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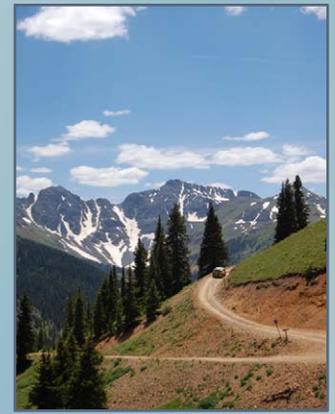
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What's Happening : Wednesday & Thursday

Wednesday July 15th, 2009

FJ Summit Registration

9:00am–12:00pm - Best Western Twin Peaks

1:30pm–5:00pm – Best Western Twin Peaks

- Confirmation of trail schedule, meeting times and locations and filling out of waivers and insurance forms.
- Handing out of FJ Summit trail registration sticker and Driver's Event Kits with driver T-shirt.

2:00pm–3:45pm – Best Western Twin Peaks

- Listen and watch a slideshow by Graham Jackson of Overland Trail on their 9 month London to Cape Town trip.
 - He'll be talking about the ins-and-outs of a long range off-continent overland adventure, including border craziness, riots, bandits and terrorists.

Demonstrations and Workshops

4:00pm – 6:00pm – Best Western Twin Peaks

- Recovery Demonstrations and 4x4 101 Clinics with Bill Burke's 4-Wheeling America and Graham Jackson from Overland Training
- Educational Demonstrations by Stay The Trail

FJ Summit Store OPEN!

4:00pm – 6:00pm – Best Western Twin Peaks

- Purchase your raffle tickets, (buy many and often!)
- Purchase T-shirts, and other goodies!

FJ Summit Starter Event

6:00pm–8:00pm – Best Western Twin Peaks

- Welcoming remarks by the FJ Summit Crew, Sponsors, and Hosts.
- Convoy rules and safety tips.
- Sponsored Chili cook-off contest supplemented by burgers, brats and drinks.
- Social Hours and enjoyment by FJ Summiteers!

Thursday July 16th, 2009

Registration Continues

6:00am – 8:00am – Best Western Twin Peaks

4:00pm – 6:00pm – Best Western Twin Peaks

- Continuing Late Registration
- FJ Summit information booth!

Trail Runs – Let's Wheel!

7:00am – 5:00pm

- Trail rides start from various locations.
- Trail locations will be shown at registration on Wednesday.

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- Educational Demonstrations by Stay The Trail
- Continuing Late-Late Registration. Registration may be available at other times. Find an FJ Summit Volunteer for information.

Catered Dinner

6:30pm – 8:00pm - Best Western Twin Peaks:

- Presentation of Donations
- Catered meal provided by FJ Summit

What's Happening : Friday

Friday July 17th, 2009

Questions?

6:00am – 8:00am – Best Western Twin Peaks

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Trail Runs – Let's Wheel!

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3:00pm - 6:00pm – Best Western Twin Peaks

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- Demonstrations by Expeditioneers

Night in Ouray

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Saturday July 18th, 2009

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7:00am – 5:00pm

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Sponsor Salute

3:00pm – 6:30pm – Best Western Twin Peaks

- Demonstrations booths by TRD Parts 4U!, TRD, ARB, Otterbox, MetalTech, All-Pro, Demello, Icon and our other fabulous sponsors !
- Demonstrations by Expeditioneers
- Special Demonstration by Sherriff's Department
- FJ Car Wash

Catered Meal provided by TRD and TRD Parts4U!

6:30pm – 8:00pm - Best Western Twin Peaks:

- Presentation of Donations
- Live Band – The Porter Draw

FJ Summit Raffle

8:00pm – Best Western Twin Peaks

- The legendary give-away of all donated prizes!

Sunday July 19th, 2009

Group Picture

6:00am – 7:00am - Main Street in Ouray

- Bring your rig for the group picture!
- Goodbye to all – Thanks for a Great Summit!



FJ's lined up at FJ Summit HQ

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Ouray, Colorado

Switzerland of America

The historic City of Ouray was originally established by miners in the late 1800's chasing silver and gold in the surrounding mountains. At the height of the mining, Ouray had more than 30 active mines and boasted more horses and mules than people. By 1877 Ouray had grown to over 1,000 in population and was named county seat of the newly formed Ouray County. The town is named after Chief Ouray of the Ute Indians, a Native American tribe.



Ouray is surrounded on three sides by 13,000 foot peaks. This magnificent setting, along with the wide variety of activities for locals and visitors give the town it's nickname: "The Switzerland of America". In addition to the some of the best off road trails in Colorado, Ouray has much to offer during your visit. One thing you don't want to miss is the therapeutic Hot Springs Pool, located toward the north end of town right on US-550. The amazing Box Canyon Falls are a true natural wonder, and Cascade Falls (you can see them from anywhere in town) are even more impressive up close.

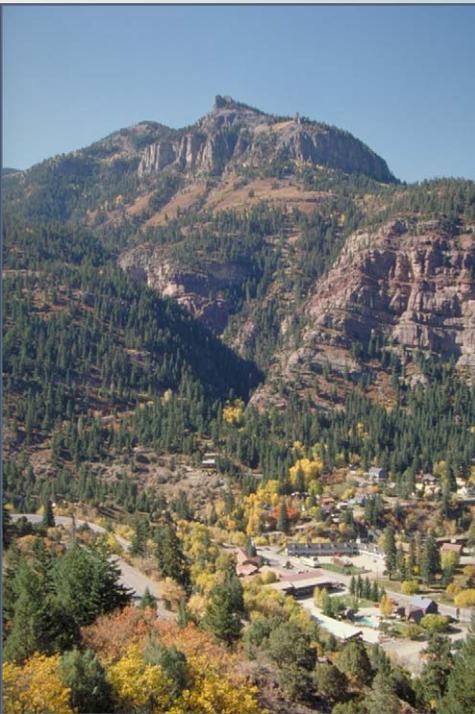


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The entire town is registered as a National Historic District with most of the buildings dating back to the late nineteenth century. The Beaumont Hotel, Ouray City Hall, Ouray County Courthouse, St. Elmo Hotel, St. Joseph's Miners' Hospital (currently housing the Ouray County Historical Society and Museum), Western Hotel, and Wright's Opera House are all on the National Register of Historic Places.

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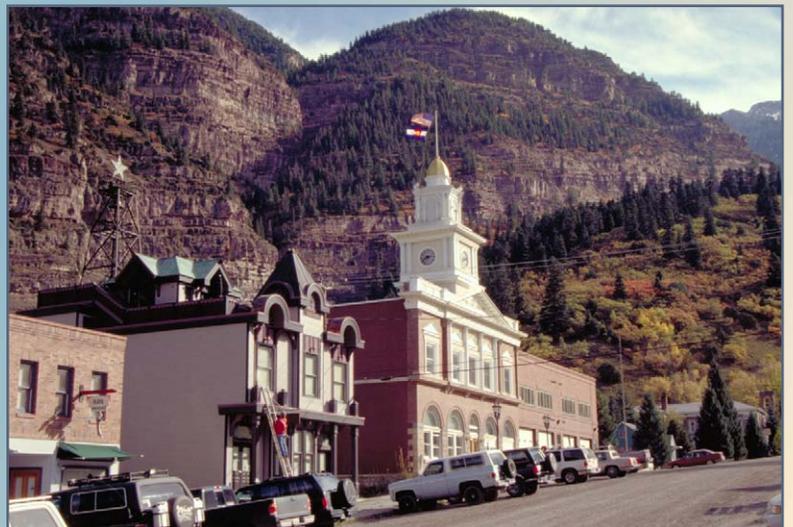


