

Eagle's View of San Juan Mountains

Aerial Photographs with Mountain Descriptions of the most attractive places of Colorado's San Juan Mountains



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Front cover photo: Mount Sneffels and Yankee Boy Basin viewed from west.

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Introduction

San Juan Mountains is the largest mountain range in Colorado that covers 17,000 square miles. The mountains are very diverse, from

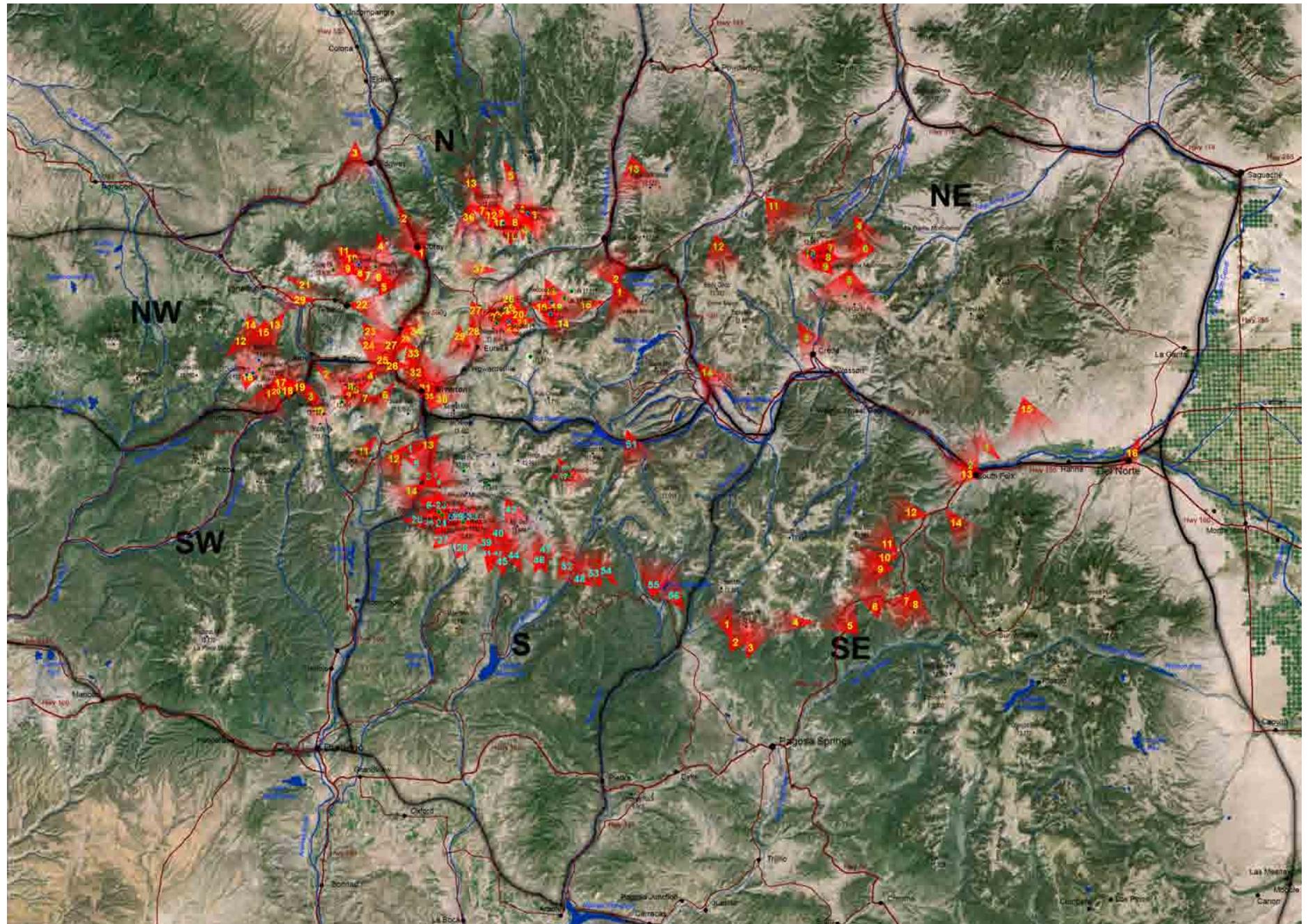
having several hundred acres large flat summits table mountains or mesas, to very steep and rugged Needle Mountains and everything in between. They are also most rugged and inaccessible. The Range extends from the south of Montrose in southwest Colorado to Abiquiu/Chama River, bordering with Jemez Mountains in New Mexico, see the map on the left. It has fourteen 14ers: Uncompahgre Peak 14,309', Mt. Wilson 14,246', El Diente Peak 14,159' (only 259' prominence), Mt. Sneffels 14,150', Mt. Eolus 14,083', Windom Peak 14,082', Sunlight Peak 14,059', Handies Peak 14,048', North Eolus 14,039' (only 189' prominence), Redcloud Peak 14,034', Wilson Peak 14,017', Wetterhorn Peak 14,015', San Luis Peak 14,014', and Sunshine Peak 14,001'. Recent measurements of Sunlight Spire revealed that it is the 15th San Juan non-ranked 14er with 14,000' and 215' prominence. The hardest to climb 14-ers are then Sunlight Spire (class 5.10), followed by Mount Wilson and Sunlight Peak, both class 4, by the Yosemite Decimal System (YDS) ranking. There are three San Juan Centennial 13ers harder to climb: Jagged Mountain 13,824' (class 5.1), Teakettle Mountain (class 5.3) and Dallas Peak (class 5.3). The most impressive is the number of

13ers – there are 314 peaks that make 43% of the all 13ers in Colorado. For comparison with European Alps, that cover approximately 5 times more area (85k square miles), there are 226 (with prominence of 300' or more) peaks in San Juan Mountains and only 51 summits in Alps (with prominence of 100m or 328' or more) over 4 kilometers high (13,123').

Most of the San Juans is the National Forest area. There are eight wilderness areas, listed below from the largest:

1. Weminuche (492,418 acres) – Covering South San Juans, roughly from Hwy 550 in the west to Hwy 16 in the east;
2. South San Juan (158,790 acres) – mountains east of Pagosa Springs and Hwy 160;
3. La Garita (128,858 acres) – northeast mountains around San Luis Peak;
4. Uncompahgre (102,721 acres) – west of Ouray and Hwy 550 and east of Lake City and Hwy 149;
5. Powderhorn (62,050 acres) – east of Hwy 149 and west of La Garita Wilderness, with Calf Creek and Cannibal Plateaus;
6. Lizard Head (41,309 acres) – southwest of Telluride, with Mt. Wilson Range;
7. Cruces Basin (18,000 acres) – in north New Mexico;
8. Mount Sneffels (16,566 acres) – west of Ouray and Hwy 550, and north of Telluride

Colorado San Juan Mountains are divided here into 6 Sections, three north (of Rio Grande) and three south Sections. The Southeast Section is the largest merely because there is the least photographed here; see the map on the next page.



