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Creeks and Canyons

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Big Bear Canyon Crosses trail # 28 East of Woodland Park	4/8/24 -light flow. 5/1/24 – DRY 10/5/25 – DRY	3/13/26 – DRY 10/15/26 – water 11/6/26 – flowing water
Clear Creek Near trail # 30 Lilley Mtn area	3/1/26 – flowing 4/17/26 – flowing 4/24/26 – trickle and lots of pools down stream	6/18/26 – 2 pools with stagnant water. Photo 9/13/26 – small pools 11/6/26 – running water
Little Creek near trail # 160 Junction of trail #160 & #161 SW from Woody's Coral TH	4/3/26 – flowing water - photo 5/3/26 – flowing water - photo 7/12/26 – DRY	10/4/26 – flowing water - photo 10/11/26 – flowing but cloudy 10/29/26 – flowing water
Little Creek at waterfall Between Little Springs and junction with trail #789	7/19/26 – DRY 8/6/26 = low flow but good pool - photo	10/12/26 – flowing and continues for about ½ mile downstream
Little Creek near Little Springs Junction of # 155 and #161	4/3-26 – water in creek and intermittent down for 2 miles 5/2/26 – same as above – photo at trail crossing	7/19/26 – flowing water upstream 8/7/26 – low flow - photo 10/12/26 – steady flow which continues 2 miles downstream
Little Turkey Creek Crosses trail # 160	2/8/26 – flowing water - Photo 4/26/26 – barely flowing 7/12/26 – DRY	9/18/26 – DRY 10/9/26 – flowing water - photo 10/29/26 – flowing water
McKenna Creek Downstream from trail # 187 In McKenna Park	4/10/2024 – clear flowing water 8/22/24 – clear and flowing 12/10/24 - Dry	10/2/25 – Dry 2/5/26 – clear pools 2/28/26 – flowing water
Prior Creek Near jct of trail # 156 & # 29 Downstream of Prior Cabin	10/6/26 - Prior Creek water trickling on/off starting at 33.30286, -108.39167 and downstream	10/15/26 – water 11/6/26 – good clear flow
Rawmeat Canyon Crosses trail # 153 multiple times	4/17/25 - Dry 8/31/25 – Dry 3/14/26 – good flow - Photo	3/24/26 – good flow 6/20/26 – flowing water 8/7/26 - Dry
Turkey Creek at trail #159 Up stream of Miller Springs Trail junction with Turkey Creek	2/8/26 – Dry but downstream running near Miller Springs Canyon 33.14302, -108.38469- Photo	3/14/26, 3/24/26,4/5/26 – pool at junction and flowing down stream ½ miles down 10/13/26 – flowing below and about 2 miles upsteam

