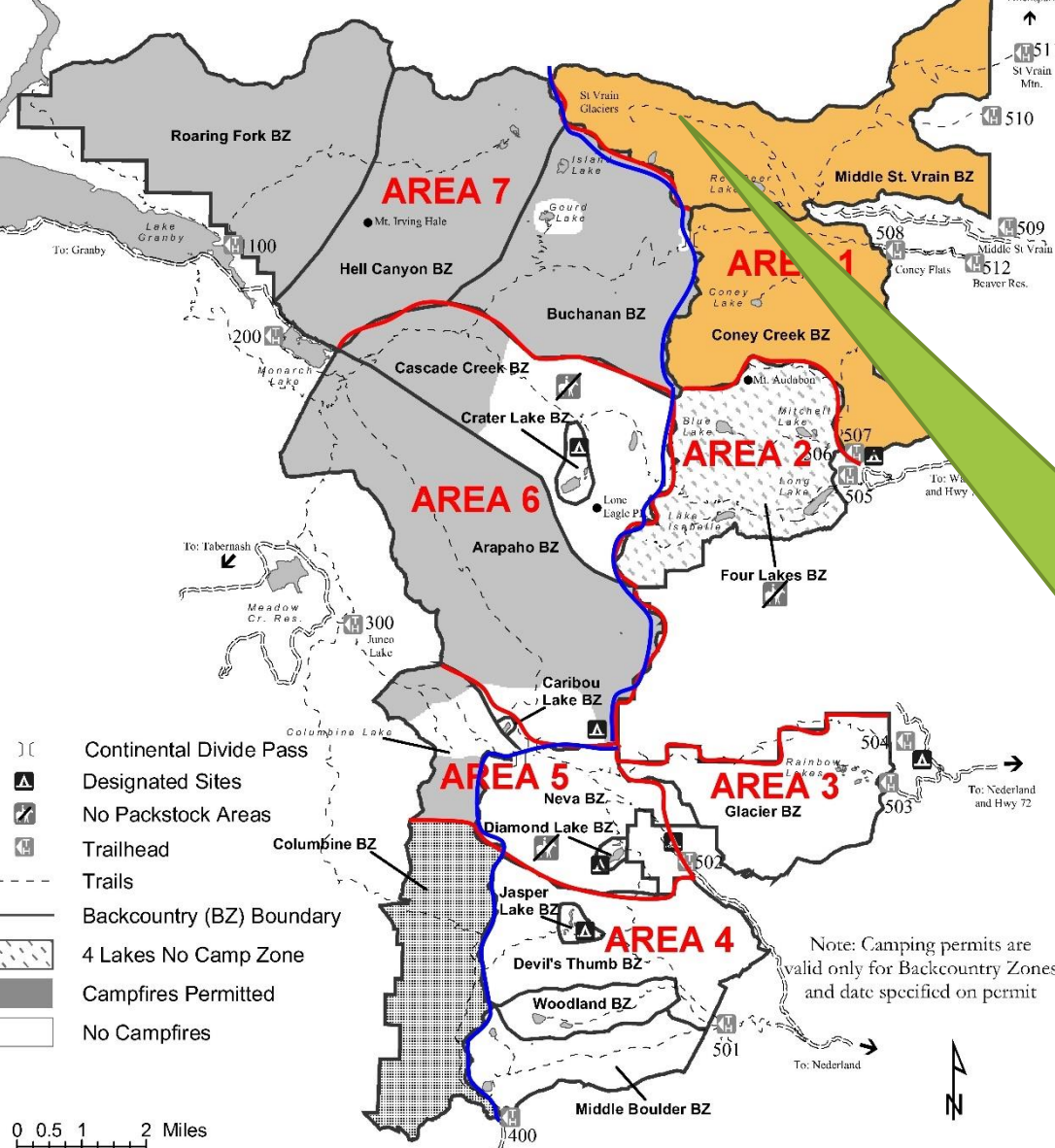


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Hard St. Vrain Glacier Trail



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MIDDLE ST. VRAIN CREEK



What to Know

- OHV road from Camp Dick is the preferred way in
- Hike the remaining 3.75 miles to Gibraltar
- Trail is easy-to-moderate except for last mile
- Fish:
Greenbacks,
Brookies

