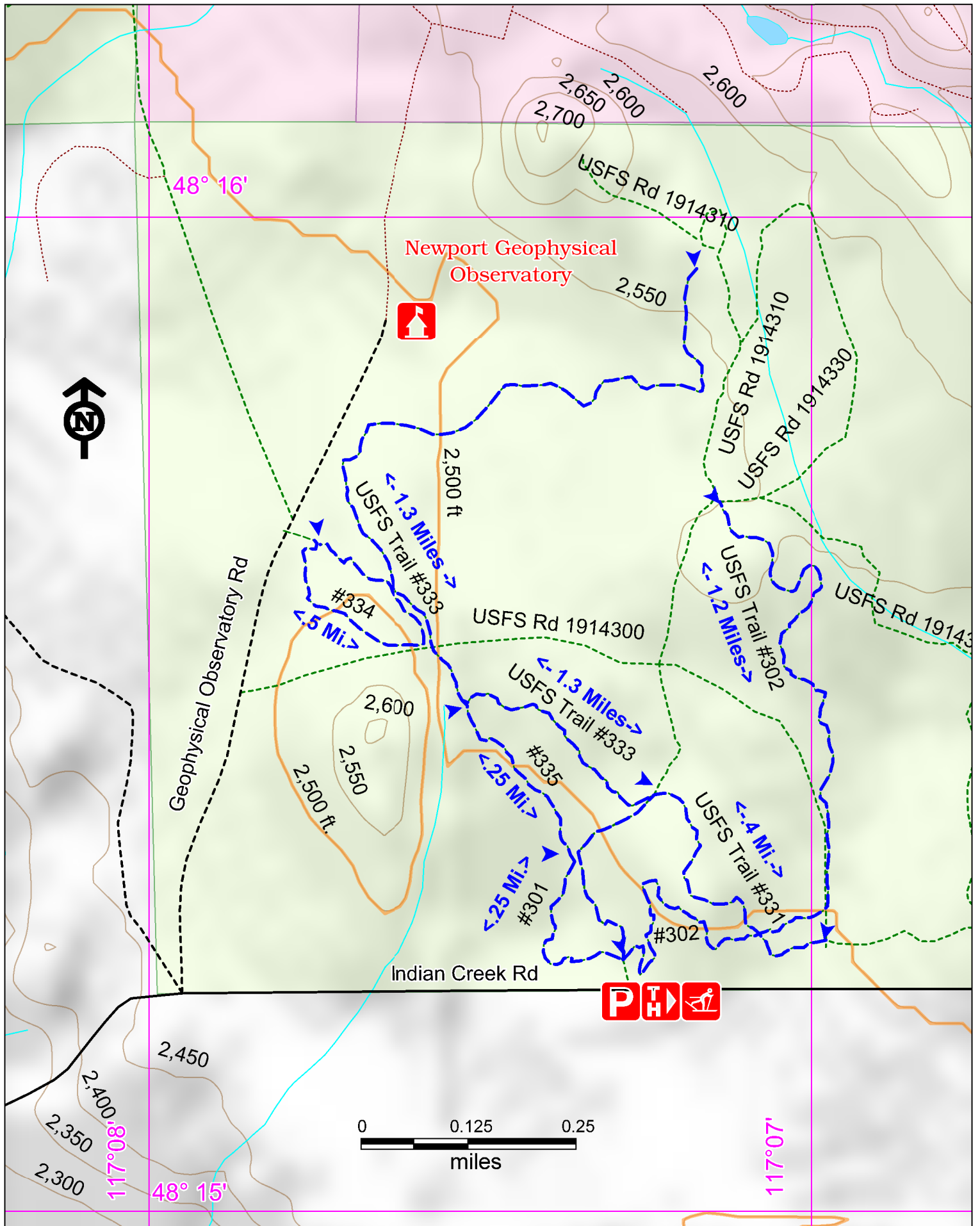


# Geophysical Ski Trails 3.9 Miles



## Access:

From Hwy 2 and the Idaho/Washington State line drive east .4 miles. Turn left onto LeClerc Rd South and drive 2.8 miles to Bead Lake Rd. Turn right and drive 6.5 miles to Bead Lake Ridge Rd. Turn right and drive 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Indian Cr. Rd. Drive 3 miles to the trailhead on your right.



## Points of Interest



Geophysical Trailhead



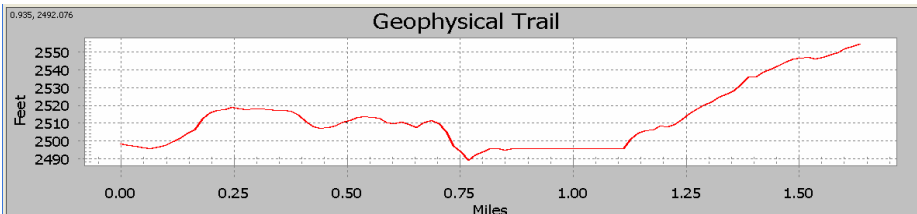
Geophysical Laboratory

## History:

The Newport observatory was established in 1966. The site, located in the Colville National Forest outside of Newport, supports several geophysical operations, and is operated by the USGS under a special use permit with the US Forest Service. It shares data for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) and is part of National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP).

## Cautions:

Be prepared for changes in weather. Surface water should be treated.

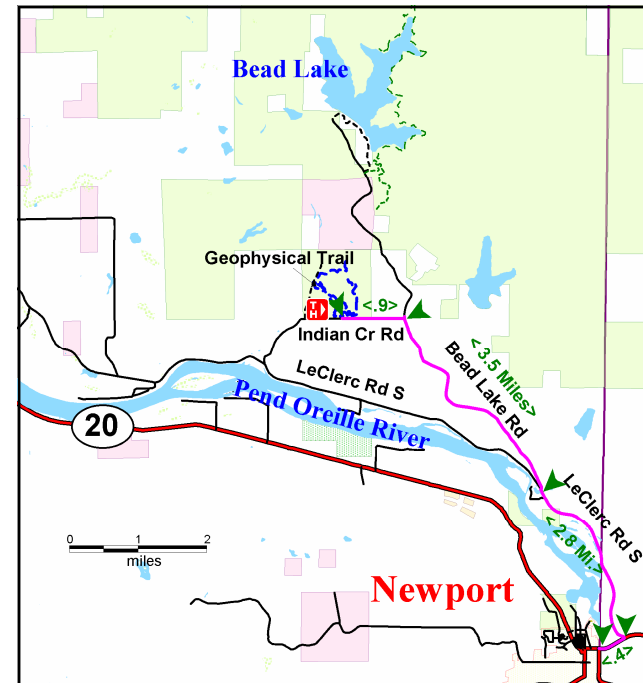


## Geophysical Trails

Characteristics	
Geophysical Trails	
Elevation at Trailhead	2490 ft
Highest Point	2550 ft
Elevation Change	60 ft
Length	6.8 Miles
Difficulty	Easy to More Difficult
Season	Year Round

## Description:

This popular Nordic skiing trail system offers rolling terrain with a few steep pitches and goes through stands of Douglas fir and Ponderosa pine. The trails are groomed weekly during the winter months and are part of the Washington State Sno-Park System. As such a Washington Sno-Park pass is required Dec 1 to March 31. Apply at [www.parks.wa.gov/winter](http://www.parks.wa.gov/winter).



Emergency phone number: 911

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