

Meeting

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Meeting between
Kevin Apper
and
Bill Babcock

Bill has waded across The Tustumena River in mid-late June. He crossed the braided portion half way, roughly, between the lake & glacier - widest part of river. It was thigh to waist deep & he crossed at 5-6 am for low flow. It was high water time. He thought there were cairns for horse crossing where he crossed.

Glacier Cr. was almost dry - no problem in crossing (clear water).

Lakes (1558' & 1496') adjacent Tustumena Glacier are accessible by existing horse trail. He saw 15-20 horses & people on guided trip up Tustumena.

Existing trail from Tustumena delta along north & east shore of Tustumena lake.

Goat hunters take Clear Cr. trail to alpine area between it & Fox R.

He has descended from Harding Icefield, getting off the glacier about where the map (Kearl A-2) ends on the south side & hiked paralleling it down to his crossing point. See portion of his route on map.

He personally sees nothing wrong with trail as far as its desirability - he's in favor of people getting outdoors, huts on McKinley, etc. etc.