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ABOUT OURAY

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The historic City of Ouray was originally established in the 1870s by miners chasing silver and gold in the surrounding mountains and at one point the town once boasted more horses and mules than people. At the height of the mining boom, Ouray had more than 30 active mines. 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 its nickname: "The Switzerland of America". In addition to 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.

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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Box Canyon Falls

Ouray Ice Park





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EVENT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

9:00am - Noon & 1:30pm - 5:00pm

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- » Registration booth opens for participants and vendors. You will be able to get signed in, pickup swag bags, drivers' stickers, pre-paid items and socialize with new and old friends alike.
- » **IMPORTANT:** Make sure you bring everyone in your group to sign waivers, verify trail status and make changes if needed.

2:00pm - 6:00pm

FJ SUMMIT HQ AT TWIN PEAKS LODGE

- » Visit with over 40 product and service vendors, check out display trucks of multiple vintages and enjoy a beverage at the cash bar.
- » FJ Summit store will be open to purchase raffle tickets, sales items including shirts, hats, sweatshirts, patches and Trasharoos.
- » **4:00pm - 5:00pm** Wheeling 101 class by Brian "Woody" Swearingen of IH8mud.com and Original Toyota Trail Teams member and TLCA Hall of fame Inductee!
- » **5:00pm - 6:00pm** Outdoor Backcountry First Aid 101 class by Outer Limit Supply.

6:00pm - 6:30pm

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- » FJ Summit XII Welcome.
- » Announcements by vendors and town of Ouray.
- » Review of safety and fire advisories.

6:30pm - 8:00pm

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8:00pm - 9:00pm

TWIN PEAKS BREAKFAST ROOM

- » Mandatory Driver meeting for all trail leaders.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

6:00am - 8:00am & 4:00pm - 7:00pm

FJ SUMMIT HQ AT TWIN PEAKS LODGE

- » Late registration continues.
- » Information Center Open.

6:30am - 5:00pm

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

- » Trail runs begin! Get out on the trail.
- » Always remember to Stay The Trail and Pack out what you Pack In!

3:30pm - 8:00pm

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- » Visit with over 40 product and service vendors, check out display trucks of multiple vintages and enjoy a beverage at the cash bar.
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5:00pm - 6:00pm

FJ SUMMIT HQ AT TWIN PEAKS LODGE

- » Audio installation by OEM Audio.

6:15pm - 6:30pm

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- » Special Announcement by Toyota.

6:30pm - 8:00pm

FJ SUMMIT HQ AT TWIN PEAKS LODGE CATERED DINNER PROVIDED BY TOYOTA

8:00pm - 9:00pm

TWIN PEAKS BREAKFAST ROOM

- » Mandatory Driver meeting for all trail leaders.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

6:00am - 8:00am & 4:00pm - 7:00pm

FJ SUMMIT HQ AT TWIN PEAKS LODGE

- » Information booth open.

6:30am - 5:00pm

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

- » Trail runs continue! Get out on the trail.
- » Always remember to be nice to others on the trails (even if they're in a Jeep).

4:00pm - 6:00pm

FJ SUMMIT HQ AT TWIN PEAKS LODGE

- » FJ Summit store will be open to purchase raffle tickets, sales items including shirts, hats, sweatshirts, patches and Trasharoos.

5:00pm - 2:00am

ALL OVER TOWN

- » Join the party in Ouray. Enjoy dinner in town and support local businesses. Get to know our supporting vendors at off-site parties.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

6:00am - 7:30am

MAIN STREET, OURAY

- » Bring your truck to main street at 6:00am sharp for the annual group photo!
- » Pack up and head home, the FJ Summit is over! Drive safe and thanks for another unforgettable year!
- » **This schedule is subject to change.**

THE
**LAST
DAY!**

SATURDAY, JULY 21

6:00am - 8:00am & 4:00pm - 8:30pm

FJ SUMMIT HQ AT TWIN PEAKS LODGE

- » Information booth open.

6:30am - 5:00pm

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

- » Trail runs continue! Get out on the trail.
- » Always remember proper trail etiquette.
- » Have fun and be safe!