Map of San Juan Mountains. The red triangles represent points from which the photographs were taken, and the numbers indicate the corresponding photograph number in each section.

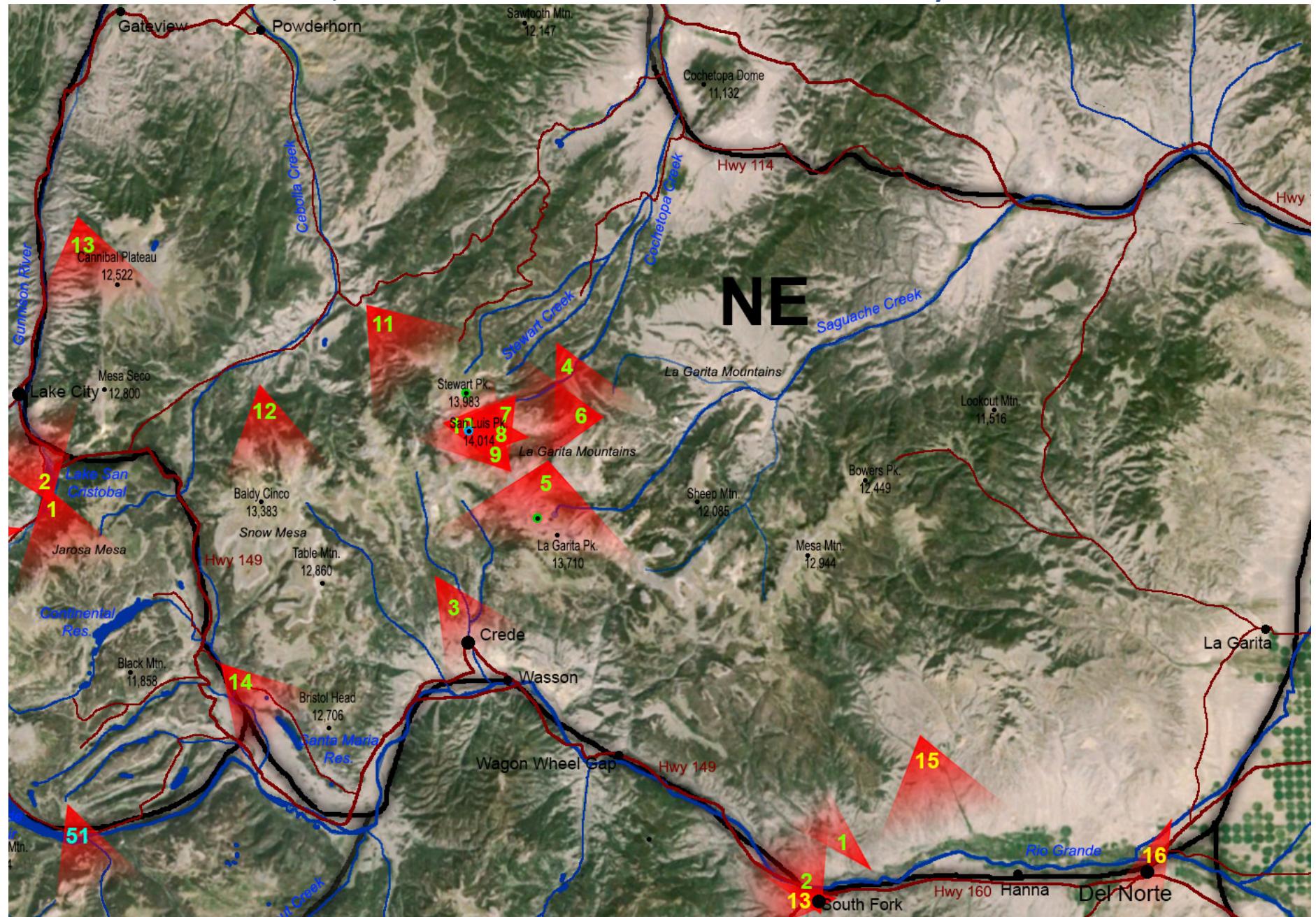
Explanation of the mountain names on the photographs.

The main reference material describing the mountains and lakes in this atlas came from the USGS Topographic Maps that were published in the late 1900s, followed by the information taken from Google Earth. Some mountain names were derived from 13ers.com and 14ers.com web sites. Since USGS failed to indicate revised mountain heights in their most recent TOPO maps update (2010-2011, based on aerial photographs) I had no choice but to stick with the older, established numbers.

The summits of named mountains are labeled by their names with the height in feet above the sea level marked below. The unnamed peaks with prominence above 300 feet are marked as "UN" (Un-Named) with the height printed below it. Mountains with prominence below 300 feet are indicated by their height only. When a peak is labeled by its height followed by its name given in parenthesis, it is a parent peak with a prominence below 300 feet of a higher, named mountain.

The prominence of a mountain is the minimal vertical drop from its summit before it ascends into a higher peak. The generally accepted criterion for inclusion on lists of ranked mountains is the prominence of at least 300 feet. The 300' rule is sometimes referred to as the Colorado rule (www.peaklist.org).