GIBRALTAR LAKE

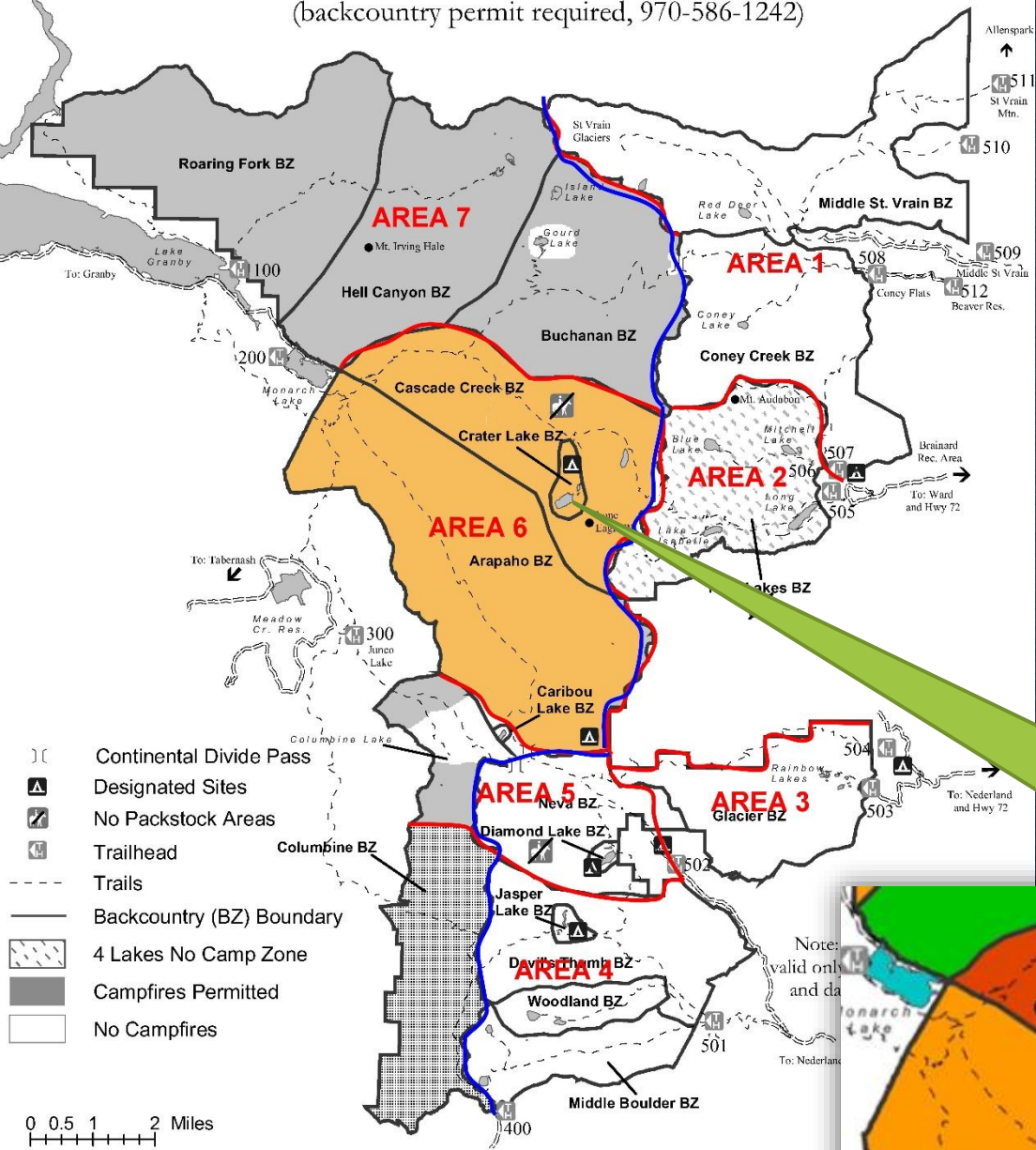
What to Know

- Only lake in IPWA with Greenback cutthroat
- Last mile to lake after unnamed ponds goes through krummholz, willow and scree



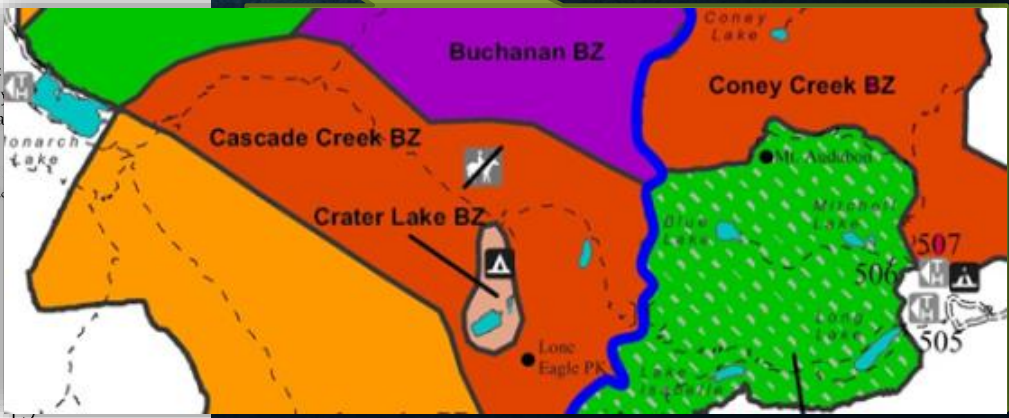
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Harder Pawnee Pass Trail



