Never rely on water caches!!! Beware of contaminated water. Purify backcountry water.

FOR WATER CACHE TRAIL ANGELS: Water jugs, and caches, left unattended often end up as litter blown across the landscape. A little rope through the handles is a quick fix (if there is no other way to secure the bottles) but don’t forget to revisit what you’ve left out! If you are going to put items out on trail please keep Leave No Trace principles in mind to preserve our trails.

Send email updates to water@pctwater.com or phone/text 619-734-7289 or 619-734-PCTW [voice mail/text only, no one will answer]. Mileages and waypoint names used in this water report are from Halfmile’s PCT maps [www.pctmap.net]. Please send photos & videos of water sources, fires, passes, Poodle Dog Bush, and stream creek crossings to our Facebook page called "PCT Water,Fire,Passes,Fords Update Group"

Take fire safety seriously. Alcohol stoves start fires – go stoveless or carry a stove with a contained fuel source and a shut-off valve.

Water sources with blue text [marked with * or **] have historically been more reliable. Sources marked with ** are more likely to have water year-round than those marked with a single *. Water described as seasonal, usually dry, early spring, etc. are less reliable.

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California Section A: Campo to Warner Springs

| A1 | 1.2 | WR001 | *Cottonwood Community Day School (formerly Juvenile Ranch Facility) [faucet behind sign] | 3/7/19 (Six2) : Faucet is on. 3/5/19 (Deb & Rick) : Water on behind sign. | 3/7/19 | Six2
| A1 | 1.4 | Campo |  |  |  | 
| A1 | 2.7 | Seasonal creek [usually dry] | 5/15/19 (Victor) : pool 2 ft deep by the bridge. 5/10/19 (Steven) : stagnant pools. 4/15/19 (Major Mooch) : Flowing upstream, stagnant pools down stream. | 5/15/19 | Victor
| A1 | 4.4 | WR004 | Creeklet | 5/15/19 (Victor) : very good flow, a bubbling brook. 5/10/19 (Steven) : flowing nicely. 4/29/19 (GBones) : flowing nicely. | 5/15/19 | Victor
| A2 | ~12.2 | Seasonal creek [usually dry] | 4/14/19 (Jiffypopp2019) : Flowing with foot deep pool. 4/10/19 (Uli) : decent flow/stream with pool (there was some foam on the water possibly from soap). 4/5/19 (BandAid) : Water at 12.2 is flowing with big pool. | 4/14/19 | Jiffypopp2019

Mile 15.3-: 3/16/17 (Rebo) : There is a water cistern 1.6 miles down Hauser Creek Road off trail starting at Mile 15.36. Go left for Nobo’s on Hauser Creek dirt road and walk down past white tube gate. In ~1.4 miles the dirt road ends at two large boulders. Go past the two boulders and walk ~50 feet. Go to your right and then go up the ravine (listen for water). Video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eqXmBcfeAw

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Mile 33.8-: 4/14/18 (GBones) : Flowing spigots on. 4/26/19 (Stingray) : Currently Lake Morena reports contaminated water (E.coli), so all water is under a boil order (but filters should work fine). Faucets are still on. 5/17/18 (Ryan) : Flowing faucet with warning that water has been tested positive for coliform bacteria.

Mile 49.5-: 4/26/19 (Lucas) : Still e.Coli Warnings, treat water. 4/16/19 (Clara) : Lake Morena still has advisories about E.coli and the need to boil. The Malt Shop does sell filtered water from a Glacier vending machine outside for 35 cents a gallon. 4/5/19 (BandAid) : still Ecoli and fecal coliform positive. 3/24/19 (Surprise) : E.coli still present in water. 3/16/19 (Bane) : faucets on, water advisory still in effect. 2/23/19 (Stingray) : Currently Lake Morena reports contaminated water (E.coli), so all water is under a boil order (but filters should work fine). Faucets are still on.

Mile 58.8-: 5/6/19 (Steven) : flowing. 4/29/19 (GBones) : Flowing. 4/26/19 (Lucas) : Running well. 4/14/19 (Jiffypopp2019) : Nice clear flow.