Section NE: The Northeast, La Garita Mountains and Mountains East of Hwy 149



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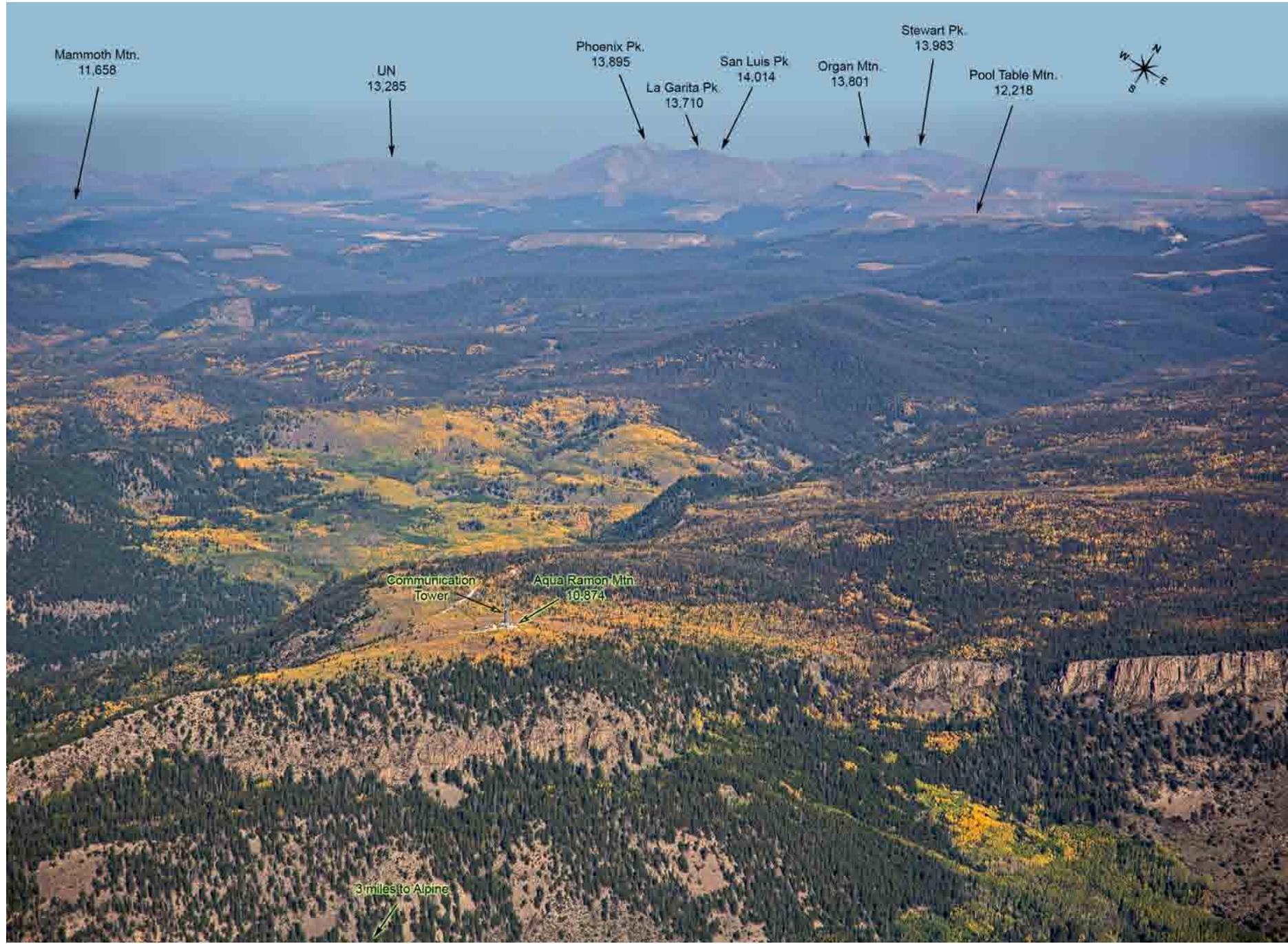


Photo NE1. Taken approximately 3 miles north from Alpine and 4 miles northeast from South Fork showing La Garita Mountains.



Photo NE2. The mountains northwest from South Fork. Vicinity of Creede (top left) is presented on the next page.

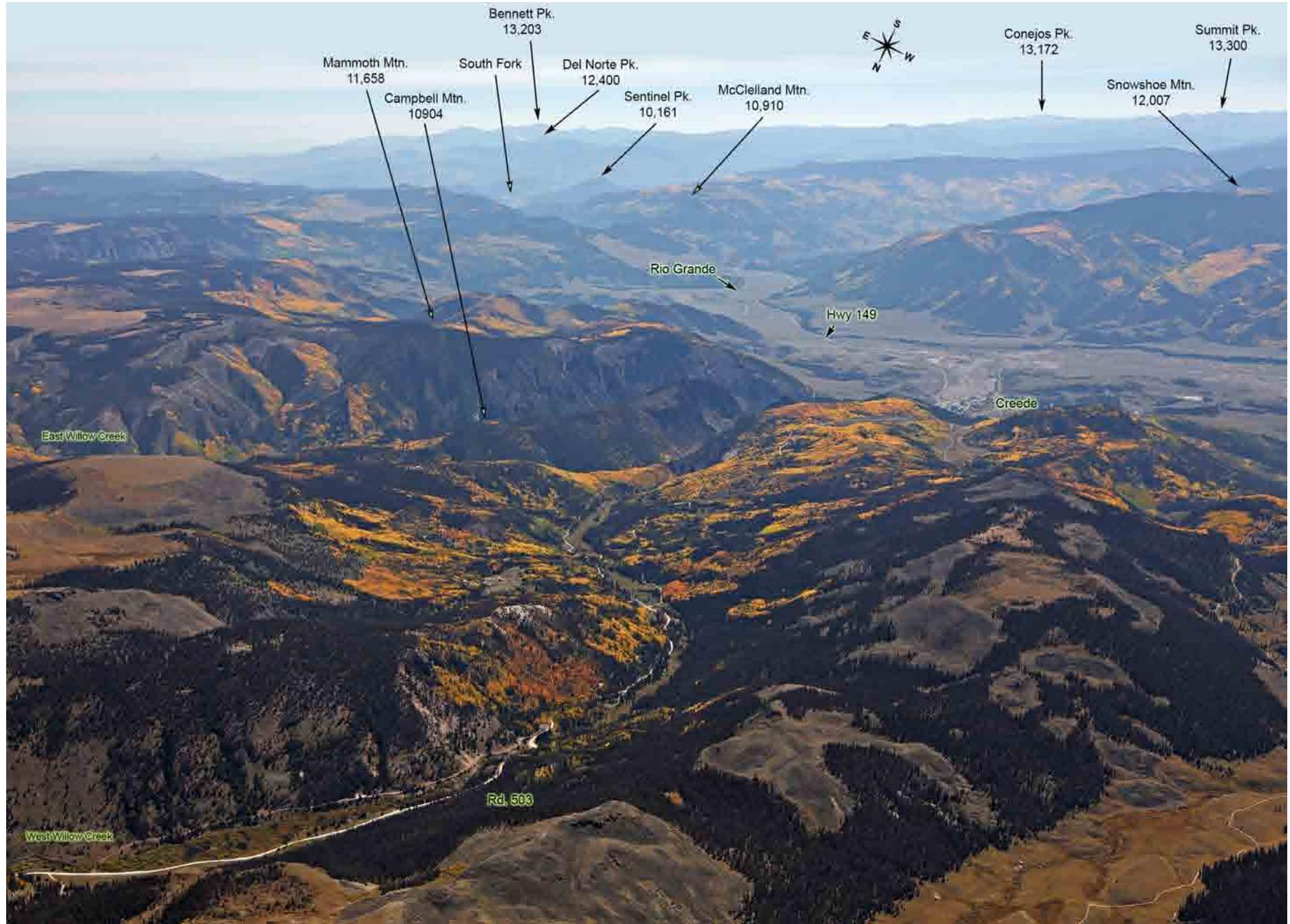


Photo NE3. Mountains around Creede, view to the southeast.