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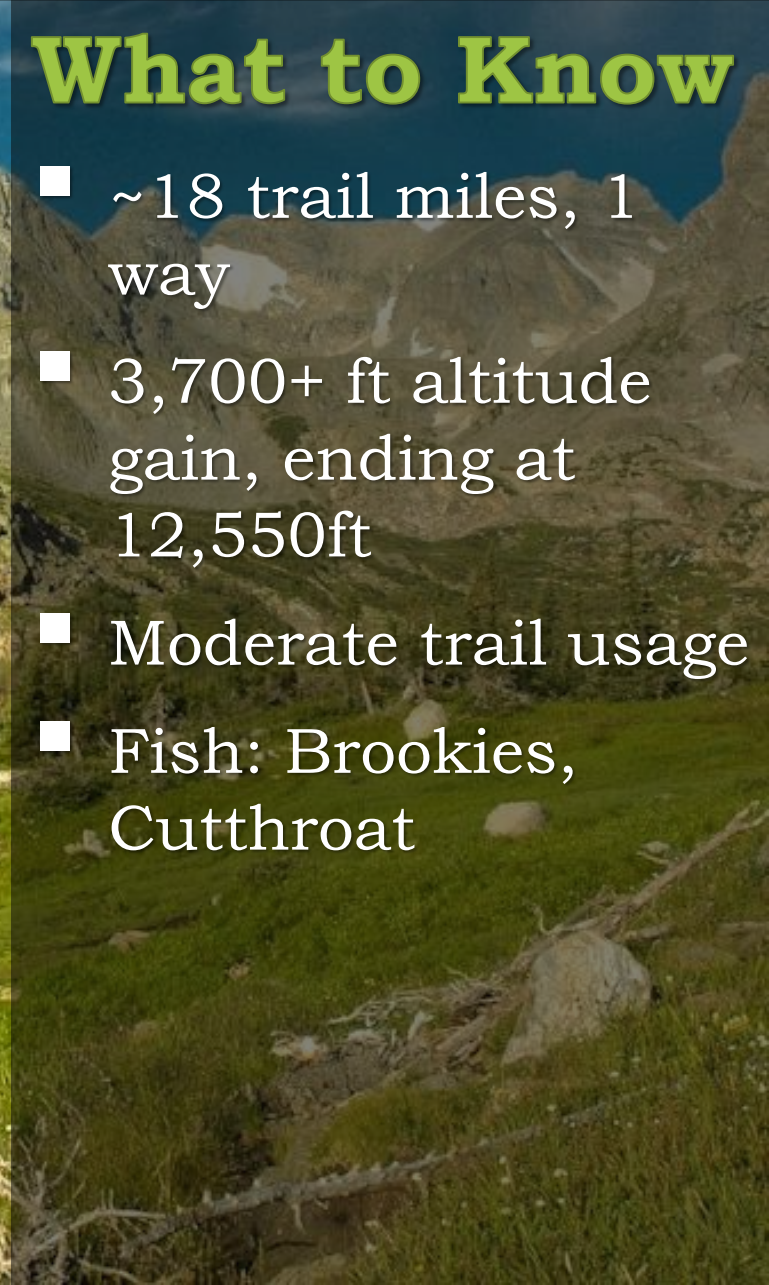
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LONG LAKE