3:30pm - 6:30pm

FJ SUMMIT HQ AT TWIN PEAKS LODGE

- » Visit with over 40 product and service vendors, check out display trucks of multiple vintages and enjoy a beverage at the cash bar.
- » FJ Summit store will be open to purchase raffle tickets, sales items including shirts, hats, sweatshirts, patches and Trasharoos.
- » Wash off that Mud! Weather permitting, get your rig washed by Ouray Volunteer Fire & Icon Vehicle Dynamics.
- » Summit Store open—Last chance to get your official Summit gear and Raffle Tickets!

5:00pm

SUMMIT STORE

- » Special Kids Party!

6:30pm - 8:30pm

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8:00pm - 10:00pm

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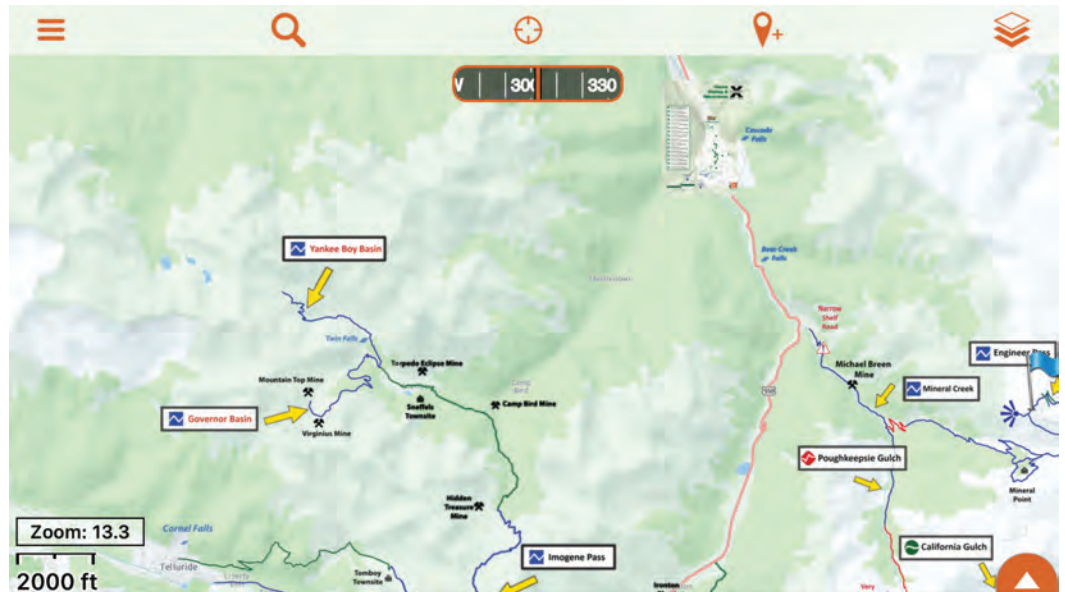
Throughout this guide you'll find trail maps provided by Hema Maps and Shane Williams. Additionally, trail leaders have been provided with detailed maps with additional information on each trail run that they'll share with you throughout the day.

If you're interested in more detailed trail information, many Summiteers have great maps and guidebooks as well as plenty of experience. Local stores offer books and maps for sale as well.

The Hema Explorer North America app (hema.li/explorer) works on both iOS iPhones and iPad, as well as Android tablets and phones. Hema Maps has a special FJ Summit add-on layer you can get for free by visiting hema.li/fjsummit on your device.

You can also chat with anyone that's been to the FJ Summit before to learn more about the trails in the area, and other options for exploring the San Juan Mountains outside of FJ Summit official trail runs.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN MORE DETAILED TRAIL INFORMATION, MANY SUMMITEERS HAVE GREAT MAPS AND GUIDEBOOKS AS WELL AS PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE. LOCAL STORES OFFER BOOKS AND MAPS FOR SALE AS WELL.



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FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Ouray and the surrounding area are a great place for families to enjoy the mountains. There are numerous activities that will be fun for the entire family.

OURAY

The world famous hot springs pools in Ouray are open 10AM to 10PM every day during the summer. For little ones, the slides and Wibits open at noon. This public pool is an inexpensive way to spend a few hours, but make sure everyone has plenty of sunscreen on.

While shopping options abound for adults, the best little shop for kids young and old is the Wheels, Wings, and Nautical Things store (801 Main St). Inside you'll find everything from cool car toys, airplane toys and memorabilia, and plenty of other cool items.