Mile 59.6-: 5/6/19 (Steven) : flowing nicely. 4/29/19 (GBones) : flowing nicely.

Mile 60.1-: 4/26/19 (Lucas) : Flowing, easy crossing.

Mile 61.8-: 4/26/19 (Lucas) : Flowing, easy crossing.

Mile 72.1: 4/18/19 (SideTrack) : Flowing. 4/18/19 (Major Mooch) : Flowing. 4/12/19 (SideTrack) : Flowing. 4/12/19 (Foxy & Hedgehog) : Flowing. 3/21/19 (Foxy & Hedgehog) : Flowing. 4/12/19 (Stingray) : Water is flowing very well in Kitchen Creek and at Yellow Rose Camp/Spring.

Mile 73.2: 4/18/19 (SideTrack) : Flowing Strong. 5/17/19 (Major Mooch) : Flowing. 4/12/19 (Foxy & Hedgehog) : Flowing. 4/12/19 (Stingray) : Flowing. 4/12/19 (GBones) : Spigots on.

Mile 73.8: 4/18/19 (SideTrack) : Flowing. 5/17/19 (Major Mooch) : Spigots on.

Mile 75.2: 4/18/19 (SideTrack) : Flowing. 5/17/19 (Major Mooch) : Spigots on.
Mount Laguna town, lodge, store

Strong flow of clear water. Large goldfish living in the trough

Oriflamme Cyn [usually dry]

Walk 500 ft downhill E, turn right at the first obvious place, almost immediately see a seasonal stream

CibbetsCG

"Cibbets Flat Campground [8/10 mi NW on Fred Cyn Rd]

Burnt Rancheria Campground

Spigots ON.

Cibbets Flat Campground

Find

Mount Laguna town, lodge, store [4/10 mi SW of WR043]

The easiest access to Mount Laguna is to follow the sign directing hikers down the trail through the Burnt Rancheria CG and then right on the Sunrise Highway. You will pass a restaurant, an outfitter, and another restaurant on the way to the Mount Laguna Lodge. Non-purist hikers can continue past the lodge to the Desert View Picnic area to rejoin the PCT, bypassing 1.2 miles of the trail, or you can backtrack on the highway to the campground.

Burnt Rancheria Drinking Fountain by CG jet

Access on left 50 yards after you walk below a picnic table on the left or from the road N of the store. Three water sources here: 1) On SW side of loop at end of road [nearest PCT] is a small, two car parking pad. To left & forward a bit is a heavy metal pipe with faucet in small concrete circle, right next to a big tree. This faucet reported to be insulated and should be on year round. 2) Drinking faucet next to restrooms. Need quarters to operate ($1 for 4 min.). 3) Sink in restrooms. Water is off in the restrooms during the winter.

"Desert View Picnic Area

LagunaCG

"Laguna Campground [7/10 mi SW]

Leave trail near wooden overlook. Total walk to the campground and back to the faucet is one mile round trip.

Oasis Spring [1/2 mi down]

GATR Road in WP guidebook is now a trail. At Penny Pines there are 2 trails to the W toward Sunrise Hwy. The S trail is the most direct. Both trails are marked with Carusone posts with a Noble Canyon Trail decal. Go 100 yards straight; then 50 yards across Sunrise Hwy to trough and faucet. Water system is filled by portable generator and subject to outage.

At north end of parking area is a trough fed from a water tank [limited supply]. This tank is filled from a fire truck. Filter or treat the water before drinking.

Spigots ON.

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Mile ~36.4 - HUGE HIVE.

Spigots ON.
Follow the trail marked with the sign "Sunrise Highway, 25 MPH" on a post that travels along the 5,000-foot contour 1/4 mile SW to the highway. Across the highway to the South is a parking lot and outhouse. To W a well and tank are visible. Follow the old road marked "La Cima Trail" W 1/8 mile past the corrals to well.