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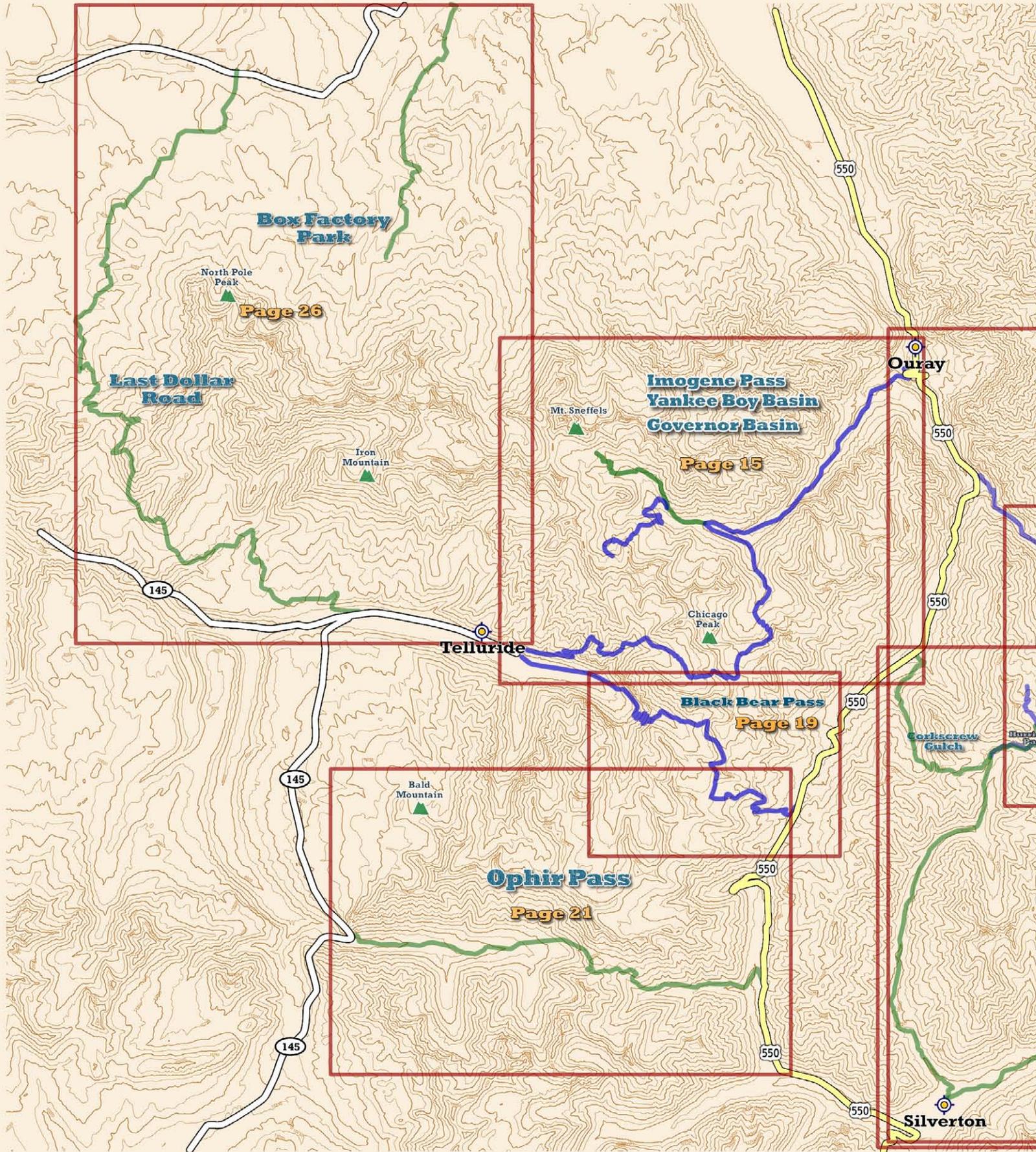
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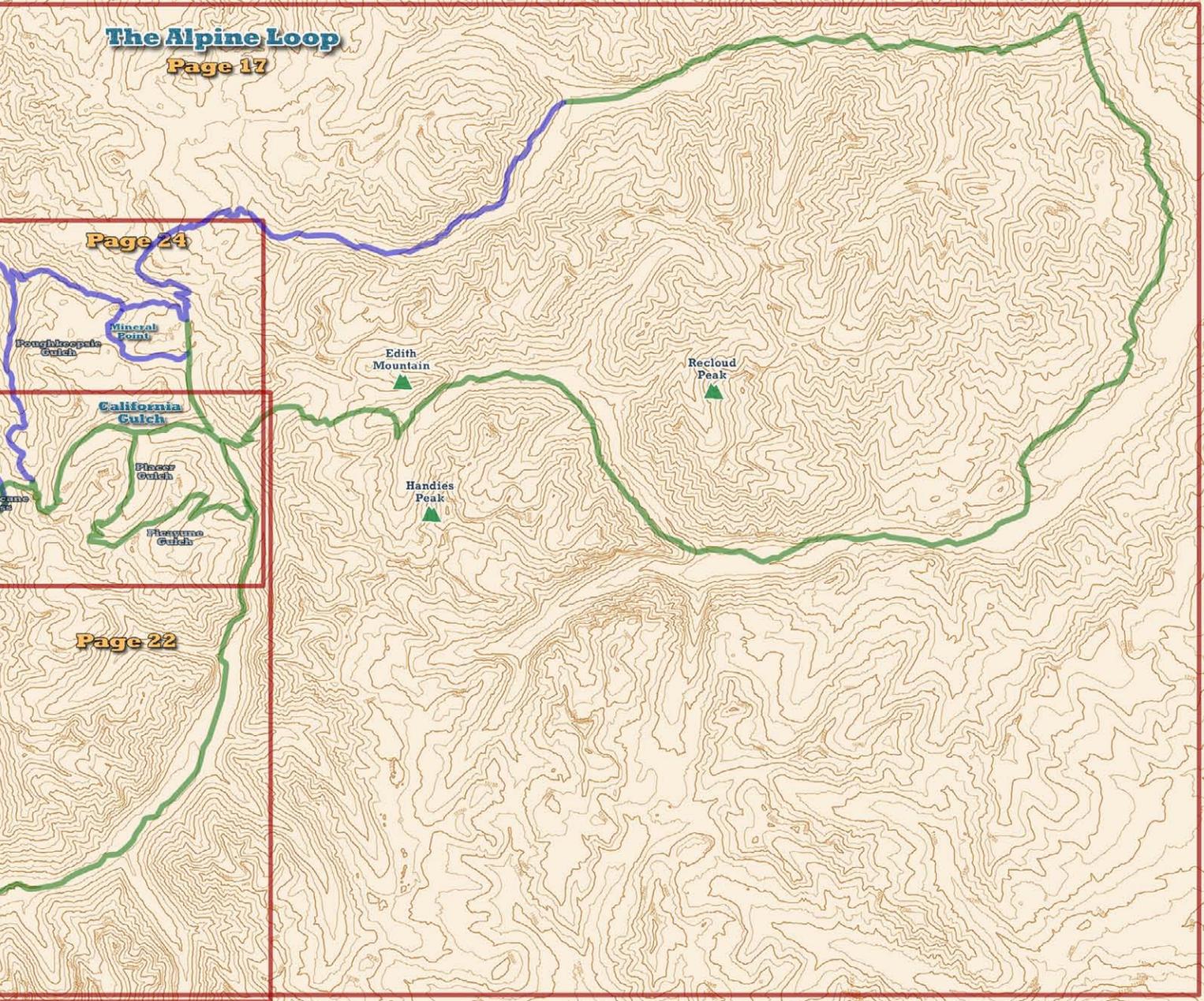
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Trail Ratings

The trail ratings in this guide use the 1-10 scale developed by the Colorado 4 Wheel Drive Association (<http://www.hightrails.org>). Although the most difficult trail in this guide is rated a Moderate (5), we've included descriptions for trails rated through Moderate (7) for your information.