SILVERTON

If you want to spend a little more time in Silverton learning about this history of this area, the Old Hundred Gold Mine Tour is a great option. Located on CR-4a just off the Road to Animas Forks (CR-2). Tours start every hour from 10am-4pm, and run \$18.95 per adult, \$16.95 for seniors (60+), \$9.95 for kids 5-12, and kids 4 & under (if held on lap) are free.

TELLURIDE

The Gondola from downtown Telluride up to Mountain Village is always free, and operates most of the year. It's an amazing view on the 13 minute ride and you'll gain 1,750 in elevation along the way. Once at the top you can visit shops and restaurants in Mountain Village, or get back on for a fun ride down.



FJS CLIMB BLACK BEAR PASS
By Dennis Lloyd

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The trail ratings in this guide use the 1-10 scale developed by the Colorado 4 Wheel Drive Association (www.hightrails.org). The most difficult trail in this guide is rated a Moderate (5).



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 (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.

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

This trail is one of the most scenic in the region and a true joy to run at the FJ Summit. Imogene Pass sits at 13,114 ft., and is the second highest pass in Colorado passable by vehicles. It connects Ouray with Telluride and is also the highest mountain pass in the San Juan Mountains. From Ouray, the road turns off the road to Yankee Boy Basin above the Camp Bird Mine, near the ghost town of Sneffels southwest of Ouray. Just after this turn is a great (optional) water crossing that most FJ's have a great time with. From there, the trail ascends Imogene Basin to the summit.

As you climb above Camp Bird Mine, look back towards Ouray for an amazing view! Many groups choose to stop near Upper Camp Bird, just after crossing Imogene Creek. Pressing on toward the summit, you'll experience several moderate obstacles to test your rig out. You may see large snow drifts as you gain elevation, so watch out for wet and slippery surfaces.

The first long distance alternating current power line was constructed over Imogene Pass to carry power from the Telluride area to the Camp Bird Mine. "Fort Peabody"



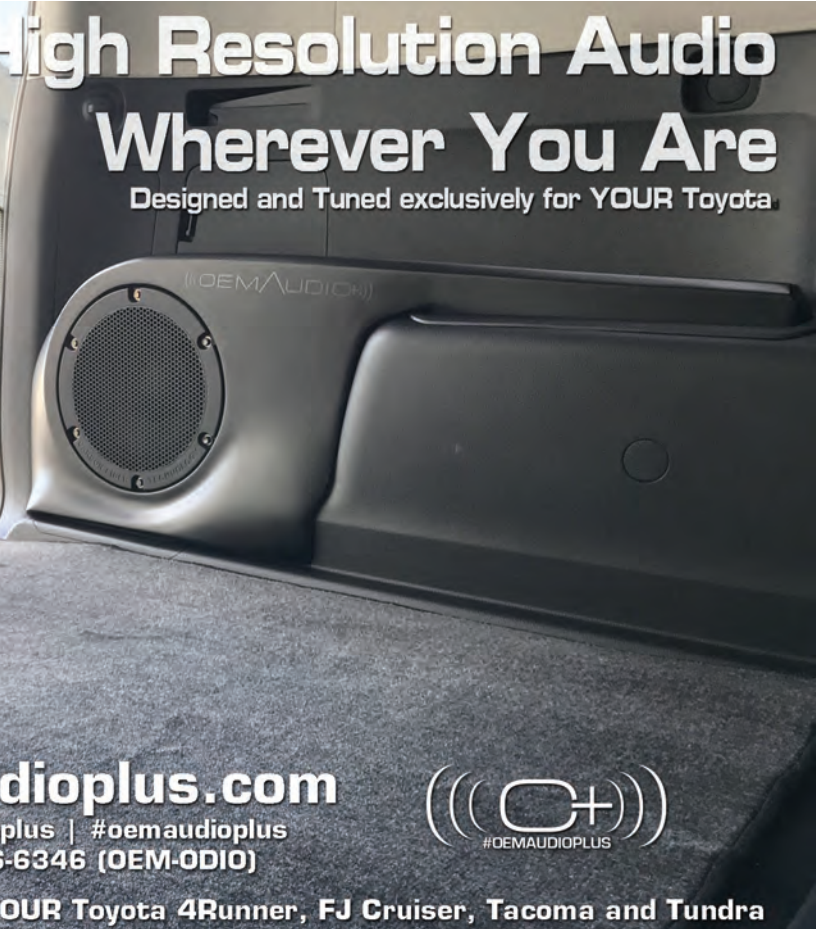
was constructed in 1904 by a local unit of the Colorado National Guard on top of the pass to prevent union miners from crossing during a labor strike.