When you reach unpaved Chariot Canyon Rd go right to stay on the PCT. If you turn left you will go N down Chariot Canyon to possible seasonal water. WR064a is a parking lot and outhouse. To W a well and tank are visible. Follow the old road marked "La Cima Trail" W 1/8 mile past the corrals to well.

We are especially interested in water reports about this location. Please send info. Please place jug back under slow dripping faucet once done so that the next hiker has water in the jug when they get here. There is a tiny (1cm length) black lever on the underside spigot pipe that turns on the water if the tank is not dry.

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Spring on Rodriguez Spur Truck Trail, 1.1 miles NW of PCT, 70 feet from the large rust colored water tank.

E. coli reared it's ugly head multiple times in the Mount Laguna area in the past. Please treat all water sources in this area.

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Follow the dirt road leading from the water cache about 4/10 mile to where the road turns right(E) but go left (N/NW) for 1/10 mile to the underground cistern containing untreated water (a rope and bucket are supplied).

The hiker-friendly Warner Springs Resource Center [wscrcenter.org, 760-782-0670]. Hikers can camp by the bathrooms which are open 24/7, posted sign says Center open 7 days a week 9 am - 3 pm through March, April & May open 8 am - 6 pm Thursday - Tuesday and 8 am - 5 pm Wednesday. Lots of cattle in this area, be sure to treat water.

A Trail marked w/pink ribbon goes from the resource center .75 miles to those locations (saving about .25 miles). Cross the parking lot, go through the athletic fields (you’ll see the yellow goalpost), follow the trail to the top of the hill where you run into the golf course, and go right on the dirt road, soon hugging the fenceline, until you see the horse Spring-Fed Metal Trough - 3/10 mile N of Eagle Rock over hill near road

Warner Springs Community about 100 yards east of PCT on the N side of Hwy 79. The 3rd Gate water cache is ¼ mile E down a side trail with “Water” sign. Take only what you need to hike 9.9 miles to Barrel Spring. If the cache runs out, the cistern has water. NO FIRES. Carry out your trash and toilet paper, bury poop 6 inches. Be alert. Mountain lions reside in the San Felipe Hills and throughout California. Only approach Grapevine Ranch buildings in an emergency. Vehicles are not allowed on the ranch without prior permission from owner.

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| B2 | 127.3 | WR127B | "Chihuahua Valley Rd [water tank 2/10 mile E]" | 6/3/19 | (John & Emily): Lots of nice clear water in the tank at Mike’s place. | 6/3/19 | John & Emily |
| B4 | 136.5 | WR137 | Tule Creek [early season] ----- In 2017 multiple hikers got sick shortly after drinking water from the creek below the fire tank at Tule Spring. Both reported filtering the water, but not treating it chemically. | 6/4/19 | (John & Emily): several small pools of water (a few sq ft in size) 2-3” deep. Water is clear, flow is sparse (maybe 1L/minute?) from a seep/spring in the floor of the creek. Best to dig a hole near one of the pools to let water filter in to be scooped out and treated/fILTERED. | 6/4/19 | John & Emily |
| B4 | 137.0 | WR137B | Tule Spring & Fire Tank [Tule Canyon Rd, 0.25 mi SE] ----- Be sure to close the valve tightly to minimize leaks. In 2017 multiple hikers got sick shortly after drinking water from the creek below the fire tank at Tule Spring. Both reported filtering the water, but not treating it chemically. Report of feces found in the fire tank in 2016, be sure to filter and treat water from this source. | 6/5/16 | Chris & Justin |
| B4 | 139.5 | WR140 | Guzzler ----- Top of Guzzler is fragile & unsafe. Don’t stand on it. Be sure to treat this water as multiple reports state dead animals have been found inside the guzzler over multiple years. | 6/5/16 | Chris & Justin |
| B4 | 140.2 | WRCS140B | Nance Canyon [early season] | 5/26/19 | (Victor): water in the tank. | 5/26/19 | Victor |
| B4 | 143.1 | RD0143 | Table Mtn Truck Trail AKA Sandy Jeep Road | 5/26/19 | (John & Emily): ~30x 1 gallon jugs. | 6/4/19 | John & Emily |
| B4 | 145.4 | | Muir Wood (South) Cache, on private land about 50 feet off trail. | 5/26/19 | (Allen): quite a bit of debris in the water. With the open top, I didn’t feel comfortable with water quality. | 6/4/19 | John & Emily |
| B5 | 151.9 | Hwy74 | "Paradise Valley Cafe, 1 mi W, water only available when cafe is open" | 5/27/19 | Cal Trans |

**Mount San Jacinto Snow Conditions Website**

Visit the PCT Water Report Snow Report page (below the other report pages on pctwater.com) for more info on Mount San Jacinto snow.