Easy Trails



Easy (1)

Easy Graded dirt road. Dry, or less than 3" water crossing depth. Gentle grades. 2WD under all conditions except snow. No width problems, two vehicles wide.

Easy (2)

Dirt road. Dry, or less than 3" water crossing depth. Some ruts. Slight grades, up to 10 degrees. 2WD under most conditions. Rain or snow may make 4WD necessary. Usually one and a half to two vehicles wide.

Easy (3)

Dirt road. Rutted, washes, or gulches. Water crossings up to 6" depth. Passable mud. Grades up to 10 degrees. Small rocks or holes. 4WD recommended but 2WD possible under good conditions and with adequate ground clearance and skill. No width problems for any normal vehicle. Vehicle passing spots frequently available if less than two vehicles wide.

Easy (4)

Rutted and/or rocky road. No shelves but rocks to 9". Water crossings usually less than hub deep. Passable mud. Grades moderate, up to 15 degrees. Side hill moderate up to 15 degrees. 4WD under most conditions. No width problems, vehicle passing spots frequently available if less than two vehicles wide.

Moderate Trails



Moderate (5)

Rutted and/or rocky road. No shelves. Rocks up to 12" and water crossings up to 12" with possible currents. Passable mud. Moderate grades to 15 degrees. 6" holes. Side hill to 20 degrees. 4WD required. No width problems.

Moderate (6)

Quite rocky or deep ruts. Rocks to 12" and frequent. Water crossings may exceed hub depth with strong currents. Shelves to 6". Mud may require checking before proceeding. Moderate grades to 20 degrees. Sidehill may approach 30 degrees. 4WD necessary and second attempts may be required with stock vehicles. Caution may be required with wider vehicles.

Moderate (7)

Rocks frequent and large, 12" and may exceed hub height. Holes frequent or deep (12"). Shelves to 9". Mud 8" deep and may be present on uphill sections. Grades to 25 degrees and sidehill to 30 degrees. Water crossings to 18" and may have strong currents. 1-1/2 vehicles wide. 4WD required. Driver experience helpful.

NOTE: The rating of a trail can and will change based on a variety of factors such as weather, snow / mud, and time of year. Please evaluate each trail and obstacle before attempting anything you're not comfortable with.



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Imogene Pass

Imogene Pass connects Ouray with Telluride and is the highest mountain pass in the San Juan Mountains. The summit sits at 13,114 feet and the pass is the second highest in Colorado passable by vehicles. From Ouray, this trail turns off CR361 to Yankee Boy Basin. The turn off for Imogene is above Camp Bird Mine near the ghost town of Sneffels. The trail then climbs out of Imogene Basin in route to the summit.



Push to the top of Imogene

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your rig. You'll most likely see large snow drifts as you gain elevation, so watch out for wet and slippery surfaces on the trail. From start to finish, Imogene Pass is 13 miles long and full of spectacular scenery including a panoramic view of Telluride.

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Camp Bird Mine

Camp Bird Mine is a famous, previously productive gold mine located between Ouray and Telluride, Colorado. It was named after the "Camp Birds", probably Rocky Mountain jays, that ate many a miner's lunch. The mine was discovered by Thomas F. Walsh in 1896 and from 1896 to 1990, it produced about 1.5 million Troy ounces of gold, and 4 million Troy ounces of silver. Mr. Walsh earned more than \$10,000,000 by the time he sold the mine in 1902 for \$5.2 million. Camp Bird Mine is currently closed, and many of the tunnels are beginning to cave in, so do not attempt to visit the ruins.

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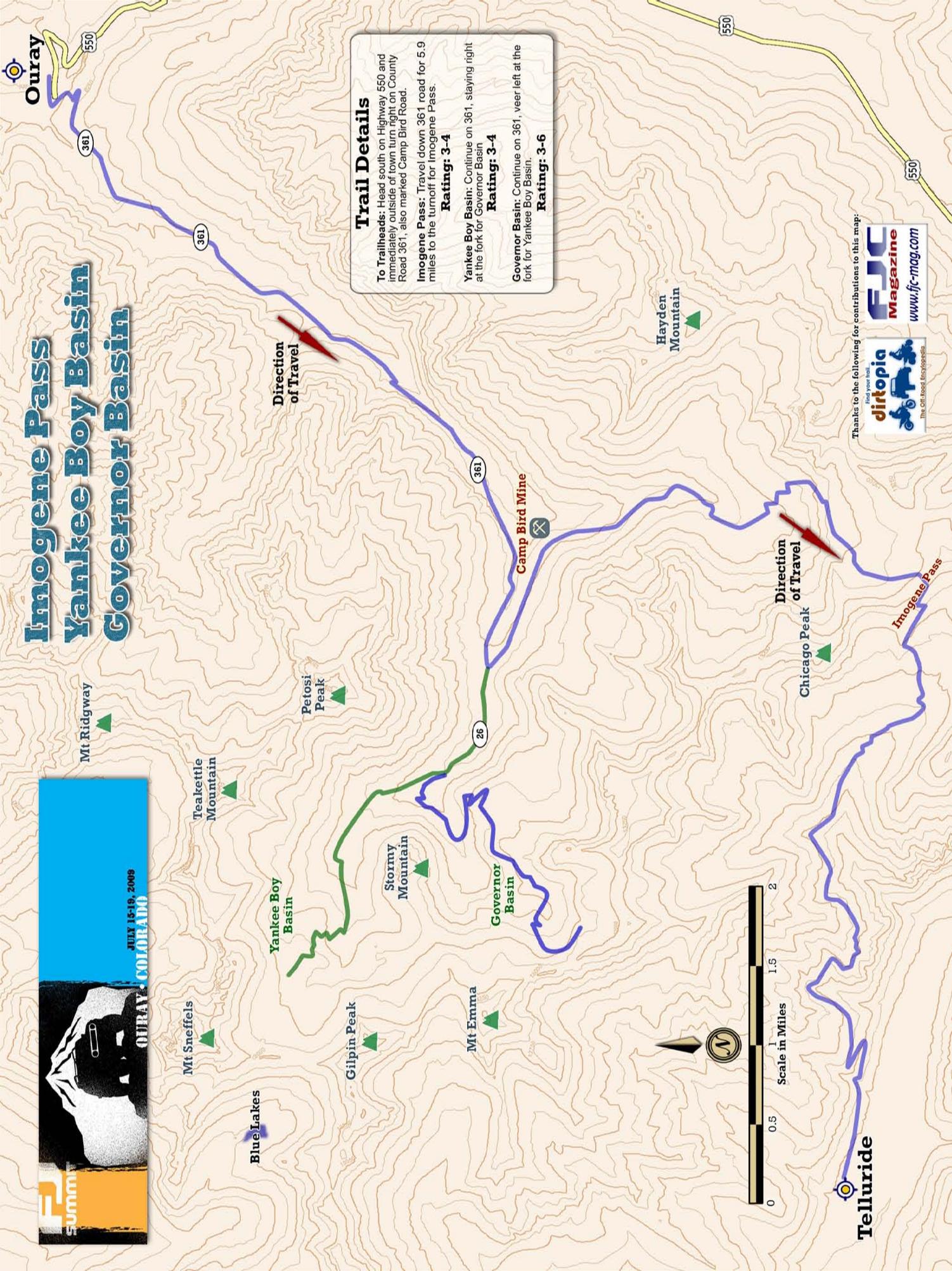
Camp Bird Mine in 1940