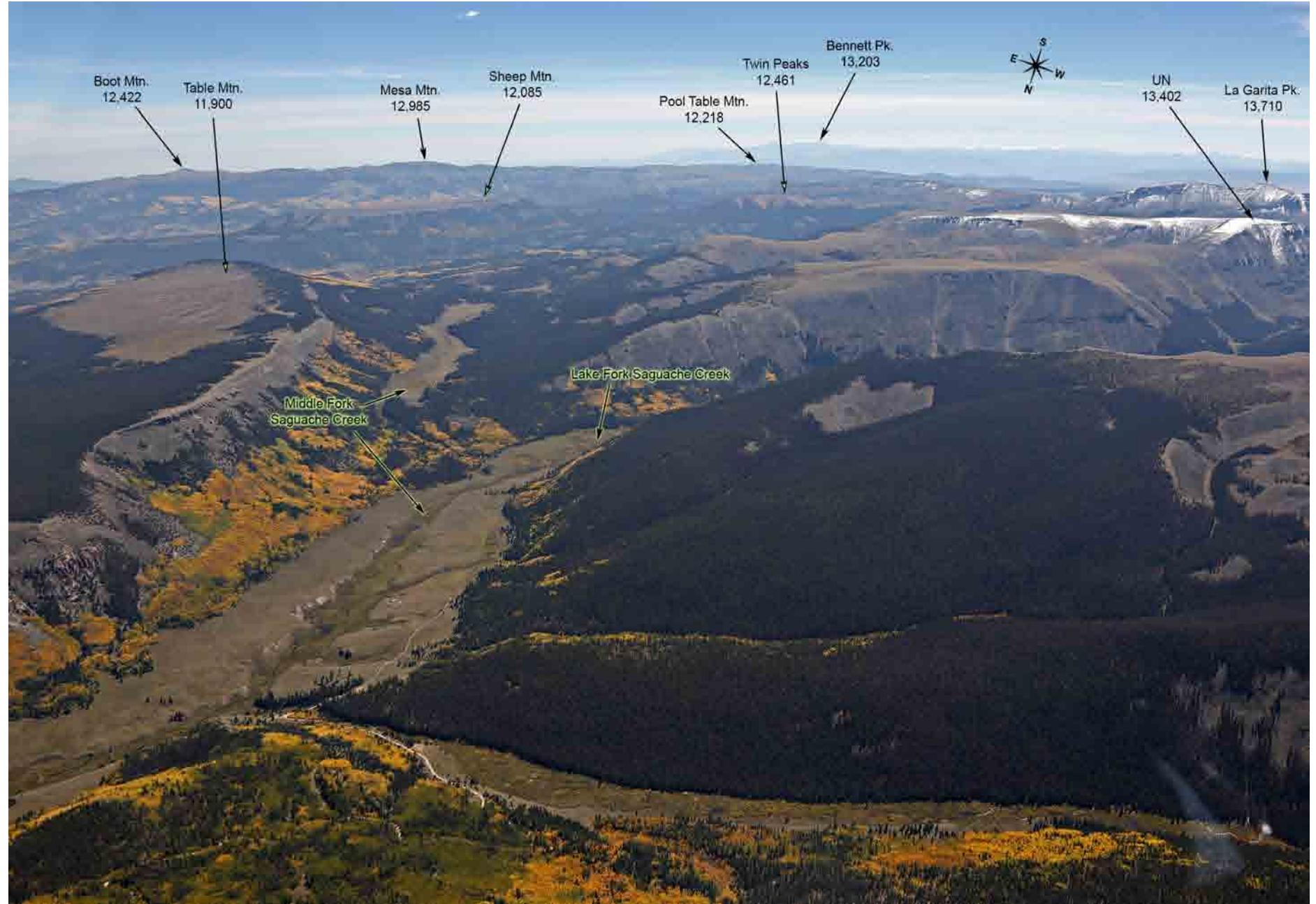


Photo NE4. Table and Sheep Mountains east of La Garita Peak. The summits are on the border between forest and alpine tundra.