5/16/19 (Leapfrog): Between Hwy 74 and Devils Slide is easily doable without microspikes or crampons. I carried microspikes but didn’t put them on (only snow on a few stretches, some yards).
There is no sign for Tunnel Spring trail junction but there is an obvious trail to the west of the PCT. If you pass the Cedar Spring sign (NOBO) you have gone too far. Make sure you take the RIGHT fork of the trail once you reach the bottom. Spring is 40 yards upstream along use trail and dry creek. The trough is slowly fed from spring by pipe. Most report a sulfur taste. Steep trail down to the spring.

If you head about 150 feet NE from the trough; low on the east embankment of the dry creek bed you will find an opening (about 2' wide X 1.5' high) to the tunnel. Inside is a long, narrow, shallow pool filled with GREAT tasting cool water. The only caveat: the bottom of the pool is very fine, easily disturbed sediment. You will need a long suction tube on your filter system and some means of getting the business end of the tube far into the tunnel. Use a long stick or a trekking pole to get the tube placed in the middle, and raised off the bottom of the pool. Harold on 6/20/13

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5/1/19 (Clams) : Today I did mile 102 to the Saddle Junc. and wanted to report: The trail is snow-free until mile 175 when there are about ten patches of snow between there and Saddle Junc. making it a little hard to wayfind, but not at all hard to walk over. I was fine in my recovered Altras and trekking poles.

B6 158.4 WR158B *Tunnel Spring [0.3 mi W]
See directions below
6/7/19 (Chris & Justin) : Short but steep descent to spring. Water is flowing from a pipe at ~2 L/min, clear and cold. Collection tub is full of green, mossy water.
5/9/19 @ 9AM (Proton) : Excellent flow from pipe. Tub overflowing. 300' descent to spring.
4/18/19 (Mr. X) : has plenty of water in tub. Pipe is flowing into tub well. Cool and clear.
6/7/19 Chris & Justin

6/6/19 (John & Emily) : Good flow, 10s of liters per minute.
5/20/19 (SideTrack) : good flow in Creek on left side of trail.
5/14/19 (Leapfrog) : Flowing.
5/9/19 @ 11AM (Proton) : excellent flow, long hike back up.
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4/12/19 (Lonewalker) : Reliable water at Cedar Spring is located approx 100' due west of camp, up the ravine. There you will find a 200 gallon, green cattle trough along a use trail, fed by a tap from an open spring box. A dipping pool approx 6" deep and 2' x 2' is located 15 feet up canyon from the cattle trough, if needed.

B7 162.6 WR162 *Cedar Spring [Trail 4E17, 1 mi N]
See directions below
6/19/19 (Chairman & Jigsaw) : Water flowing in creek (far-branch) ~2 L/min.
5/20/19 (SideTrack) : good flow in Creek on left side of trail.
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5/1/19 (Monty) : Good flow, 10s of liters per minute.
4/18/19 (Chairman & Jigsaw) : Water flowing in creek (far-branch) ~2 L/min.
5/9/19 @ 9AM (Proton) : Excellent flow from pipe. Tub overflowing. 300' descent to spring.
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6/6/19 (John & Emily) : Route to spring is 115 feet along (slightly down) the Fobes Trail, on the right side. The trail follows a gentle down grade down 235 feet in elevation. The total distance to the spring is a hair shy of 1 km. Spring is at UTM 11S 535615 3726310
4/12/19 (Lonewalker) : From Fobes Saddle, walk a short distance down Fobes Trail, West. A thin use trail will take off to the Right, heading essentially North for .5 miles and sometimes marked by a small sign that says "water". The trail leads to a dead end dirt road from Fobes Ranch. Walk down the deteriorated dirt road approx 100' to a spring box and large blue rubbermaid bucket, fed by a forest service tap. Good flat spot to camp.