Photo By Russell Lee



Imogene Pass Yankee Boy Basin Governor Basin

Trail Details
To Trailheads: Head south on Highway 550 and immediately outside of town turn right on County Road 361, also marked Camp Bird Road.
Imogene Pass: Travel down 361 road for 5.9 miles to the turnoff for Imogene Pass.
Rating: 3-4
Yankee Boy Basin: Continue on 361, staying right at the fork for Governor Basin.
Rating: 3-4
Governor Basin: Continue on 361, veer left at the fork for Yankee Boy Basin.
Rating: 3-6



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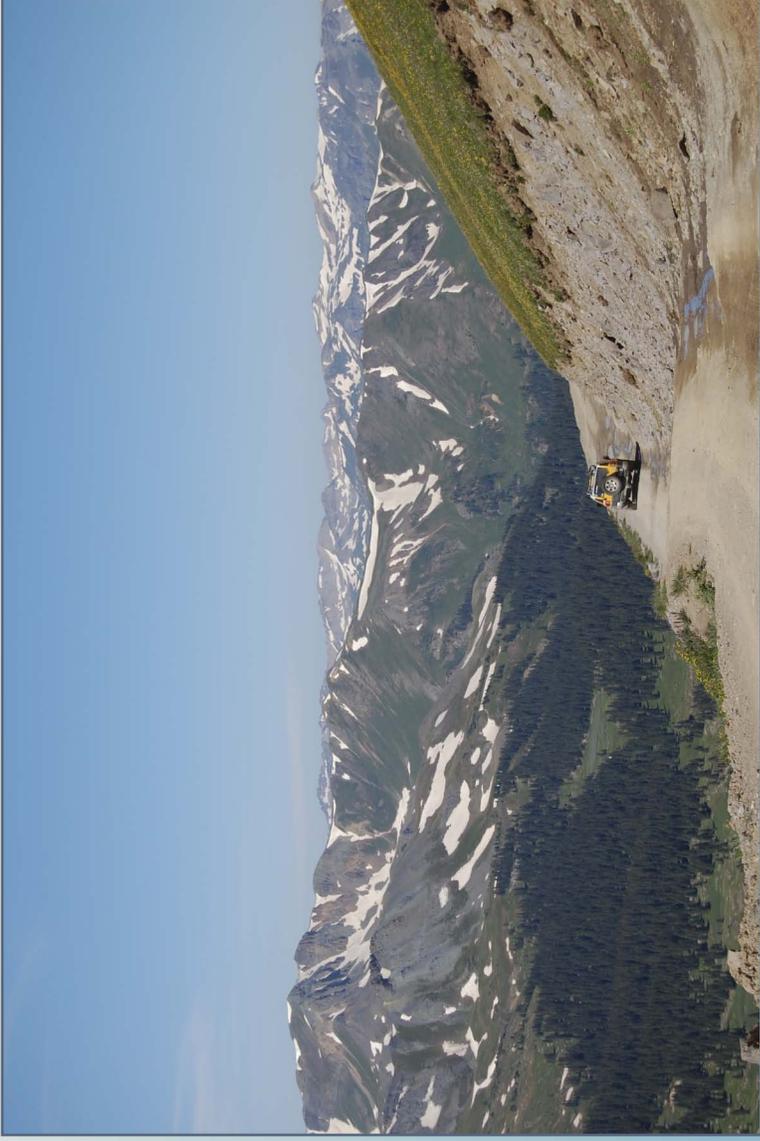
THIS is Colorado!

The Alpine Loop is the longest route in the San Juan Region, totaling over 55 miles from start to finish. The trail begins just South of Ouray on US 550 and ends in Silverton. The views from the summits of Engineer Pass and Cinnamon Pass are the very definition of what off roading in this area is all about. It is said that on a clear day, there is no limit to how far you can see from the top of Engineer pass. Even in Mid-July, you can expect to see rows of snow-capped peaks accentuated by a beautiful high altitude sky.

The first portion of the Loop brings you to an elevation of over 13,000 feet at the summit of Engineer Pass. The trail to the top of Engineer is the most difficult section of the Loop and earns a Moderate (5) rating. You'll want to make several stops during your climb to take advantage of the amazing photo ops. Be sure to have your camera ready!

After a quick pit-stop in Lake City, you'll continue on the south leg of the trip over Cinnamon Pass. While Cinnamon isn't as high as Engineer, the views are still exceptional. Remember to use extra caution on this portion of the Loop since it is an Easy (2) rating. You'll probably encounter many passenger cars on this dirt road.

This area was inhabited by Native American Indians for centuries before miners came looking for gold, silver, zinc, and lead in the late 1800's. The trails that make up the Alpine Loop (and the many side trips) were first used by these miners. If you choose to stop at any of the abandoned mines, for your safety, please enjoy the history from a safe distance. The structures are not maintained and in a state of decay and consequently, could collapse at any time.



Toward the Top of Engineer Pass

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The Alpine Loop

Trail Details

Alpine Loop (Engineer Pass): Take Highway 550 south 3.7 miles. The trail starts next to a large sign on the left of the road at a large dirt area.

Rating: 2-4

Alpine Loop (Cinnamon Pass): From Lake City, head south on CO-149, turn right on CO-30 toward Lake San Cristobal. Head southwest on CO-30, then right on CO-4 to Cinnamon Pass.

Rating: 2

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Black Bear Pass

Don't Look Down!

Black Bear Pass (also known as Black Bear Road) is one of the most challenging trails in the San Juan Mountains. The Moderate (6) rated, 7 mile trail starts from the summit of Red Mountain Pass south of Ouray, and ends in Telluride. From an elevation of 12,840 ft., the trail descends over a set of infamous switchbacks as it navigates the heights above Telluride. Black Bear passes Bridal Veil Falls, the highest waterfall in Colorado. The trail was made famous in a song by C.W. McCall of the same name.

Black Bear Pass is passable only a few months per year, so sometimes it's not open for the Summit in July. Black Bear is one way: downhill east to west (except for the annual Jeepers' Jamboree during which the path is reversed for one day only).

This trail is rated by some as difficult, but the obstacles are technically moderate. It is however, a dangerous trail due to several multi-point turns and the steepness of the mountain itself. The Bear is not for the faint of heart! Extreme caution must be taken, especially for new off road drivers. Take your time and listen to more experienced drivers. Above all, stay safe & enjoy the view!



