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Dillon Ranger District  
680 Blue River Parkway  
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## **SURPRISE LAKE - FDT 62**

**Difficulty:** MODERATE TO MORE DIFFICULT

**Trail Use:** Moderate to Heavy

**Length:** 2.6 miles one-way

**Elevation:** Start at 8,596 feet and ends at 10,085 feet (highest point 10,085 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +1,489 feet - 0 feet = +1,489 feet

**Open To:** **HIKING, HORSE, X-C SKIING, SNOWSHOEING**

### **Access:**

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9.
- Travel 16 miles north on HWY 9. Just after mile marker 118 turn left onto Heeney Rd (County Road 30).
- Follow Heeney Road 5.3 miles and turn left onto Cataract Creek Road (FDR 1725).
- Continue for 2.5 miles to the Surprise Lake Trailhead parking area on the left.

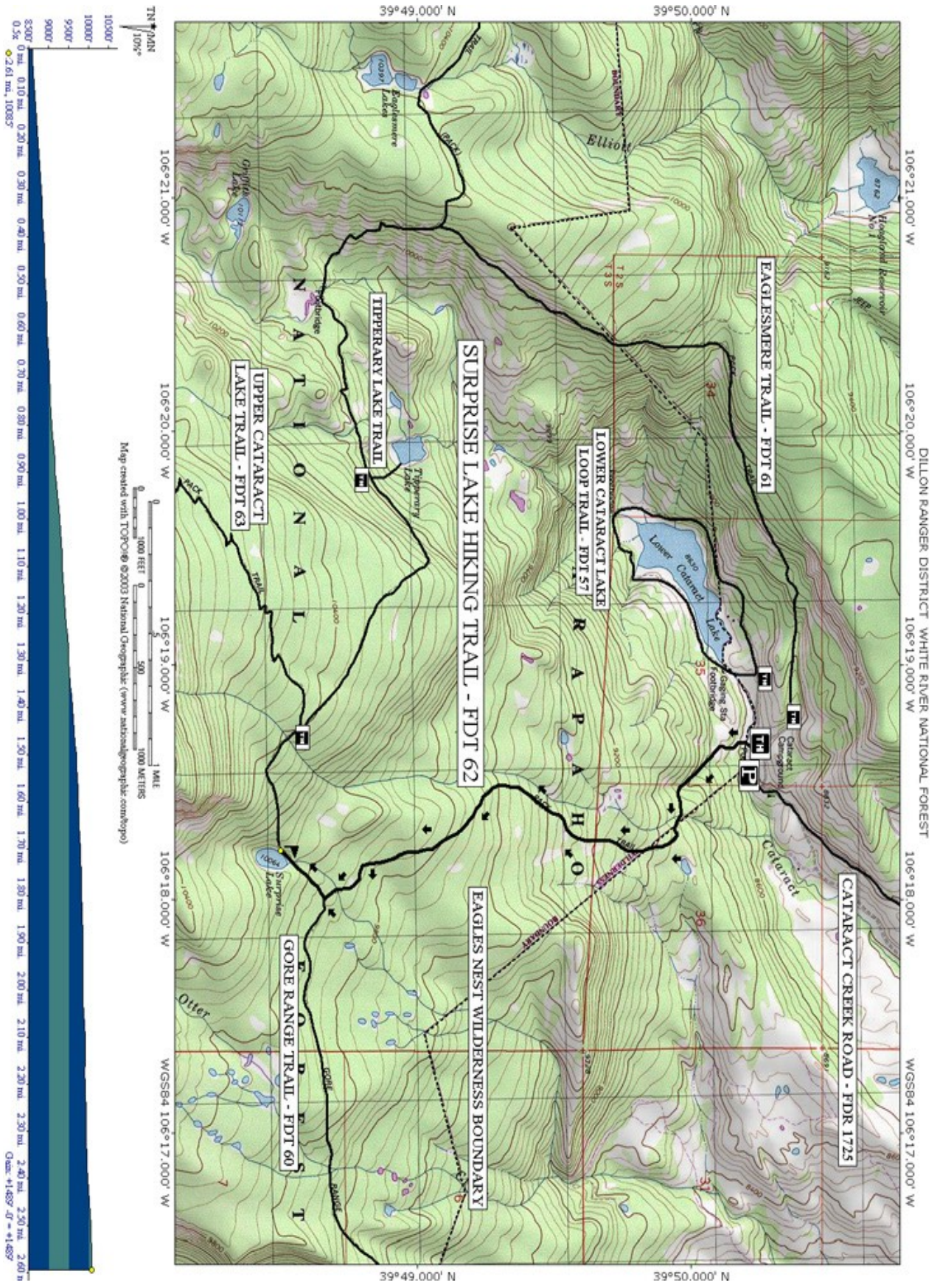
### **Trail Highlights:**

- An abundance of wildflowers can be seen from late June through mid July.
- The climbs gradually through open aspen groves and eventually becomes more difficult as you climb in elevation.
- Approximately 2.4 miles from the trailhead you will intersect the Gore Range Trail (FDT 60).
- Turn right (west) on the Gore Range Trail and approximately 0.3 miles further on you will arrive at Surprise Lake, which will be on your left.
- A loop can be made back to the same general parking area, please check the topo map on the back. Continue on the Gore Range Trail for approximately 3.3 miles to the Eaglesmere Lakes Trail (FDT 61). Turn right (east) at the intersection and continue for approximately 2.8 miles to the Eaglesmere Lakes Trailhead. From here it is a short walk back to the Surprise Lake Trailhead parking area.

### **Eagles Nest Wilderness Regulations:**

- **Motor vehicles, mountain bikes and motorized equipment are prohibited.**
- **DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES IN THE EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS.**
- **Group size is limited to 15 people.**
- **Camping is prohibited within 100 feet of lakes, streams and trails.**
- **Campfires are prohibited at Surprise Lake (stoves only).**
- **Please contact Dillon Ranger District office for more information and regulations regarding the Eagles Nest Wilderness Area.**

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