

MDHT Trail Closure Update

Last December the US Forest Service closed the Maah Daah Hey Trail between mile posts 67 and 73. See MDHT Closure 01-18-07-19-01 in previous notice. The reason for the closure is the land beneath the trail collapsed near mile **69.5** during the unusually wet fall leaving a 15-20 foot drop off. (See photo below.) Inattentive trail users could easily fall into the gully and if not injured, at least have a difficult time getting out of the hole and back up onto the trail.

The Forest Service currently has plans for a temporary reroute this spring as soon as conditions permit with a permanent reroute to be done later. A photo showing a proposed bypass of the gully can be seen on the next page. Trail users should always be aware that the Maah Daah Hey Trail is not a road or speedway so caution is advised when out on the trail.



Red line shows proposed temporary reroute.

Photo by Will Horneman.