Creeping down Black Bear Pass

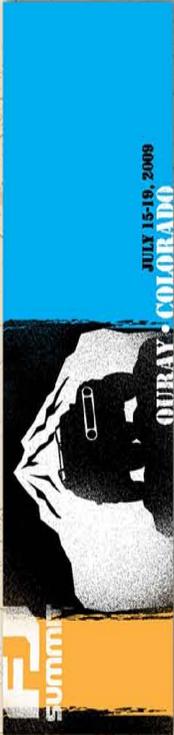
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Pump house & falls

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Black Bear Pass

Telluride Peak

Black Bear Mine

Trail Details
 Take Highway 550 south for 13 miles. Just after the sign for Red Mountain Pass you can see a pull out area on the right and the start of the trail, marked with a sign.

Rating: 5

Ajax Peak

Dangerous Switchbacks

Bridal Veil Falls Crossing

One Way Trail

Ingram Peak

Trico Peak

Mud Lake

Blue Lake

Silver Lake

Ballard Mountain

La Junta Peak

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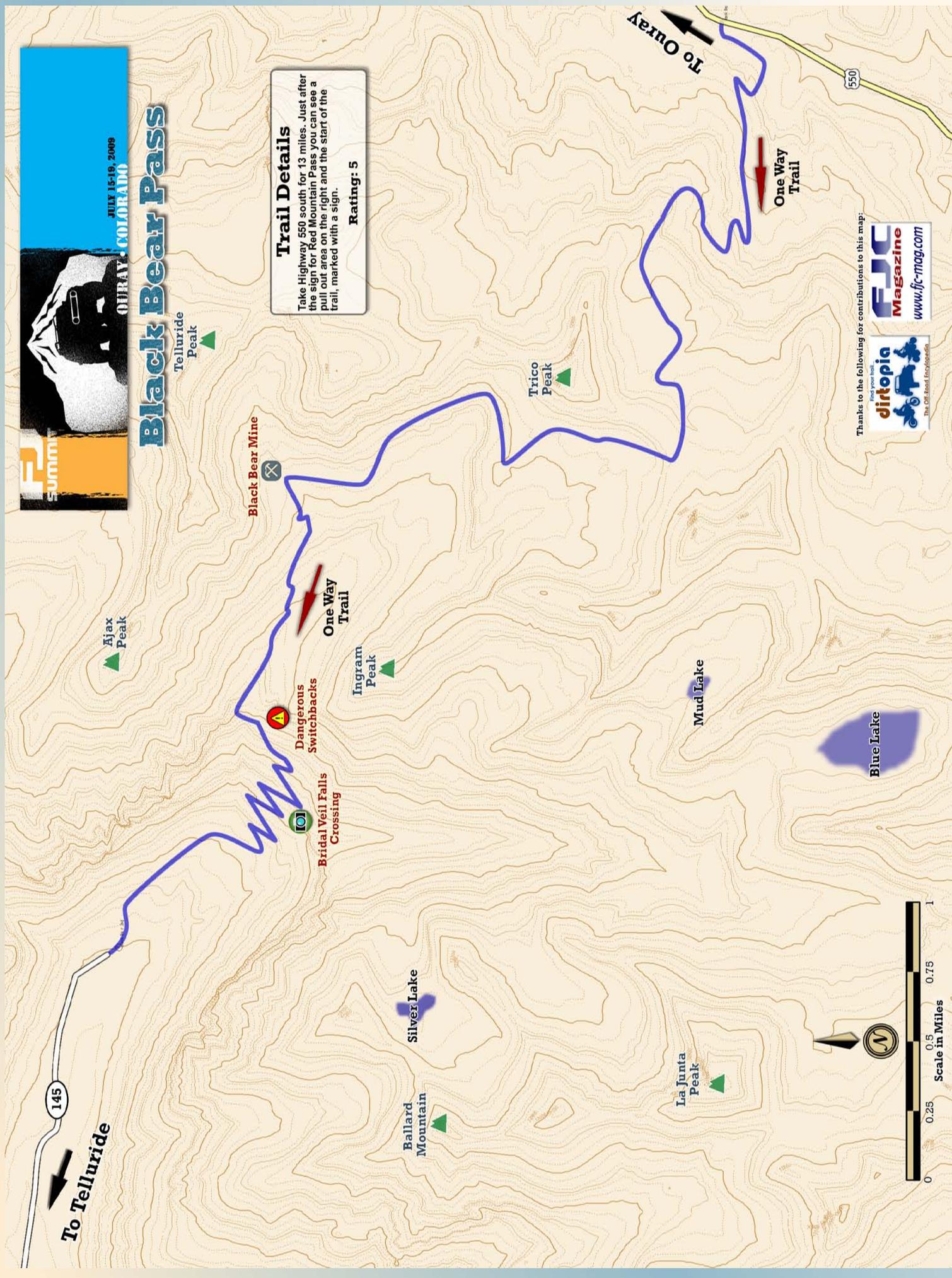
One Way Trail

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The Million Dollar Highway

US - 550

The Million Dollar Highway is the section of U.S. Route 550 that runs from Durango to Ouray, CO. The twelve miles south of Ouray through the Uncompahgre Gorge to the summit of Red Mountain Pass, give the highway its name. This stretch features steep cliffs and no guardrails (don't look down!), and the ascent of Red Mountain Pass has a number of hairpin "S" curves.. Traveling north from Silverton to Ouray allows you to hug the inside of curves, however heading south from Ouray to Silverton perches you on the outside edge of the highway.

The origin of the name Million Dollar Highway is disputed. There are several legends of its origin from "it cost a million dollars a mile" to build in the 1920's to it contains "a million dollars" in gold ore in the fill dirt.

The original stretch of the Highway was a toll road built by Otto Mears in 1883 to connect Ouray and Ironton. In the late 1880's Otto Mears turned to building railroads and built the Silverton Railroad north from Silverton over Red Mountain Pass to reach the lucrative mining districts around Red Mountain, terminating at



On Top Of The World

Photo by Mark Wilkinson aka DoWork

Albany just eight miles south of Ouray. In the early 1920's, the original toll road was rebuilt at considerable cost and became the present day US 550. Today the entire route is part of the San Juan Skyway Scenic Byway.

Take note of the avalanche shelters covering portions of road that have avalanche chutes above them. Be grateful that your trip to Ouray is in the summer!

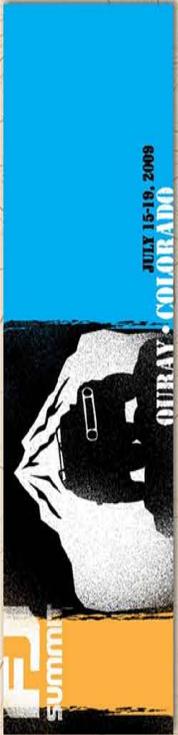
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Ophir Pass