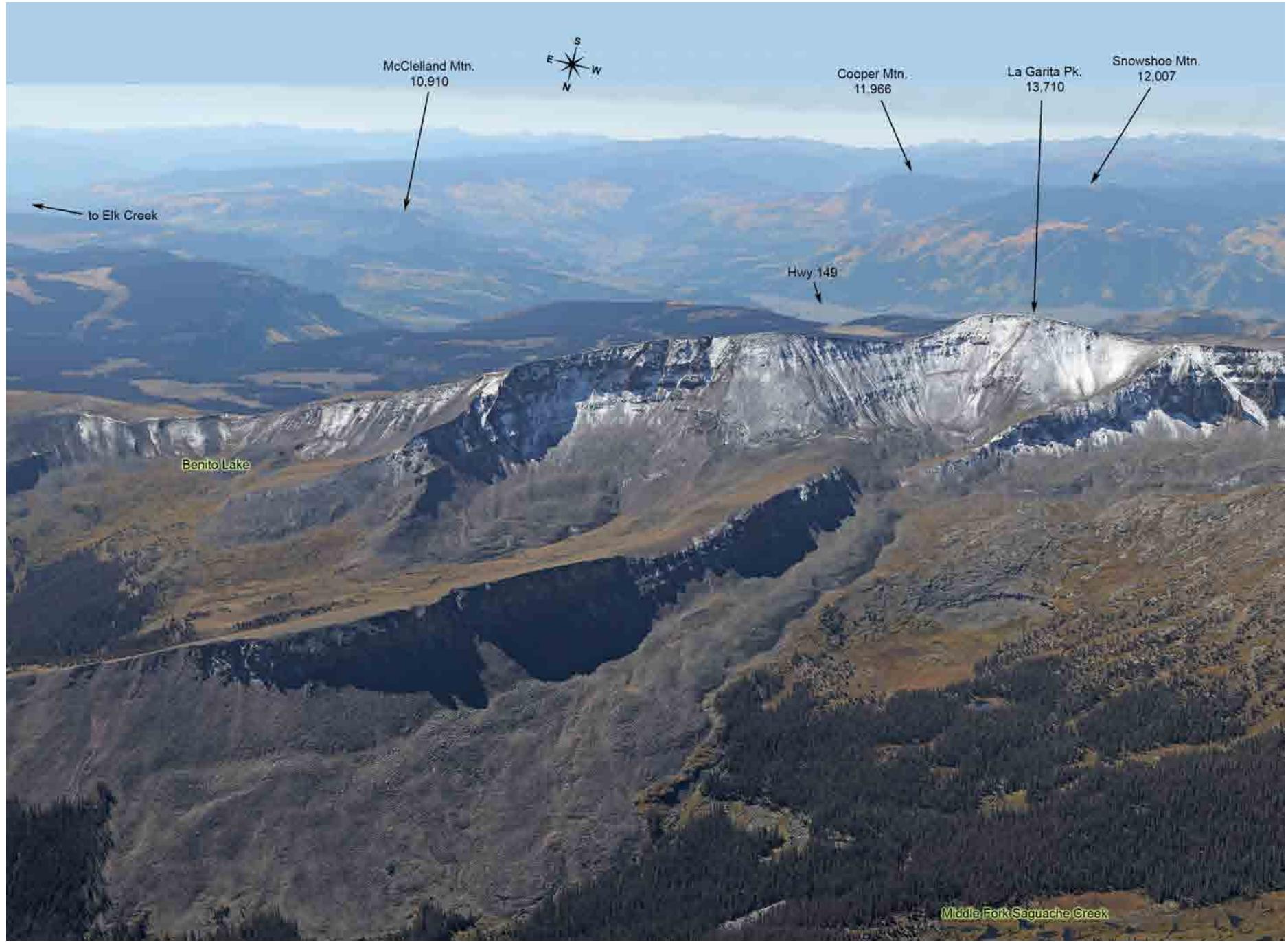


Photo NE5a. A two-page panorama showing the La Garita Peak – Phoenix Peak Ridge.

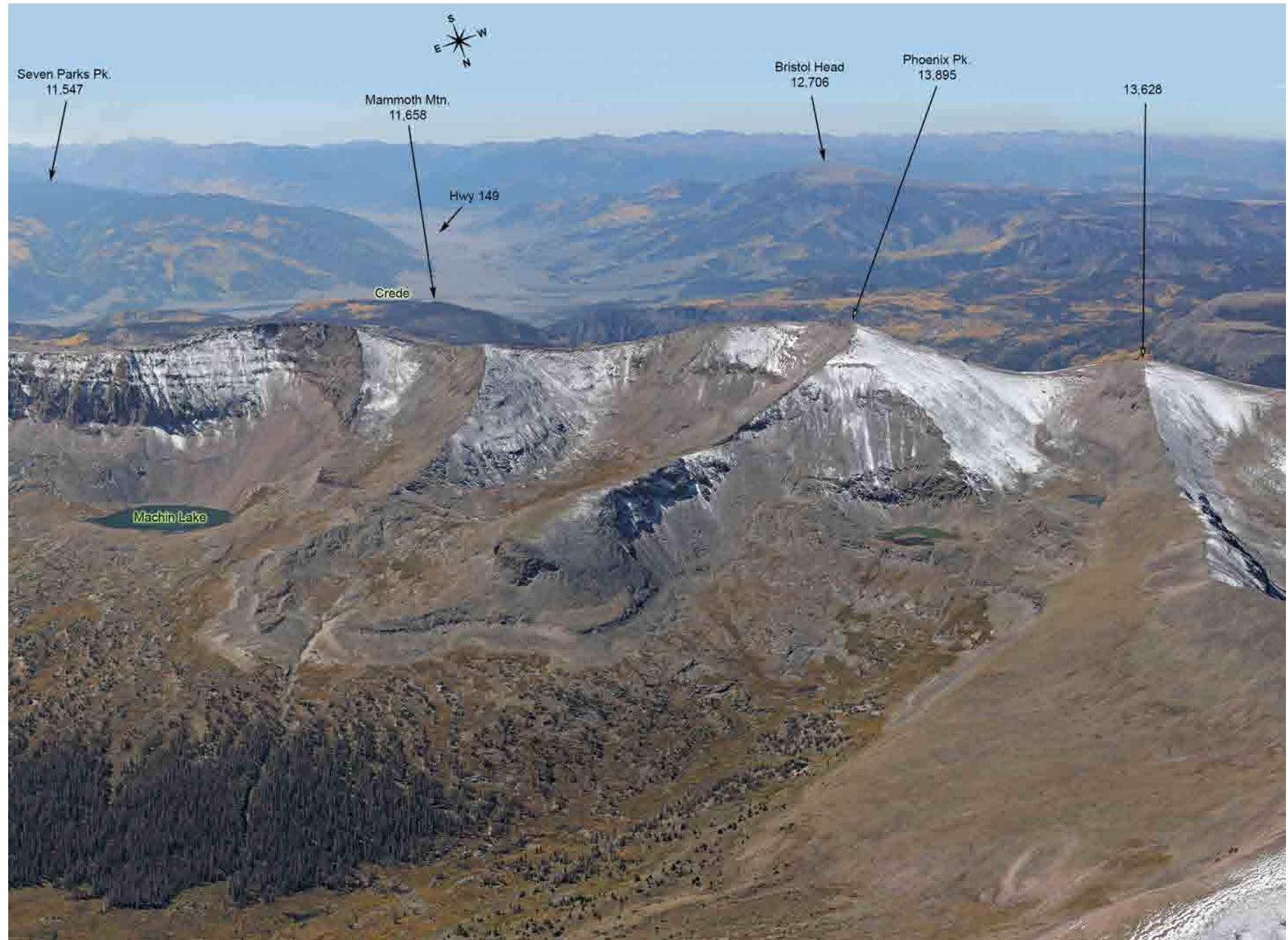


Photo NE5b. Part 2 of the panorama. Phoenix Peak (4th highest 13er in San Juan Mountains) is a common name, not recognized by USGS, however, La Garita Peak is, with only 232' prominence.