B7 166.5 FobesSaddle
Fobes Ranger Trail 5/6 mi S
6/9/19 (Snickers) : followed Fobes trail first crossing of creek down to a trickle...25 mile further down 1 lpm. Drying up fast.
6/6/19 (John & Emily) : Excellent flow. >10L/min. Clear, cold water.
6/4/19 (Swingman) : Adequate flow for filtering.
6/1/19 (Jazzy) : Take side trail .5 to water look for rock arrow at trail split. Excellent Water flowing in creek, trough full.
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PCTA : https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/closures/southern-california/idyllwild/

4/9/19 (PCTA) : The Pacific Crest Trail is OPEN again but some nearby areas remain closed. Areas reopened to visitors:
* The remaining eight-mile section of the Pacific Crest Trail (#2000) closed by the Mountain Fire, between Spitzer Peak and Tahquitz Valley.
* South Ridge Trail (3E08) from the trailhead to Tahquitz Peak.
* Forest Road 5S11 (South Ridge Rd.) to the South Ridge Trailhead.
* The three Yellow Post Sites along 5S11.
* Caramba Trail (3E04), from Skunk Cabbage junction to Caramba Falls, and Cedar Trail (3E16). These two trails, however, will currently be unmaintained as they have been overgrown since the Mountain Fire.

The current forest order for the Cranston Fire Closure Area keeps trails and roads around May Valley closed (check the map at https://www.pcta.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Forest-Order-No.-05-12-55-18-01-Cranston-Fire-Closure-Map.jpg). It is set to expire July 31, 2019, but may be shortened or extended depending on recovery of the area.

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B8 168.6 Spring-Spt
Small Spring 0.9 mi W of PCT on Spitzer to Idyllwild alternate
6/20/19 (Chairman & Jigsaw) : Steady flow, not much volume (~1 l/min). Better flow at next crossing a couple of switchbacks down.
5/29/19 (Leora) : There's running water about a mile down Spitzer Trail.
5/15/19 (Brian) : Good flow.
5/9/19 (Monty) : Good flow. 10s of liters per minute.
6/20/19 Chairman & Jigsaw
Lots of water along Devil's Slide to Humber Park.

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### Rock slide between Antsell Peak and South Peak


6/7/19 (PCTA): There has been a significant rock slide between Antsell Peak and South Peak around mile 172.5. People are reporting that the rock slide is dangerous to cross and impassable to some. We've told that the main rock on the trail is about 10 feet by 10 feet by 3 feet. San Bernardino National Forest informs us that at this time, they plan to keep the PCT open so that people can walk up to the rock slide from the south and the north to check it out and enjoy the trail. It's not recommended to cross the rock slide. You should use good judgment and exercise extreme caution in the area. If it’s impassable to you, turn around. The stability of the rocks is unknown and there is significant exposure in the area. Equestrians definitely cannot pass over the rock slide so should consider this section impassable. Northbound hikers can return to the Splitter Trail (which has been significantly damaged in the past year and is not up to PCT standards) near mile 168.5 and take that west down the mountain to the trailhead and then walk Apple Canyon Road to the highway in order to exit.

Equestrians and cautious hikers who are heading northbound should consider exiting the PCT via the Cedar Spring Trail (~mile 162.5) down to Morris Ranch Road. Southbound hikers would return to the South Ridge Trail or Devil’s Slide Trail and exit to Idyllwild. There are no open dirt roads or trails between the highway and Idyllwild. For more, check with the San Jacinto Ranger District of San Bernardino National Forest at [https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sbnf/about-forest/districts/?cid=fabdev7_007800](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sbnf/about-forest/districts/?cid=fabdev7_007800).