Three Needles

Blue Lake

Wasatch Mountain

Palmira Peak

Alta Lakes

Gold King Basin

Wild Boy Lake

Silver Mountain

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Direction of Travel

Ophir

Lookout Peak

Ophir Pass

South Lookout Peak

Yellow Mountain

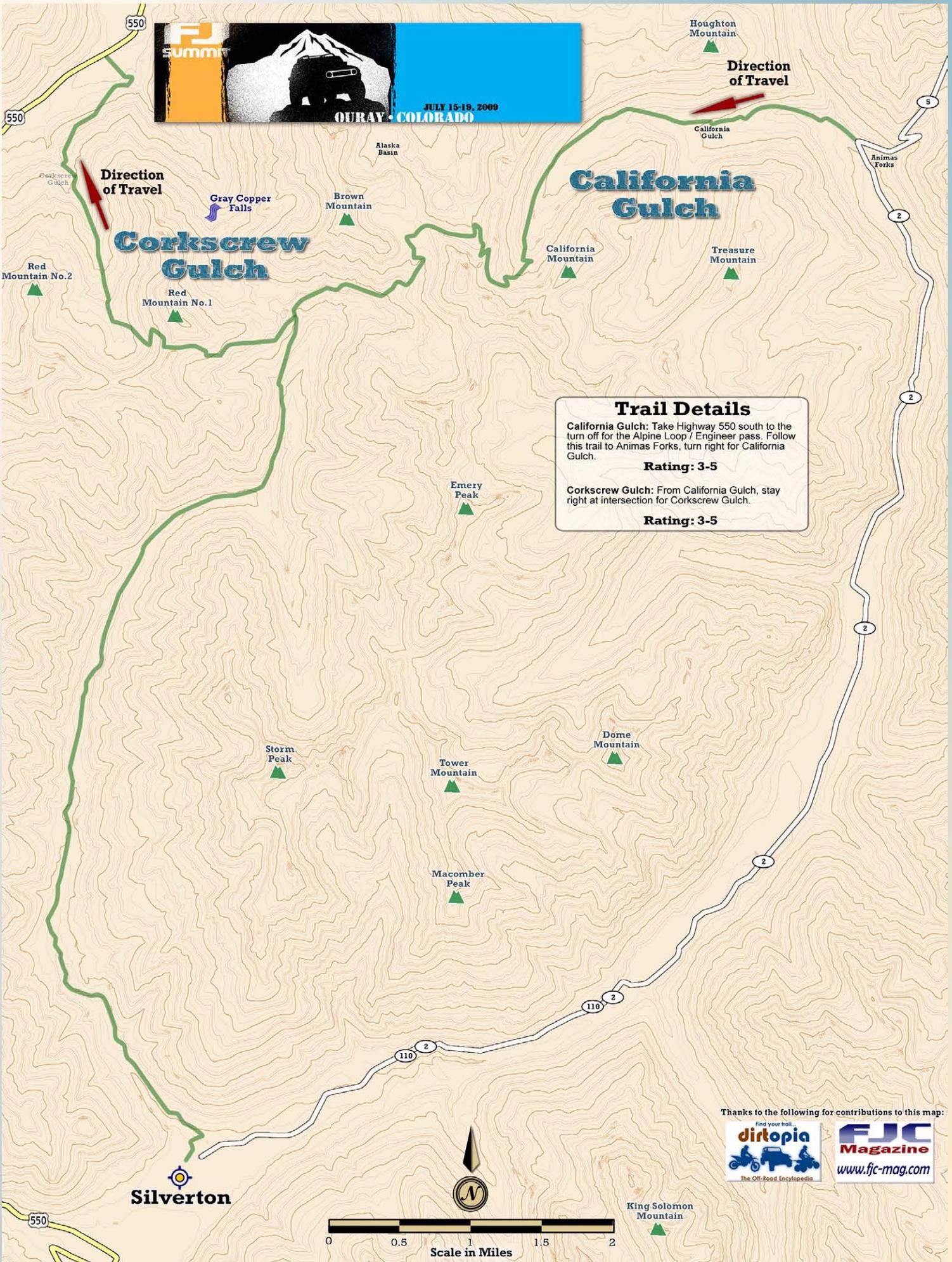
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Trail Details
 From Telluride, take CO-145 south for 10 miles. Turn left on D-65/630 Rd. Proceed through the town of Ophir (watch your speed) to the trail.
Rating: 2



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Direction of Travel

Corkscrew Gulch

Direction of Travel

California Gulch

Trail Details

California Gulch: Take Highway 550 south to the turn off for the Alpine Loop / Engineer pass. Follow this trail to Animas Forks, turn right for California Gulch.

Rating: 3-5

Corkscrew Gulch: From California Gulch, stay right at intersection for Corkscrew Gulch.

Rating: 3-5

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Poughkeepsie Gulch

Mineral Point

Trail Details
Poughkeepsie Gulch: From Engineer Pass Road, take a right on 18A and proceed south.
Rating: 5-6
Mineral Point: Mineral point is located north of Animas Forks.
Rating: 4

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Alaska Basin

Placer Gulch

Animas Forks

Hurricane Pass

Picayune Gulch

Trail Details
Hurricane Pass: From 10, turn east on 19 toward California Gulch. Stay left at the fork for California Gulch.
Rating: 5
Placer Gulch: From California Gulch, turn south on 9.
Rating: 3-4
Picayune Gulch: From Animas Forks, head south on 2, turn west on 9.
Rating: 3-4

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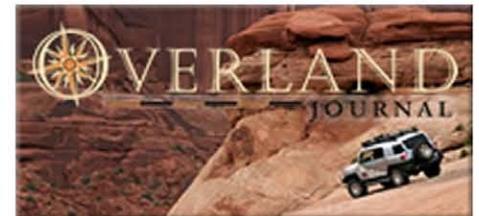
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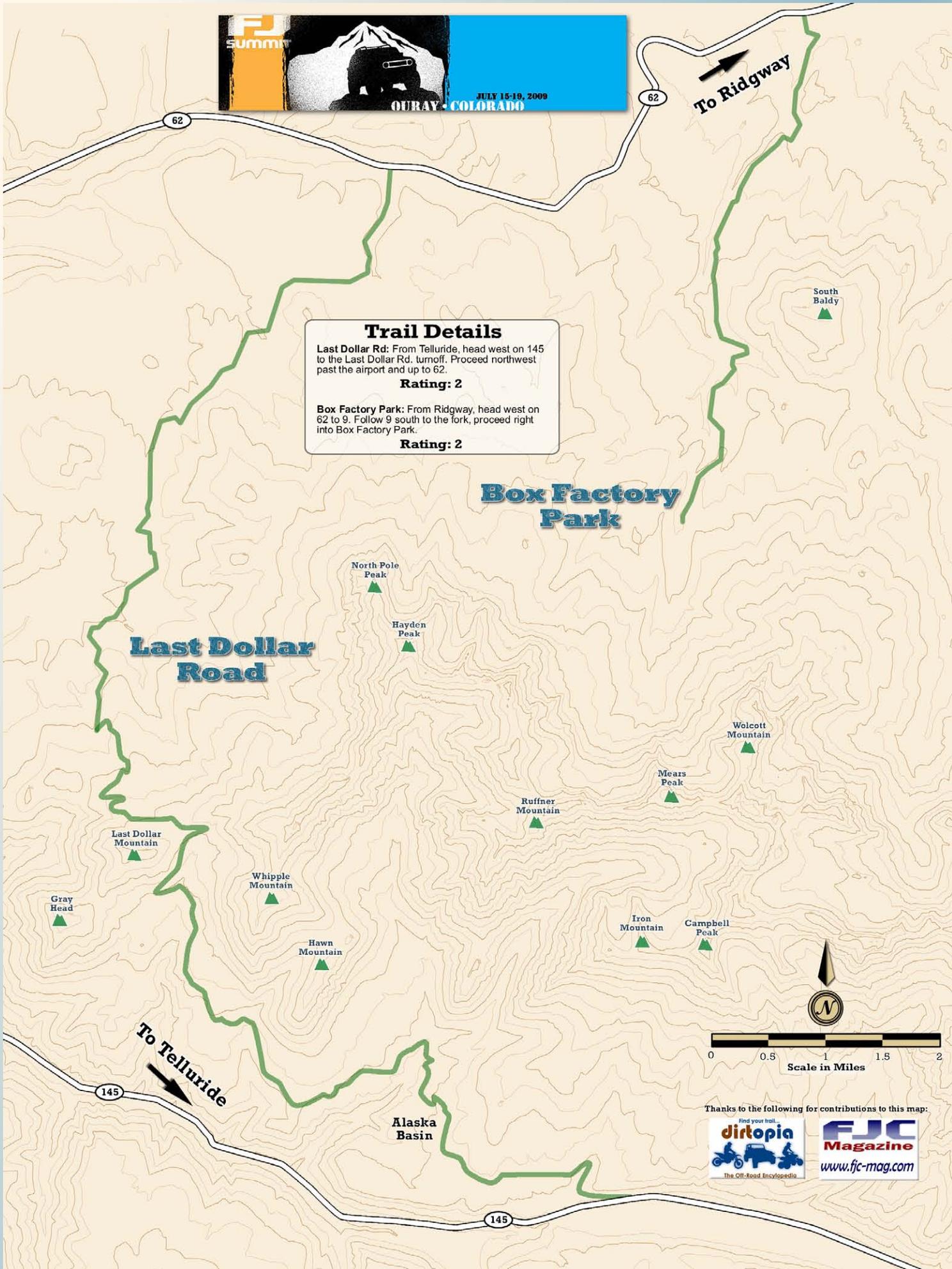