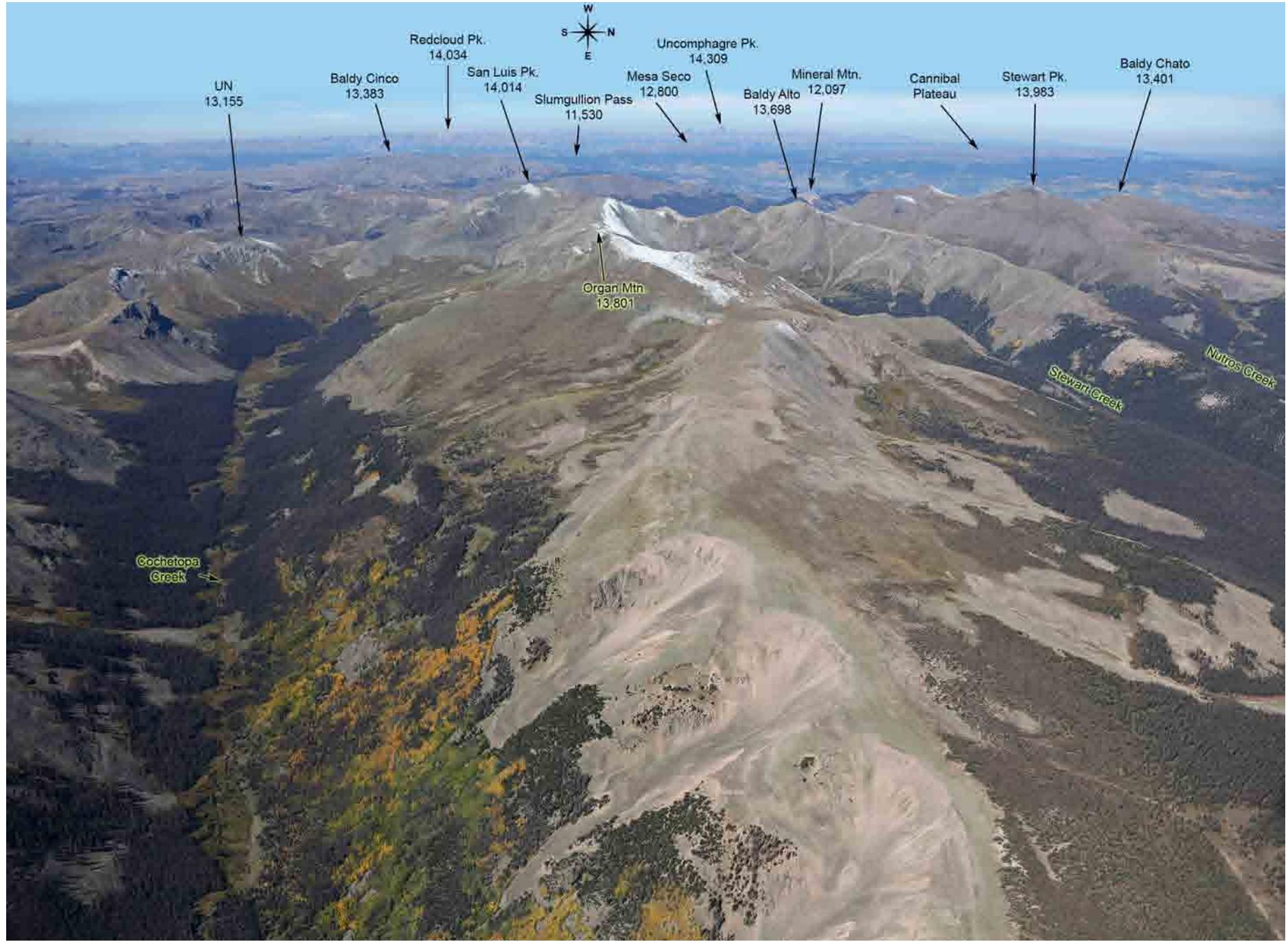


Photo NE6. Organ Mountain Ridge. The standard trail to San Luis Peak leads through Stewart Creek drainage.

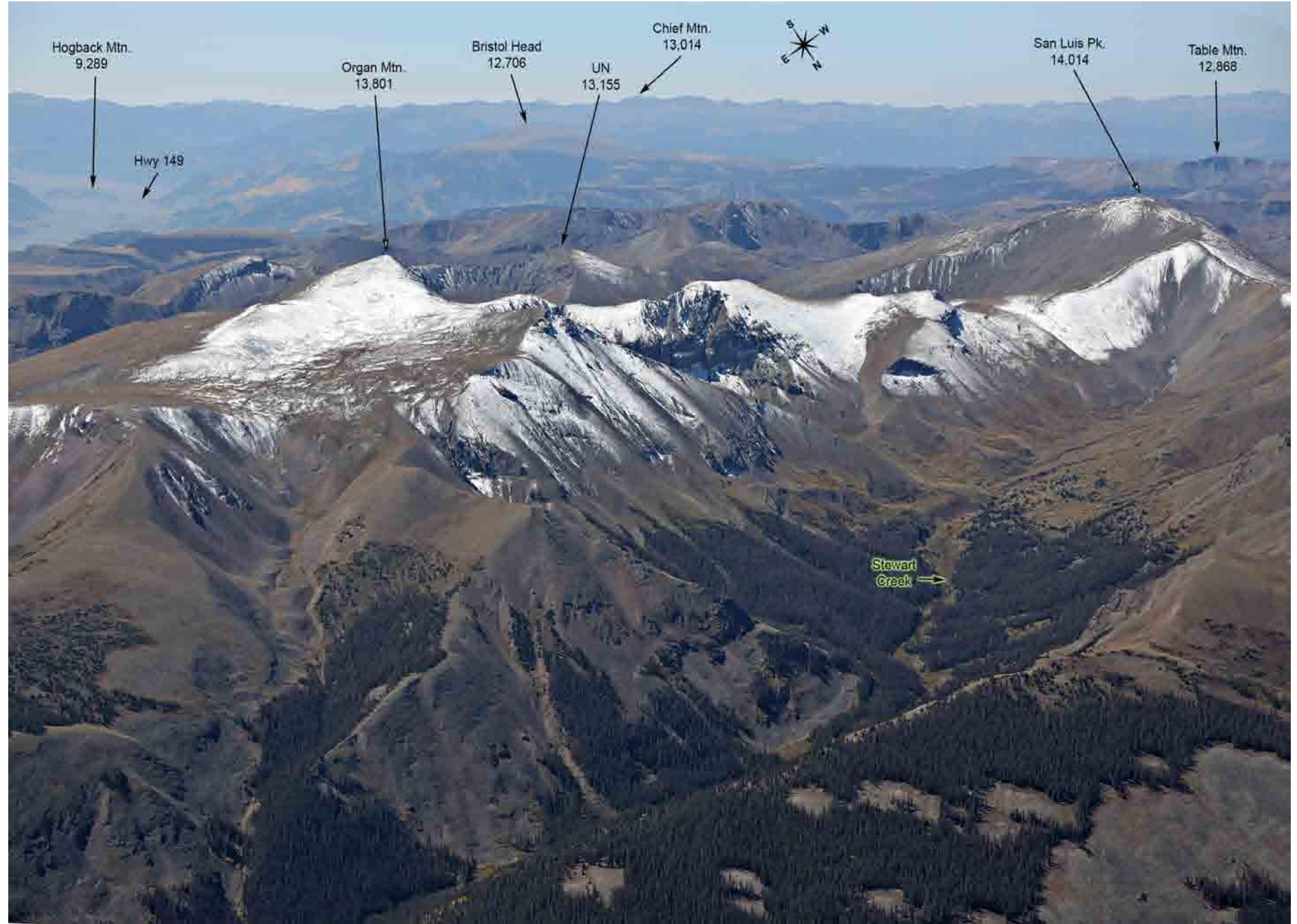


Photo NE7. Stewart Creek Valley and the Ridge from Organ Mountain to San Luis Peak.