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Springs

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Cassidy Spring Near Trail # 26 & # 25 - Southwest of Black Mtn	9/18/25 – water in tank - photo 1/24/26 – plenty of water 3/7/26 - plenty of water - photo	3/16/26 – plenty of water
Horse Spring Near trail # 187 Northwest of McKenna Park	4/10/24 - clear strong flow 6/4/24 - clear and flowing 1/24/26 – deep pools	2/28/26 – multiple clear pools 3/14/26 – 1 shallow pool
Hummingbird Spring Near Hummingbird Saddle 33.32806, -108.64511	5/18/26 – lower than last year, 24 inches across & 3 inches deep - Photo 6/6/26 – similar to above - photo	6/24/26 – similar to previous 8/14/26 – more water - photo 10/9/16 – some water - photo
Lilley Park Spring Near trail # 30 - NE of Lilley Park. 12 S 0737368 3688328	9/30/25 –pencil thick flow from pipe and a pool - Photo 3/14/26 - flow at .5 - 1 liter per min	4/24/26 – trickle coming from the pipe and pools down trail 6/1/26 – same as above
Little Spring Near jct of trail #161 & #155 West of Granite Peak	9/1/25 – water in spring box. Photo 10/5/25 – spring box half full 3/13/26 – water	4/3/26 – good clear water 5/2/26 – water - photo 8/7/26 – water - photo
Marrs Spring Near trail # 165 West of Lilley Mtn	4/17/26 – small pool - photo & pools above & below in the creek. Pool near upper Marrs spring - Photo	9/13/26 – small pool
Mckenna Spring Near trail # 155 West of Diablo Pass	10/1/24 – dry 8/29/25 – some water 10/4/25 – Dry	1/24/26 – pools 3/14/26 – Dry - photo 8/7/26 – Dry - photo
Miller Spring Near jct of trail #160 & #159 Below Miller Springs Cabin	12/5/25 – Dry 2/8/26 – very small pool mirky 4/5/26 – Dry	10/10/26 – Dry but pool nearby 33.12367, -108.355377 – photo
Stove Spring On trail #814	9/13/25 – low flow at trail crossing and pool above trail. Photo	2/28/26 – some flowing water 4/17/26 – clear but low flowing water - Photo
Quentin Spring Near jct of trail #164 & #165 West of Lilley Mtn 33.32005, -108.48338	9/15/25 – clear pools near camp on downstream a ¼ miles. Photo 2/28/26 – pools 4/16/26 – pools - photo	4/24/26 – lots of pools for ¼ mile down from the junction 9/13/26 – some water
Sam Martin Spring Near jct of trail # 23 & #26	10/7/24 - Low and muddy 9/18/25 - Low and muddy - photo	1/24/26 – full tank 3/16/26 - Dry
Snow Park Spring Near Trail #152 33.25995,108.57668	6/1/24 – clear and flowing 5/18/25 Dry 8/31/25 Dry	4/15/26 Dry

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Tanks

Most tanks are murky & stagnant, more likely to clog filters & have a "different" or bad taste. But it is water.

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Antelope Tank Near trail # 27 South of Black	5/3/2024 – ¼ full and murky 6/2/2024 – nearly dry and murky 10/6/24 - dry	9/18/25 – dry 3/17/26 - dry
Burnt Corral Tank Near trail # 26 South of Black Mtn	4/15/24 – full, murky water 5/3/24 – full, murky water 6/2/24 –muddy and nearly dry	10/6/24 – dry 3/17/26 - dry
Christie Tank Near Trail # 23 West of Black Mtn	7/1/22 – small and murky	
Dry Lakes Tank Near trail # 153 and #187 McKenna Park	9/6/2021 - dry 4/10/24 – some water 8/8/26 - Dry	
Greenfly Tank Near trail # 26 South of Black Mtn	10/19/2022 – full but murky 3/22/24 – 1/2 full, murky water	4/15/24 – full and somewhat clear 12/2/24 – only a little water
Kellogg Tank Near trail # 716 West of Middle Mesa		
Little Turkey Park Tank Near trail # 160 West of Brushy Mtn	10/4/25 – dry 12/5/25 - some muddy water, adequate for emergency use	2/8/26 – ¼ full and murky - Photo 3/17/26 – mud 10/10/26 – 80% full - photo
Miller Spring Tank Near jct of # 160 & # 159 Next to Miller Spring Cabin	4/3/25 – less than ½ full 10/5/25 – small pool 12/5/25 - 3-inch deep pool - muddy	2/8/26 – small pool - Photo 4/11/26 - dry - Photo 10/10/26 - dry
Woodland Park Tank Near trial # 12 In Woodland Park	9/23/24 – 1/3 full and murky 3/17/25 – ¼ full and murky Photo 6/1/25 – Dry - Photo	8/29/25 – 1 ft deep and murky 3/16/26 – small pool - photo 4/12/26 – small pool of very muddy water