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Trail Details

Last Dollar Rd: From Telluride, head west on 145 to the Last Dollar Rd. turnoff. Proceed northwest past the airport and up to 62.
Rating: 2

Box Factory Park: From Ridgway, head west on 62 to 9. Follow 9 south to the fork, proceed right into Box Factory Park.
Rating: 2

Last Dollar Road

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Hayden Peak

South Baldy

Wolcott Mountain

Mears Peak

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Last Dollar Mountain

Gray Head

Whipple Mountain

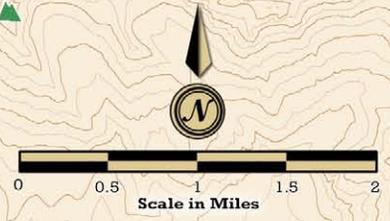
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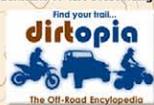
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FJ Summit Communications

There are three main types of communication that will be used at the FJ Summit: CB's (Primarily), FRS radios, and HAM radios. When possible, a HAM operator with a CB will be within range of all trail run groups. Radio communications are not required for the event but do add to the experience by allowing you to communicate with the other FJs in your trail group.

CB Radio:

CB radio transmits at 4 watts and uses AM frequencies. CB is probably the most common form of civilian radio communication, although FRS is common as well. AM frequencies usually are subject to greater noise interference than FM frequencies. No license is required.

FRS Radio:

FRS radio transmits at .5 watts and therefore has limited range. FRS radios are cheap and easy to use and are good for communication within your FJ trail group. No license is required.

HAM Radio:

HAM radio (aka Amateur Radio) transmits at 5-100 watts for handheld and mobile units and therefore has greater range. HAM radio uses FM frequencies for clear audio. It has the advantage of using repeaters, which are devices that listen for and repeat a radio signal giving even greater range. You can also use HAM without repeaters, this is known as Simplex. A license is required to operate a HAM radio.

Quick Reference

CB & FRS Radios

-Summit Channel: 07

-Trail Leaders set for each run

HAM Radios

-Simplex: 147.555

-Primary Repeater: Engineer Mountain

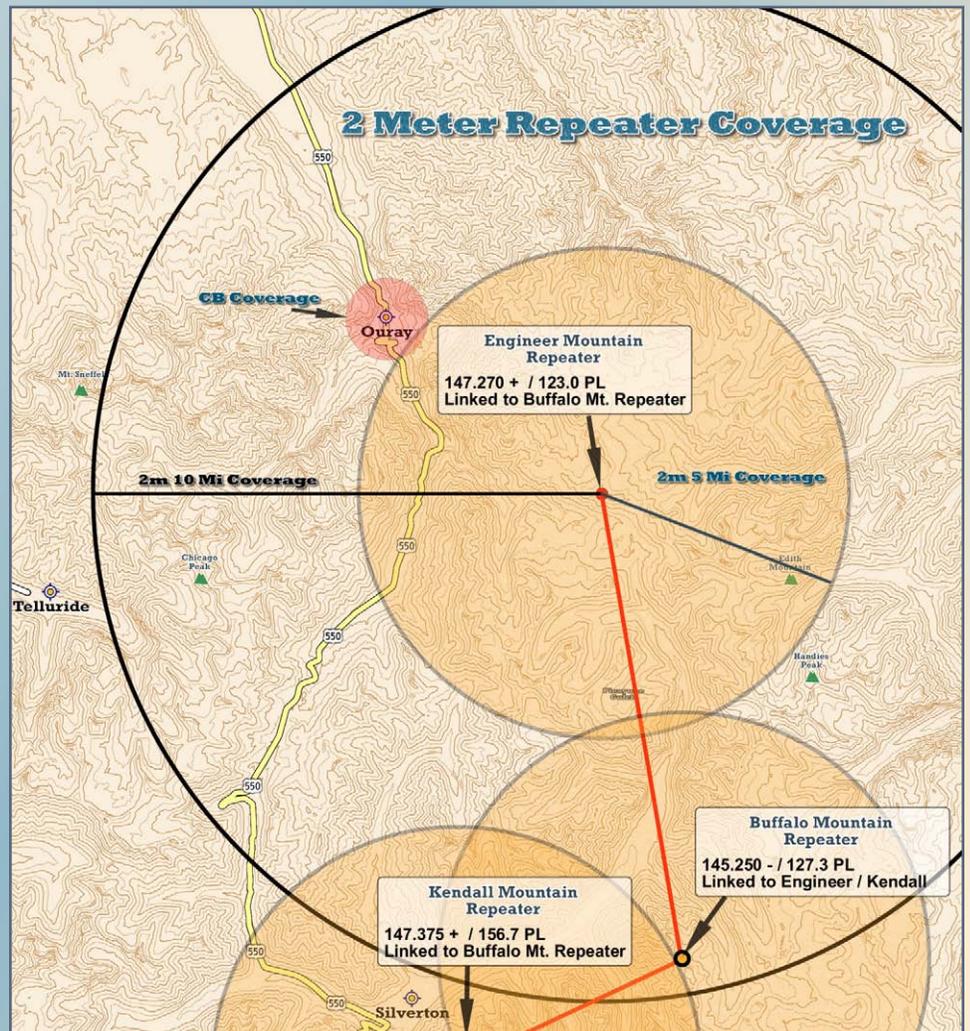
-Alternate Repeater: Buffalo Mt

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**– Frank B
TRD USA**

About FJ Summit.org, Inc.

For the third year, FJSummit.org, Inc. a Texas not for profit corporation, is promoting the 2009 FJSummit event. Its mission is to provide fun, camaraderie and introduce Toyota FJ Cruiser enthusiasts, their families and friends, to the beautiful landscape and challenging trails surrounding Ouray Colorado. FJSummit.org's Co-Directors are made up of like-minded FJCruiserForums.com members who are dedicated to responsible off-road adventures, safety, charity, and good times.

Bringing together Attendees, Sponsors and local Ouray organizations, FJSummit has proven to be an annual Summer highpoint, not only for FJ Cruiser owners, but the Ouray community as well. Annually, FJSummit.org,Inc. has contributed part of it's revenue to several organizations including Ouray Mountain Rescue, Ouray Police, Ouray Fire, and Tread Lightly, an organization promoting responsible off roading. This year FJSummit was proud to distribute 2 scholarships to deserving Ouray HS Seniors.



