

**Issue Report**  
**Use this form to report on agency inquiries**

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Report Title: Removal of Trail Makers

Summary: 250 word max

I observed that the blue plastic diamonds widely used to mark winter ski trails had been removed from a popular winter trail in the Diamond Peak Wilderness and asked the Forest Supervisor why this had been done. I received a timely response explaining that management policy and the Wilderness Act had prompted their removal.

Wilderness or Wild River: Diamond Peak Wilderness

Management Unit: Deschutes National Forest

Administrative Location: Bend, Oregon

Head of Administrative Unit: John Allen, Forest Supervisor

Contact and Agency Response: please grade the agency's response with an A to F letter grade. Comments must support letter grades in each category.

**A** Responsiveness; how long did it take the agency to respond to your inquiry.

A response was received in less than month.

**A** Completeness; was your question fully answered.

Reply was direct and to the point. All questions were fully addressed. No additional follow up required.

**A** Stewardship; are management actions in accord with wilderness values.

This management decision represents an interpretation of the Wilderness Act that favors wilderness values over convenience to the user.

**A** Wilderness; how well is management protecting the wilderness resource.

This decision is a step toward restoring a bit of wild to wilderness.