

Helena Hunters and Anglers Field Analysis of Tenmile South Helena
Transportation/Road Closure map

Road Segment T578-1 Blackhall Meadows in Lazyman Gulch IRA

HHAA members: Steve Platt and Bill Orsello

Date: 5/8/2020

Time: 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Methods: I Phone-8, Avenza App., WGS84 Datum, D5_2d_20161115_MapTenmileALT4Transport map and TSH ROD – Veg Treatment MAP. Waypoints were taken every 300 feet where possible based on amount of blowdown timber and terrain.

Narrative: On May 8th, 2020 Bill Orsello and I drove to the Blackhall Meadows (Travis Creek) Trailhead and hiked up old road (578) toward Blackhall Meadows. Road 578 was obstructed by some downed timber, but was otherwise easy walking. In places this old road resembles a trail. Before we reached the wet meadow that makes up Blackhall Meadows, we turned north and attempted to find road T578-1. At first there appeared to be a faint trail through the swampy forest but then it became apparent that we were following a game trail marked by moose and elk sign. The game trail faded away within a few hundred feet of road 578 and we were left negotiating our way through heavy lodgepole blowdown. My senior bird dog found several ruffed grouse and one blue grouse on the field trip. Glacier lilies were just coming up and moose and elk sign was abundant. There is no discernable road to call T578-1. This “route” appears to provide access to Units 97a (regeneration harvest) and 173aa (shaded fuel break.) We also attempted to follow road T578-1a and took three waypoints on it before I realized it is just outside of where the roadless boundary is drawn on the USFS map. There are no features to explain why the roadless boundary is drawn where it is and therefore we examined T578-1a before realizing we were not inside the roadless boundary. There were 1-2 inches of snow on the ground by the time we got back to the trailhead.



Route T578-1 as depicted on the USFS TSH ROD - Veg Treatment MAP in the Avenza App. Note Blackhall Meadows and Roadless Area boundary that does not really follow the boundary of Road 578. Cutting units are in blue.



HHAA member, Bill Orsello, standing in the location where T 578-1 is supposed to take off from Blackhall Meadows Road 578, looking north. Note there is no road, no trail- just a boggy stand of dead lodgepole and young aspen. Waypoint: 46.49305, -112.19166.



Looking north at HHAA member, Bill Orsello, in heavy lodgepole blowdown timber where road T 578-1 is supposed to be located. Note there is no discernable road or trail. Waypoint: 46.49425, -112.19131.



Lodgepole blowdown looking north near what is supposed to be the end of road T578-1. Note lack of discernable road or trail. Waypoint: 46.49502, -112.19071.

HELENA HUNTERS & ANGLERS FIELD ANALYSIS OF TSH PROJECT TRANSPORTATION/ROAD CLOSURE MAP							Technician: Platt/Orsetto			
Route Location:		Blackhall Meadows T 578-1			Route# (from map):		(Lazyman Jericho (circle))			
Date:	5/8/2020	Time Out:	9:00A	Time In:	12 P	Duration:	Waypoint every 300'	Pg. of		
GPS Model/ID:	iPhone 8	Datum:	GPS position (UTM/hdms):							
Comments: Eg: Improvements needed for heavy equipment? Big rocks; Tree removal; Side slope (vehicle would roll); Sharp turns										
Field Tools: GPS, map, camera, clip board, field forms, compass, pencils, batteries, personal gear (sunglasses, hat)										
Time	Wpt	Steps	Photo#	Description (of photo)	Comment	Aspect	Width	Slope	Water	Lat-Long/UTM
9:46	1A			Aspen bog orange marked tree	Bill in Aspen bog looking N	N			No road/trail	46.49305, -112.19166
	1B			Bill in Aspen bog	looking S	S			No road/trail	" "
9:51A	2A			Boggy forest with blowdown	Bill in boggy forest w/ blowdown	N			No road/trail	46.49328, -112.19097
	2B			Bill in boggy forest w/ blowdown		S			No road/trail	
10:00A	3A			Blowdown & young spruce	Bill in heavy blowdown looking N	S			No road/trail	46.49425, -112.19131
	3B			Bill in heavy blowdown looking N		N			No road/trail	
10:15A	4A			Bill in more open forest w/ regen	looking N	N			No road/trail	46.49482, -112.19092
	4B			Bill in regen and blowdown	looking S	S			No road/trail	
T 578-1a										
10:45A	1a			Mention north of road looking east	Blackhall Meadows road visible as trail	East			no trail or road	46.49102, -112.18490
	1b			Bill in Meadow looking S	w/ trail	S				
11:00A	2a			Lodgepole further w/ blowdown	looking N	N			No road/trail	46.49192, -112.18455
	2b			Open lodgepole w/ some blowdown					No road	
11:05A	3a			Looking North at Bill in lodgepole blowdown					no trail	46.49218, -112.18437
	3b			Smoky lodgepole blowdown w/ regen					No road	

Data sheet for Blackhall Meadows Road T 578-1 in the Lazyman Gulch IRA.