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Aldo Leopold Water Reports

8/16/26 – Mimbres River Trail #177 – much better flow – photo at first crossing
8/2/26 – Mimbres River Trail # 177 – better flow at first crossing – Photo upstream, photo downstream
7/16/26 – Reed's Meadow – has water
7/14/26 – Mimbres River Trail # 177 – low flow at first crossing - photo
7/8/26 - McKnight Canyon along McKnight Trail – no water at the first 2 crossing
5/18/26 – McKnight Canyon along the McKnight Trail – flowing – plenty of water
5/20/26 – Trail leaving from Railroad Canyon campground has only pools
2/27/25 - #128 Railroad Canyon – light flow and pools with algae in the first mile of the trail

Gila Wilderness Additional Reports

10/4/26 – Willow Creek and Gilita Creek – both running well

10/4/26 – Bead Spring – strong flow – photo 1 and photo 2

10/6/26 - pools and flowing slightly in upper ring canyon

10/6/26 – Nat Staw Canyon – flowing where the ring canyon trail crosses it

10/6/26 - Prior Creek at Prior Cabin - flowing/trickling water in creek (few inches depth). Trick tank muddy puddle. Plus the unnamed creek parallel to prior creek (33.31290, -108.36820) - flowing water.

10/1 to 10/4/26 – off trail water options near Miller Springs Cabin and Water Canyon – link with photos, video link and coordinates

10/4/26 - 1/3 Mile West of the Little Turkey Park Tank**:** 33.15066, -108.31960 – large pool of water - photo

9/19/26 – Big Timber Tank – essentially Dry - photo

9/19/26 – Rocky Canyon below campground - water

10/1/26 – Tennessee Meadows – clear flowing water

10/1/26 – Rock Spring next to South Fork Whitewater Trail – mucky water as usual

10/1/26 – Holt Spring – just a trickle

8/26/26 - Whiterocks Tank is dry

8/24/26 – Rain Creek where the trail crosses - water

8/6/26 – flowing water in Little Creek about 1.2 miles above #789 junction - photo

6/6/26 – Hobo Spring (33.30089, -108.62101) small pool below the trail - Photo and Little Hobo is dry

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5/29/26 – Holt Spring and Spring near Camp Creek Saddle both have water

5/18/26 – Hobo spring (photo)- 36" across - maybe 5" deep max - a little muddy - small clear water running off of where trail crosses spring. Little Hobo spring (photo) - very small pool of water - 2" deep by a foot across - Hobo is better.

5/2/26 – Upper part of Mogollon Creek (above Turnbo) - intermittent pools and flow

4/28/26 – Mogollon Creek where trail # 189 crosses– good flow

4/28/26 – West Fork Mogollon Creek at junction of # 189 and #224 – good flow

4/24/26 – Packsaddle canyon – DRY

4/24 and 4/19/26 – Iron Creek along the West Fork Trail #151 - flowing water running all the way to the Middle Fork

4/17/26 - Iron Creek Lake – small puddle

4/16/26 – Apache Spring (near Apache Cabin) – 1.5 deep clear pool, but no visible flow

4/16/26 - ~4 inch deep with lots of algae but enough to dip from.

4/15/26 – White Creek – good flow for the whole length

4/14/26 – Turkey feather spring/creek – flowing intermittent and water in the spring box - photo

4/3/26 – water flowing 6.2 miles up Little Creek from #160. Water flowing next to the trail. Photo

4/1/26 – Turkey Creek from junction with Granite Peak trail to junction with Miller Springs Trail # 159 – intermittent flow.

3/20/26 – water along the CDT in Rocky Canyon about 2.5 miles north of highway 35 - Photo

3/17/26 – Whiterocks Tanks - Dry

3/15/26 - Intermittent flowing water in Turkey Creek downstream from Miller Springs Canyon and around Manzanita Canyon. Photo of water flowing from Mansanita canyon into Turkey Creek.

3/2/26 – good flowing water in most of Mogollon Creek

10/6/25 – water intermittently flows in Canyon Creek in the section with the trail. And some nice big flowing pools lower down the creek. See correct map of the trail: https://caltopo.com/m/ATD4T51