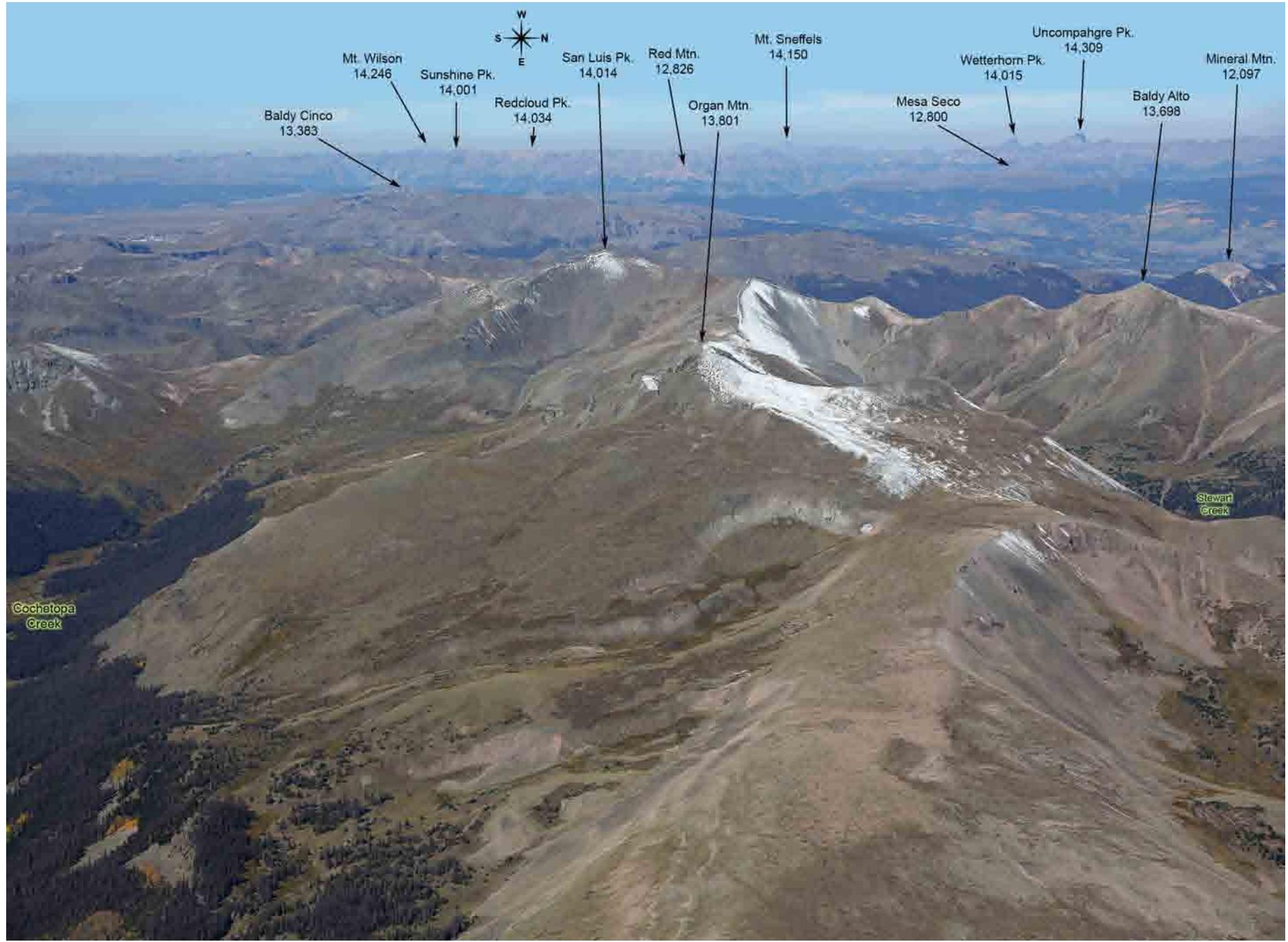


Photo NE8. Organ Mountain.

