



One of a few waterfalls along the road going up La Plata Canyon

# High Country

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Opinions sway when it comes to the coming snow season: some welcome the fresh "pow" to "shred" on, others want it just for the aesthetics. Then there are the people who want the weather to stay warm forever. Fall is a time where we can all compromise. In town, the days still call for T-shirts and sandals, but if you go up a few hundred feet, the ones looking for the fluffy stuff will be pleased. Up in the high country, there are bright leaves, and yes, snow. Maybe even enough to pull out the rock skis.



Aspens in the high country have already lost most of their leaves.



A scree field made stark by the absence of colorful vegetation



A mountain ridge provides a stark contrast in seasons.



Snow-covered peaks beckon all the snow lovers.