4/29/19 (Gin Gin): there is a LOT of Poodle Dog Bush next to and leaning into the trail beginning shortly after mile 171 continuing at least as far as mile 175.

### Apache Spring (Trail DOWN 0.5 mi E)

7/1/19: This project "dedicated to bringing the badly damaged Apache Springs Trail back into its original alignment. The trail had been lost in multiple fires over the past decade and was a steep, fall-line social trail gullied almost 4 feet in some spots. Our crew had completed most of the work to bring grade down on the trail in the prior hitch and finished the realignment early into this hitch. Work was then done to repair the parts of the trail that were still on the trail's original alignment, placing steps, building retention, and clearing obstructions to make the entirety of the Apache Springs trail passable both to hiker and equestrian users."

So the access trail to the water source should be in better shape now.

5/18/19 (Hammer): flowing, pooling in box, sulphur smell.

5/8/19 (BandAid): down to a trickle, < 1 lpm. There is a odor to the water, however, there is very little taste.

4/20/19 (Marie): water flowing.

4/20/19 (Mr. X): Water is good. Slight sulfur odor. Drinks great.

### Tahquitz Creek

6/9/19 (Snickers): Flowing well.

6/7/19 (John & Emily): flowing at many gallons/min. Great water quality from snow melt.

6/4/19 (Swingman): Lots of water.

### Little Tahquitz Valley (Trail, 0.33 mi N)

6/13/17 (Lonewalker): In Tahquitz Valley (Tahquitz Meadow), the Forest Service water tap is ~200 yds past Tahquitz Creek. Running approximately 4 gpm. As you walk North from the creek, look for a large log to your right (east) about 60' off the trail in the meadow. Walk towards it. When you get to the log, turn L (due north). You will hear water gurgling about 10' from the north tip of the log. Look down and you will see a 1" pvc tap from which water is running. If you miss the log from the trail and hit the 4 way junction (which will take you to Saddle Junction), walk back south approx 100 yards back towards the meadow. You will pass through a small, shaded ravine on your way back. The log will appear in the meadow just past that ravine, now on your L.

PCT Hiker David O’Sullivan (Class of 2017) went missing in this area last year (somewhere between Idyllwild & Big Bear). Any information you have on this topic, please contact Cathy Tarr at 703-334-1770 or via email at catarr210@aol.com

**PCTA :** [https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/closures/southern-california/rock-slide-antsell-peak-south-peak/](https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/closures/southern-california/rock-slide-antsell-peak-south-peak/) (Video of rock slide at this link)

**6/7/19 (PCTA):** There has been a significant rock slide between Antsell Peak and South Peak around mile 172.5. People are reporting that the rock slide is dangerous to cross and impassable to some. We've told that the main rock on the trail is about 10 feet by 10 feet by 3 feet. San Bernardino National Forest informs us that at this time, they plan to keep the PCT open so that people can walk up to the rock slide from the south and the north to check it out and enjoy the trail. It's not recommended to cross the rock slide. You should use good judgment and exercise extreme caution in the area. If it’s impassable to you, turn around. The stability of the rocks is unknown and there is significant exposure in the area. Equestrians definitely cannot pass over the rock slide so should consider this section impassable. Northbound hikers can return to the Splitter Trail (which has been significantly damaged in the past year and is not up to PCT standards) near mile 168.5 and take that west down the mountain to the trailhead and then walk Apple Canyon Road to the highway in order to exit.

Equestrians and cautious hikers who are heading northbound should consider exiting the PCT via the Cedar Spring Trail (~mile 162.5) down to Morris Ranch Road. Southbound hikers would return to the South Ridge Trail or Devil’s Slide Trail and exit to Idyllwild. There are no open dirt roads or trails between the highway and Idyllwild. For more, check with the San Jacinto Ranger District of San Bernardino National Forest at [https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sbnf/about-forest/districts/?cid=fabdev7_007800](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sbnf/about-forest/districts/?cid=fabdev7_007800).

4/29/19 (Gin Gin): there is a LOT of Poodle Dog Bush next to and leaning into the trail beginning shortly after mile 171 continuing at least as far as mile 175.