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THE ALPINE LOOP

By Shane Williams

THIS IS COLORADO!

The Alpine Loop Scenic Byway is the longest route in the San Juan Region, totaling over 65 miles from start to finish and features some of North America's most magnificent scenery. The views from Engineer and Cinnamon Passes are nothing short of amazing, and really define what off roading in this area of Colorado is all about. Some say that you can see forever on a clear day from the top of Engineer Pass.

The route first takes you to an elevation of over 13,000 feet and the summit of Engineer Pass. The rough road to the top of the pass (Mineral Creek) is the most difficult section of the trail and earns the Moderate rating. You'll want to take many photo breaks throughout the trip, so have your camera ready! After a quick pit-stop in Lake City, you'll continue on the south leg over Cinnamon Pass. While it isn't as high as Engineer, the views are just as stunning. Take extra caution on the road up to

Cinnamon, since it's a dirt road you'll probably see many passenger cars on this leg.

When you have time to explore more before or after your FJ Summit adventure, be sure to spend time on some of the other trails in the area. Wager Gulch takes you all the way to the Continental Divide and the Carson Ghost Town site, while Picayune/Placer Gulches provide a good route around the crowded Animas Forks Ghost Town.

This area was inhabited by Native Americans for centuries before miners came looking for gold, silver, zinc, and lead in the late 1800s. 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, please enjoy the history from a safe distance. The structures are not maintained and are in a constant state of decay. They are very unstable and could collapse at any time.





ANIMAS FORKS GHOST TOWN
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CLIMBING ENGINEER PASS
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GHOST TOWNS

By Shane Williams

ANIMAS FORKS GHOST TOWN

The San Juan Mountains are home to countless wonders, both natural and man made. As you travel the high mountain passes and scenic trails in the area, you'll come across ruins of mines and ghost towns in various states of decay.

Perhaps the most interesting and well preserved of these is Animas Forks, which you will have the opportunity to see during several organized runs.

Some of the structures in Animas Forks date back as early as 1873, so keep that in mind while exploring. Animas Forks flourished with up to 30 buildings, and its own newspaper until the early 1900s when mining in the area declined. By the 1920s, the town was abandoned and looked much like it does today.

In the late 90s the Colorado State Historical Fund, San Juan County, and BLM, partnered to stabilize the structures you see today. Feel free to explore, but keep in mind these buildings are very old and may not always be 100% stable.



ANIMAS FORKS GHOST TOWN
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BLACK BEAR PASS

Black Bear Pass is one of the most thrilling trails in the San Juan Mountains. It starts from the 11,018 ft. summit of Red Mountain Pass south of Ouray, and ends in Telluride. From the 12,840 ft. summit, the trail narrows and descends over a set of infamous switchbacks as it navigates the heights above Telluride. It passes Bridal Veil Falls, which is 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 only open a few months out of the year, although it should be open for the FJ Summit. The downhill portion of the trail is one way only: downhill east to west.

This trail is rated by some as a difficult, but the obstacles result in a moderate rating. It IS however, a



dangerous trail and 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 and enjoy the view!

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POUGKEEPSIE, CALIFORNIA, AND CORKSCREW GULCHES

The only true difficult trail in the area that's part of the FJ Summit is Poughkeepsie Gulch, and "The Wall" is the only obstacle that will give you much trouble. Use extreme caution on this part of the trail and pay attention to your spotter. Follow the 'Three Attempt' rule and accept a winch if you don't make it on the third try.

The top of this trail near Lake Como is a great place to have lunch if your group finishes the wall a little early, but make sure you keep track of other groups to avoid bunching up on the trail.

The last part of California Gulch will lead you to Corkscrew Gulch as you make your way back to Ouray. Although these trails are steep and can be narrow, there are no obstacles to content with so enjoy the views while you use your engine to brake your truck down the steep inclines.