TheNOOKIE

Seth Kovanic, Co-Director. Colorado native, official FJSummit Sponsor Liaison, Webmaster, Nerd, and Kim's Fiancé (they're getting married!). Sporting a (chicken) Yellow FJ, and, now that he has permanent residence in El Paso, TX, has finally gotten a lift kit. An Information Manager, says he maintains a billion page university website likely created with tools developed by Al Gore. Favorite food: Beer ("Beer is a food right?")

T2Cruiser

Tim Terleski, Co-Director. Dallas, TX based, Colorado dreamer. Business Manager, retired Axe-Man, still the Team Curmudgeon (but has better drugs now), and proudly claimed the title last year as FJSummit Spokesmodel. He thinks he has proven 4WD is an unnecessary bother and continues to sink money into his FJC PreRunner. An Industrial Designer, you can blame him for many of the coach class airline seats you sit in. Ideal Vehicle: 1962 Dodge Polaris Wagon, Favorite pastime: Sailing (how could it be 4WD offroading? He doesn't own one)

StowawayScout

Ty! Boyack Colorado based (but wishes he lived in Texas) Trailblazer, Trailmaster, Permit Gatherer, Forest Service liaison, most eloquent Note Taker, Music lover and a guy that NEVER has a negative thing to say (he sure makes up for T2). An FJ Cruiser wannabe, Ty! sticks with the only vehicle he has ever owned, an International Scout II. Quite the catch, we hope to fix him up this year with a " Hot Chics w/ FJ" so he can continue on with the Scout. . Ideal vehicle: Uh, ...Scout. Ideal Dinner guests: Mr. International and Mr. Harvester .



No need to be in a hurry

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Sponsors:

Remember, we would not be able to put this event on without the sponsors for the FJ Summit. They not only donate the items for the fabulous year after year, but they donate their time, money and energy ensuring we have a great Summit. When you see a sponsor, please remember to thank them for all they've done. They are the ones who make the Summit what it is.

Thank You!

FJSummit.org, Inc. sends a BIG thanks all the terrific people who contribute their valuable time and spirited effort, including (we'll forget someone...) Frank B. at TRD, all of our generous Sponsors, The City of Ouray CO, Ouray Police and Fire Departments, Residents and Businesses of Ouray, US

Forest Service, BLM, Ouray Mountain Rescue, The Toyota Trail Teams (bring em back Toyota!), Shane & Angie from FJC Magazine, Ryan from Best Western, Volhoo (Vince) our resident ink man, Meridith plays the numbers, Kristin and Halleygirl our ace hawkers. Also thanks to Kim for putting up with Seth, Volunteer Trail Leaders, Tailgunners and the many FJSummit OFF ROADIES who contribute to the community, goodwill and success of the 2009 FJSummit!

Additional special thanks to Jared for his special efforts in trail organization, to Graham Jackson from Overland Training, Bill Burke from BB's 4-wheel America and Todd Pope from Expeditioneers for contributing valuable presentations and sharing their knowledge.

And thanks to former CoDirector Jason Gottlieb (Bostonian1976), for getting this started. Jason's two years of service, hard work and creativity helped to make the FJSummit what it is today! We offer him best wishes and continued success in his future endeavors.

Last but not least, kudos and special thanks to Phil Stetson, TRDParts4U who's hard work, inspiration, keen knowledge and good humor helped keep this ship afloat in perilous seas and calm waters. We are grateful for his dedicated hard work, friendship and generosity. We were going to honor him as our 2009 "fifth Beatle", but he's a Pink Floyd fan. So he is this year's "Syd Barrett" (Is that a complement???)

Tread Lightly! Y'all!

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Tips for Having a Great Time

Over the last two years the FJ Summit community has come together to enjoy the “Switzerland of America”, Ouray Colorado. This year on July 15th-19th we will once again converge on this quiet mountain town. Our festivities would not be possible without the help from the local and county municipalities of Ouray. We want to thank the Police and County Sherriff departments. We also want to thank the Fire Department, EMT, as well as the Mayor’s Office and the Ouray Chamber of Commerce. We also would not be able to do the things we do without the help of Ouray Mountain Rescue. Our thanks also go out to all the small business in Ouray. Without their help and cooperation, we would not be able to have a spectacular Summit each and every year.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN YOU ARE IN TOWN:

There are a couple of things we would like everyone to keep in mind when you are in and around Ouray.

- Once you have your FJ Summit registration sticker on your windshield you will be a representative of the FJ Summit community. We ask that everyone behave as you would in your own home town.
- Make sure you watch your speed while in town. Its 25 mph on Main St. and 15 mph on all side streets. You can walk from one end of town to the other within 5 minutes, so consider parking and walking as opposed to driving around town.
- This is the “busy season” for Ouray, so keep in mind we will not be the only ones in town. Please be courteous to all people you meet. Many are there for a quiet mountain get-away – please minimize your impact by keeping stereos and engine noise low while in tow.
- Make sure you visit all the shops and eateries in town. There is an eclectic group of shops and food, so make sure you get a chance to sample them all.
- The Best Western is the Summit Headquarters. While around the area, there will be a wide variety of people running around including children and dogs. Please use those mirrors and keep your eyes open!
- The side roads in Ouray are public/private roads. Make sure you do not block roadways and driveways with your FJ. If you aren’t sure if it’s public or private, make sure to ask!
- Ouray Colorado is located at 7800 feet above sea level. The trails which you drive on can go up several thousand feet higher. If you have never been up at that altitude, or if you are coming from an area which is at or close to sea level, be sure to drink plenty of fluids and do everything you can to help your body acclimate to the altitude. Also, when consuming alcoholic beverages, remember that your body will have an increased reaction to alcohol, so please be aware of what and how much you consume.
- Remember to use the FJ wave at all times!



Photo by Mark Wilkinson aka DoWork

When On The Trails:

- Remember to conduct yourself in a kind and courteous manner. You will not be the only one on the trails during this time of year so keep an eye out for hikers, photographers and other 4-wheel drive vehicles.
- REMEMBER: VEHICLES TRAVELING UP HILL HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY, but use common sense. Sometimes on these narrow shelf roads it is safer to yield your right of way. If you are the first in your convoy, tell the yielding vehicle how many are behind you, and remember to smile and wave. Kindness will always get you farther than rudeness and bad trail educate.
- Slow down when passing hikers or animals as to minimize the dust kicked up, and yield the right of way to non-motorized travelers on the trail.
- When traveling in a group, always keep the vehicle behind you in your rearview mirror. If you lose sight of them, stop until they catch up.
- Always keep in communication with your trail leader and gunners. If you do not have a radio use hand signs, lights, or horn when necessary.
- Keep pace with the rest of the group; however give the vehicle ahead of you enough room to maneuver. If you need more time to get through an area, make sure the trail leader knows so everyone stays together.
- Make sure you have clear communication with your spotter. If you don't understand what he or she is asking you to do, stop and ask.
- If you are uncomfortable with any area while driving, please don't hesitate to ask someone to help you. We are all here to have fun and be safe.
- If you leave your group, make sure your trail leader knows.
- Tread Lightly! Stay on roads and trails. Pack it in, Pack it out.
- Come prepared. Make sure you have all necessary provisions in case of emergency.



Pougkeepsie Gulch offers a few challenges

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