What to Know

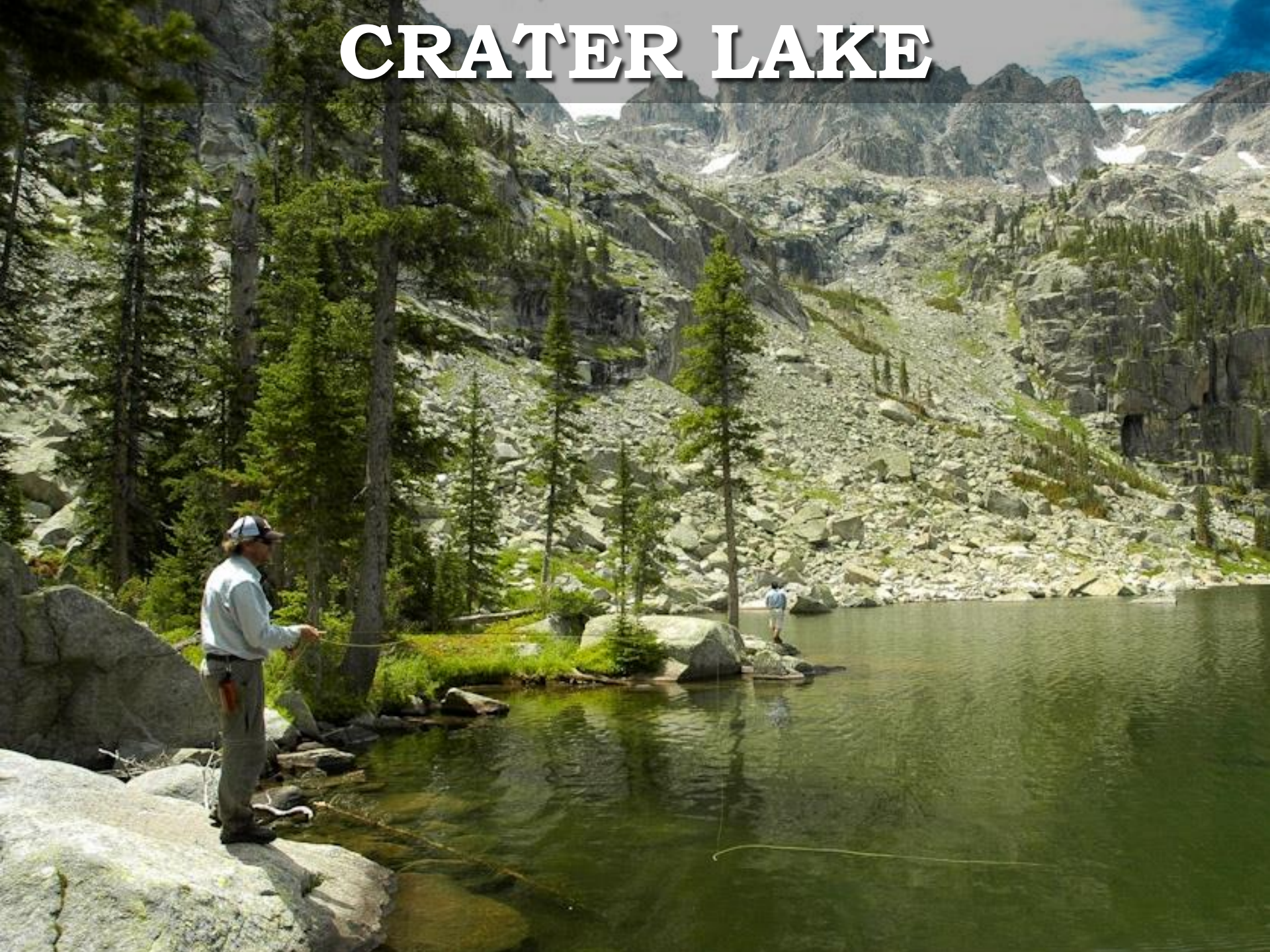
- ~18 trail miles, 1 way
- 3,700+ ft altitude gain, ending at 12,550ft
- Moderate trail usage
- Fish: Brookies, Cutthroat



TOP OF PAWNEE PASS



CRATER LAKE



CASCADE CREEK





WRAP-UP

HOW MANY RISING FISH DO YOU SEE?



RESPECT THE WILDLIFE

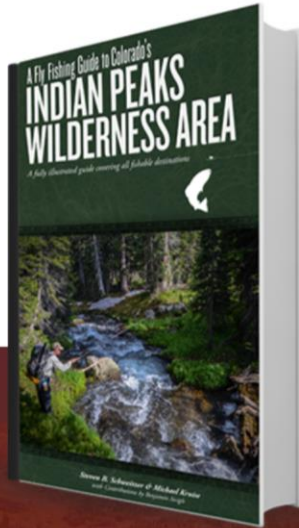


IPWA IS STUNNING.



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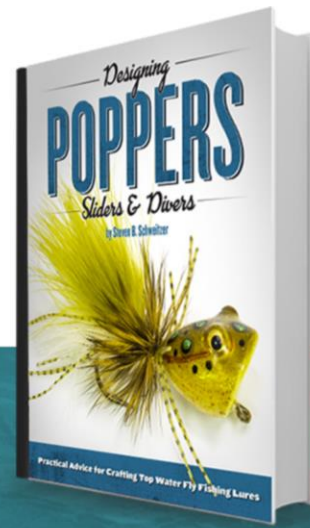
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