ON TOP OF POUGHKEEPSIE WALL
Photo by James Buff



AERIAL VIEW OF CALIFORNIA GULCH
Photo by Jonathan Harris



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MILLION DOLLAR HIGHWAY

The Million Dollar Highway is the section of U.S. Route 550 that runs from Durango to Ouray, CO. The 12 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 including: "it cost a million dollars a mile" to build and "it contains a million dollars in gold ore in the fill dirt." We prefer to say this stretch of highway features million dollar views.

The original Highway was a toll road built by Otto Mears in 1883 to connect Ouray and Ironton. In the late 1880s, 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 Albany just eight miles south of Ouray. In the early 1920s, 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.

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Telluride sits in a box canyon and steep forested mountains and cliffs surround it. Bridal Veil Falls is at

the head of the canyon and is clearly visible from Black Bear Pass trail. If you're spending a little extra time in Telluride, a free gondola connects to Mountain Village at the base of the ski area.

Telluride has served as the backdrop for several television commercials and is home to an international film festival held every September. Telluride was mentioned in "Smuggler's Blues" by Glenn Frey, and was the subject of an essay by Edward Abbey, and eponymous songs by The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Kate Wolf, and Tim McGraw.

While most FJ Summit trail runs will leave Telluride via Ophir pass, other options for returning to Ouray are Imogene Pass and Last Dollar Road. Neither of those roads should be taken from the Telluride side as part of the FJ Summit, due to the dangers of too much two-way traffic on narrow trails. The quickest way back to Ouray from Telluride is via state highways 145 and 62 to Highway 550.



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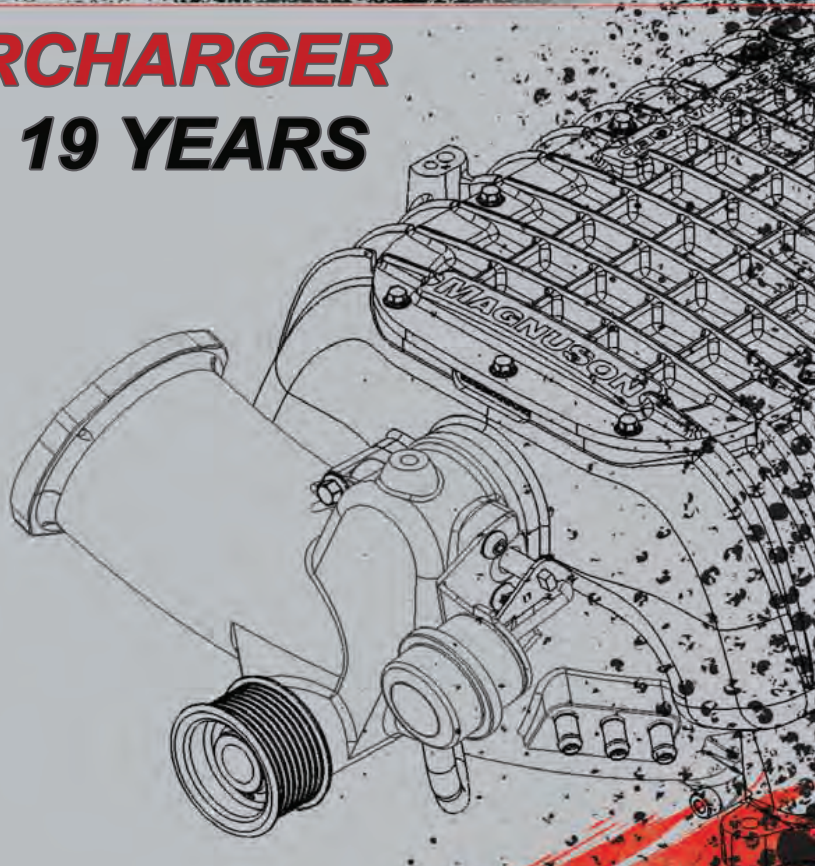
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SILVERTON

Silverton is the county seat and the only incorporated municipality in San Juan County. Silverton is a former silver mining camp, most of which is now included in a federally designated National Historic Landmark District, the Silverton Historic District. Just outside Silverton, along state highway 110, is Silverton Ski Area, an advanced-only ski area that's known for its extreme terrain.

Silverton is linked to Durango by the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, a National Historic Landmark. Silverton no longer has active mining, but subsists by tourism, maintenance of US 550, mine pollution remediation, and retirees.

Silverton was the setting for some of Shaun White's 2010 Olympic training. Taking advantage of the secluded locale, terrain and snow fall, Red Bull built a private halfpipe for the snowboarder. Known as "Project X," the halfpipe was completed in February 2009 on the backside of Silverton Mountain and allowed the boarder to perfect some of his gold medal winning moves far from prying eyes.

While you're in Silverton after a trail run, take notice of the gracious residents. Some service stations offer free air-up compressors for you to

use, so please think about helping support this great little mining town through your purchases at local stores.

JUST OUTSIDE SILVERTON, ALONG STATE HIGHWAY 110, IS SILVERTON SKI AREA, AN ADVANCED-ONLY SKI AREA THAT'S KNOWN FOR ITS EXTREME TERRAIN.



SILVERTON FROM A DISTANCE
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"This is going to be our last FJ Summit for a few years, we have other places we want to visit, other states we have not seen. Lori and I wanted to take this opportunity just to say thanks to the FJ community and to the town of Ouray. We have made good friends, shared some good times, and look forward to catching up with you in the future."

"See ya on the trail"
—Mark

LAKE CITY

Lake City (named after nearby Lake San Cristobal) is the only incorporated municipality in Hinsdale County, and also serves as the county seat. Lake City was founded as a supply center for miners and prospectors during the late 1800s, and at one point boomed to a population of nearly 5,000 settlers. By 1910 the population had dropped to around 400 as the mining era was over, it wasn't until the 1930s that tourism took hold in the town as its major industry.

Today, the town continues to restore historical buildings and while the full time population hovers around 408, thousands of tourists trek to the mountain town every summer. The Lake City Historic District includes several buildings from the 1875-1881 area as well as a few late 1890s structures.

This town is a perfect stop for those enjoying the long Alpine Tour route. You'll descend to the town after summiting Engineer Pass, and will return to the Ouray area via the easy-rated Cinnamon Pass. Take a little time to enjoy this precious and well preserved mining town.



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RED MOUNTAIN REFLECTED IN CRYSTAL LAKE
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COMMUNICATIONS

There are three main types of communication that will be used at the FJ Summit: **CB's (Primarily), FRS/GMRS 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 very common among 4x4 groups. CB AM frequencies usually are subject to greater noise interference than FM frequencies and have a shorter effective range. No license is required.

FRS & GMRS RADIO:

FRS radio transmits at 0.5 watts from small handheld devices, therefore has limited range. FRS is good for close-group communication. No license is required. GMRS radios are now available in vehicle mounted versions that transmit up to 15 watts in addition to traditional handheld radios. A no-test license is required to legally operate on GMRS frequencies and requires a \$90 fee and expires five years from date of purchase.

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 devices that listen for and repeat a radio signal giving even greater range (repeaters). You can also use Ham without repeaters, this is known as Simplex. A license is required to operate a Ham radio.

At the FJ Summit, most ham radio operators will have a FJ Cruiser Ham badge or sticker on their vehicle. Hams are always happy to chat about the hobby, so don't be afraid to ask questions.



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NOTES ABOUT DRONE USAGE:

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- » We ask that you avoid flying drones in/around FJ Summit HQ due to the likelihood of flying directly over people, which would violate FAA rules.
- » Before you fly over any trail group, coordinate with the trail leader to ensure all participants are aware of drone usage.
- » The pilot is responsible for knowing all FAA rules regarding drone flights and usage of photos/videos produced.
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REGISTRATION

- » Every person that enters into the event needs to be checked in and registered.
- » All adults and minors must sign a waiver and rules sheet.
- » All minors must have a waiver signed by their parent or legal guardian and must be accompanied by an adult.
- » Safety Rules & Regulations
- » Respect and listen to your trail leader.
- » Alcohol is expressly forbidden on all trails.
- » No glass containers are permitted on trails.
- » Observe the speed limit on all roads, trails, and private areas.
- » Observe all trail signs and rules.
- » No winching to: trees without a tree saver or strap, power poles, fences, or pipelines.
- » Stay on existing marked and designated vehicle trails—NO TRAIL BLAZING.
- » Downhill vehicles generally yield to uphill vehicles.
- » Groups on trails are limited to 10 vehicles. Don't bunch up.

- » Trails are often 2-way. Please respect oncoming traffic and locals.
- » All Hotel Property management rules apply.
- » Members and guests are encouraged to help enforce the rules in order to preserve the trails and environment and have a cleaner, safe place for everyone.
- » The hotel offers alcohol served on property.
- » Although state law may allow it, please consider not carrying side arms at this family event.
- » Rowdiness, excessive noise, excessive vehicle noise cannot be tolerated.
- » Please respect the locals, remember, you represent the FJ Summit and we are their guests.

**PLEASE
READ!**

VIOLATION OF FJ SUMMIT RULES:

FJ Summit reserves the right to remove a participant from FJ Summit activities and trail runs with no refund issued.

TIPS FOR HAVING A GREAT TIME

EASY WAYS TO ENSURE EVERYONE HAS A GREAT TIME:

If you choose to have a drink, please keep moderation in mind. We all want to have a good time and no one wants to babysit someone that's had too much. Keep in mind that a little alcohol can go a long way at high altitude. Also remember that most trail runs will have you off-road for most of the day, it won't be nearly as enjoyable with a massive hangover.

Please clean up after yourself. There will be plenty of garbage cans around FJ Summit Headquarters. Want to help out? Pick up any trash you see in town or on the trail, good impressions will last forever in a little town like Ouray.

Remember that we all spend a great amount of time on our trucks. Ask permission before poking around someone's rig.

ON THE TRAIL...

While we will have the best vehicles on the trail, we won't be alone. Many people travel to the San Juan

Mountains this time of year to enjoy the beauty. Other visitors such as hikers, photographers, etc. will be on the same trails as us, so remember trail etiquette:

- » Slow down when passing hikers, they certainly don't want to inhale any more of your dust than necessary.
- » Look for photographers in odd places such as stream beds or behind rocks.
- » Give a nice wave when passing someone (even if they're in a Jeep).
- » Don't follow too close on tight trails; give the truck in front of you plenty of room to maneuver. Also, try not to fall back on easier trails, keep up with the group.
- » Don't leave the group without telling the Trail Leader.
- » Keep the vehicle behind you in your rearview mirror. If you don't see it, stop and wait until you can see it.

ABOUT FJ SUMMIT

MATT ROBB, CO-DIRECTOR, Sponsor communicator, staff motivator, God fearing, family loving, 200 Series Land Cruiser driving, Austin, Texas based Eleven-time Summit attendee! In 2012, he was tasked with putting together a rock-solid crew of new directors and succeeded with the great group of guys listed below. Without the help of Jonathan, Chris and James, along with retired directors Ty, Tim and Seth this event would not be possible. Matt would like to thank everyone from attendees to volunteers for their support in making the FJ Summit simply the BEST event to be a part of. Special thanks go out to Matt's wife, Kathy, and their kids, Penelope, Emma and Luke, for all their hard work and support! This is Matt's last year as lead director and is happy to be handing that torch off to the very capable hands of Seth Kovanic. Cheers!

TY! BOYACK, CO-DIRECTOR, Ty! (yes, the exclamation point is part of his name) Ty!'s dedication and unending toil for FJ Summit is legendary. He has been there since the beginning and his incredible IT talent is the glue that holds FJ Summit together. Taking on the daunting task of managing the amazingly abbreviated (less than 30 seconds) registration is just part of the story. Ty! has created and manages an amazing FJ Summit database, registration process, badges, fees, trails manager and bourbon supply. He can do everything. Do you know how many vehicles with 265/70/17 tires are at this year's event? Ty! does as he is the keeper of the keys of the 1's and 0's. All the other directors say WWTd, as in "What Would Ty Do" when any problem arises. He always does more than asked and never says no to anyone who is in need. The kindest of the Co-Directors, and always has a smile on his face and a kind word to say. Still has his first truck he got in high school, his original Scout but now has a 4Runner which he almost loves as much.

SETH KOVANIC, CO-DIRECTOR, Digital Strategist, web developer and founding member. Seth has selflessly taken on the FJ Summit Director role this year. Always with a smile on his face and a sharp quip on the tip of his tongue, Seth juggles dozens of activities while barely breaking a sweat. Participants, Vendors, Co-Directors, Town Locals, everyone looks to Seth to make FJ Summit happen. He has never let us down and promises not to start trying. Seth spends his time in eastern PA but was born in Colorado and has also spent time in Vermont and Texas. In addition to exploring the outdoors and tinkering on his truck he likes to spend time cooking and finding new food and spirits he can enjoy.

TIM TERLESKI, CO-DIRECTOR, Industrial Designer, serial entrepreneur, inventor, husband and dad to two beautiful women, founding member, and recalcitrant truculent. Tim is happy to lend creative design input to help make the FJ Summit special. He keeps us with a level head, and always reminds us that we are at the Summit

to have fun! Always eager to help out, he has dedicated his time making sure the Summit supports our military Veterans as well as ensuring the FJ Summit supports worthy causes. Tim spends most of his time thinking about what to design next and has spent nearly a lifetime in Texas. In addition to wheeling, recently started a fast car hobby and likes to go fast! Tim is running out of garage space, which he seems to think is a problem.

CHRIS DAVIS, CO-DIRECTOR, FJ Summit participant/groupie since 2008. Rising Sun 4x4 Club member, MVP Cruise Moab 2010 BFE. Toyota Trail Teams first all FJC run on the Rubicon 2008, Trail Teams official groupie for 2008, Kokopelli Trail Guide, Black Bear Ambassador FJ Summit 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012. Now driving a 2001 Land Cruiser. Experiences include growing up motorcycle riding in the high desert of California, wheeling with my dad in our Grand Tourino station wagon before the purchase of our Scout II. Other hobbies include Telemark skiing with family, surfing, mountain biking, running, hockey and coaching baseball/hockey.

JONATHAN HARRIS, CO-DIRECTOR, Permitting, local business and government liaison and local presence. Jonathan grew up in Western Colorado and spent his childhood exploring the state on two feet, two wheels, two skis and later, in 4x4 vehicles. Jonathan originally got into Toyotas after the arrival of his identical twin daughters which spurred the need for a larger vehicle. He and family can be found driving their 100 series Land Cruiser, Toyota Tundra and Cessna 175 all over Colorado and Utah. Getting new people and families into off-roading while encouraging environmentally and socially responsible trail use is Jonathan's passion and ultimately what lead to his involvement with the Summit.

JAMES KRIEGER, CO-DIRECTOR, known as Woodsman on the FJ forum, our trail boss is a self-employed custom woodworker/cabinet maker from Indiana with a background in manufacturing and continuous improvement. He saves urban logs from the wood chipper and dismantles old barns to reclaim the rustic and weathered woods. When he isn't making sawdust, he enjoys skiing, mountain biking, renovating vintage Airstream trailers and driving his Sandstorm FJ Cruiser. He may live in the Midwest but his business and love of the mountains and deserts brings him west many times each year.

SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO:
SHANE WILLIAMS (SHANE4X4!) AND KATHY LOCKE
Each year Shane goes above and beyond with our event guide and this year Kathy created an all new version. Without them, there simply would not be one. Shane is the publisher of *Toyota Cruisers & Trucks* magazine and chief "On My Way to Ouray!" sticker guru. Thanks, Shane and Kathy!

BIG THANKS GO OUT TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS. From registration to trail leading, the volunteers make this event happen.

THANKS TO THE TOWN AND CITIZENS OF OURAY, the Ouray Chamber of Commerce and the local municipalities including the Ouray Police and Fire department for allowing us to hold the FJ Summit in their beautiful town each and every year.

THANKS TO OURAY MOUNTAIN RESCUE for being there for everyone that leaves the paved road and chooses the path less traveled.

SPECIAL THANKS TO TIM GUYNE AND SHAWN L. MONTGOMERY, Grand Junction VA Health Care System for proposing and administering the 3rd annual FJ Summit Veterans Run.

THANKS TO RYAN HEIN OF THE TWIN PEAKS LODGE for being our awesome host. Ryan always does a great job at putting food in our bellies and a tent over our heads. Thanks, Ryan!

—STAY THE TRAIL! Y'ALL!



2018 FJ SUMMIT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Two students from Ouray High School will receive \$1,560 each to help further their educational goals. Thank you for helping these students achieve their education goals!

MARIAH CRANDALL will attend the University of Northern Colorado to study Psychology. She was Student Council President this past year and participated in Volleyball and Basketball all four years of school. She is very supportive of the school, and assisted the summer school teacher two years ago.

EVAN VANN will be heading to Maryland to attend Goucher College. He is very active in local politics and has written for a national newspaper. He spearheaded an effort to get local students 18 and over to register to vote and Ouray High School received an award due to his work.



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