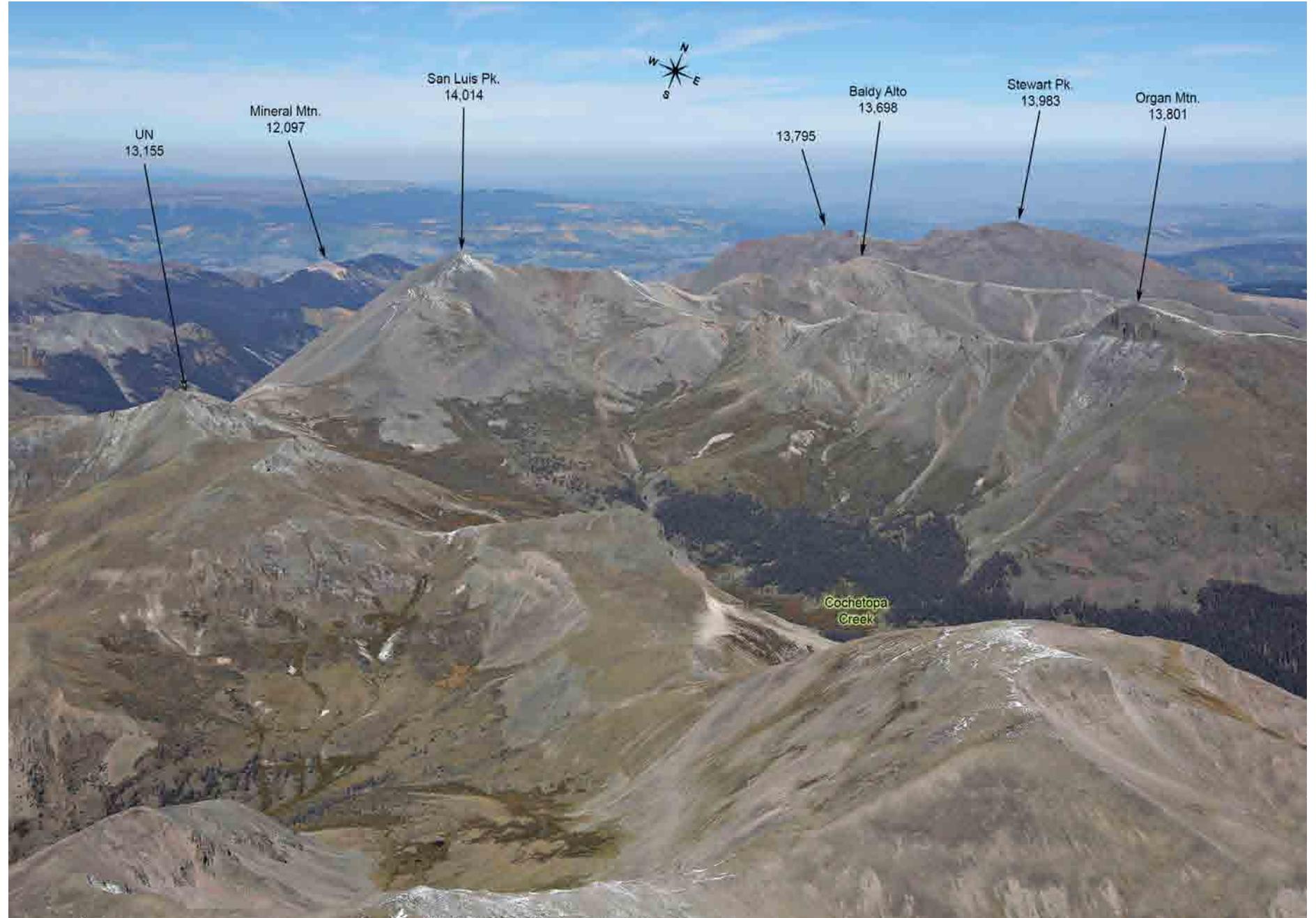


Photo NE9. San Luis Peak and Organ Mountain viewed from south. Named after Spanish patron saint of the oldest town in Colorado, originally named San Luis de la Culebra (1851).

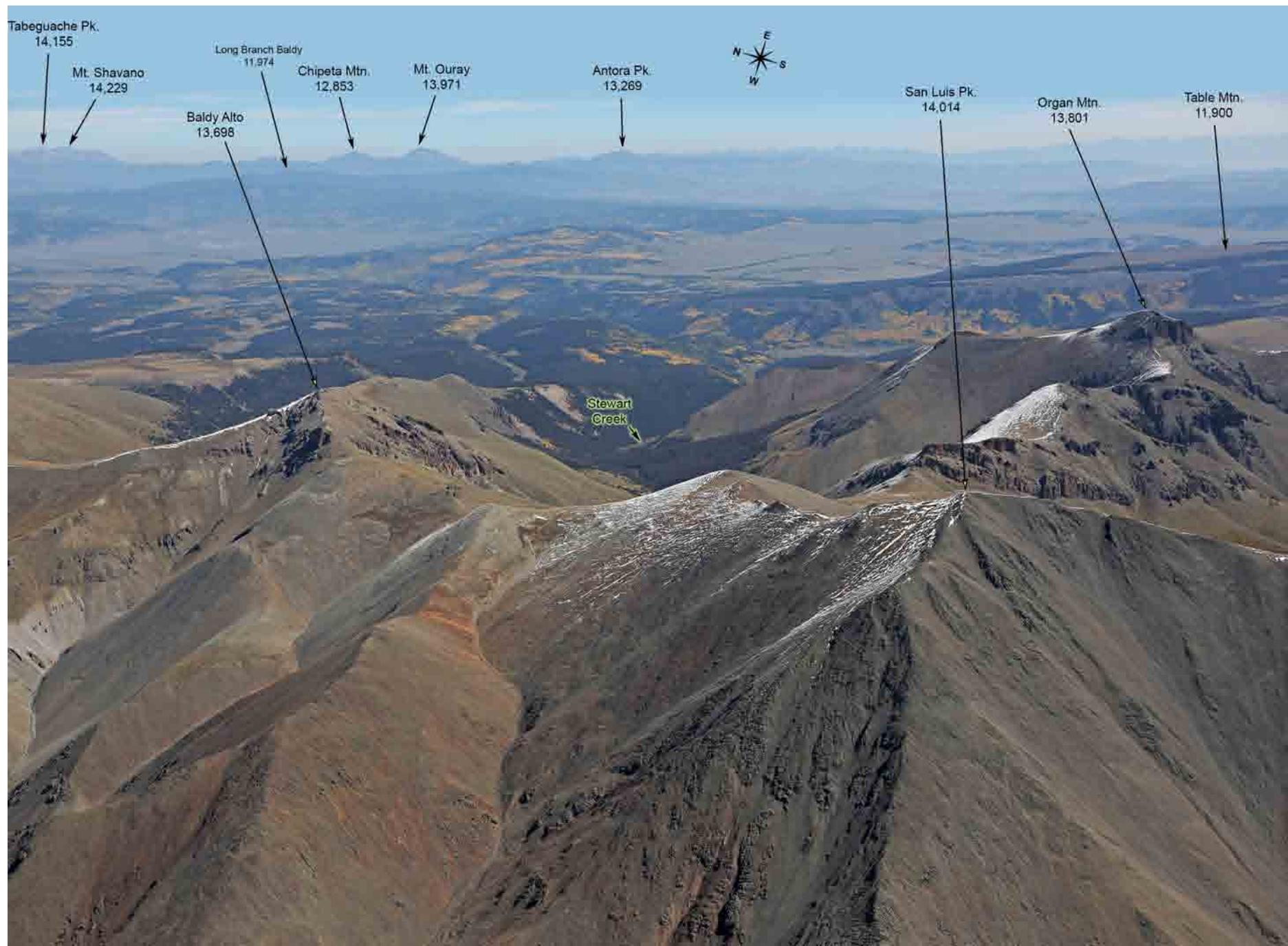


Photo NE10. View from west of San Luis Peak.



Photo NE11. View of La Garita Mountains from north. These Oligocene (23-34 million years ago) mountains is an extinct [super volcano](#) that created the largest eruption known to date. It was 5000 km³, a 5 times larger than Yellowstone super volcano eruptions.

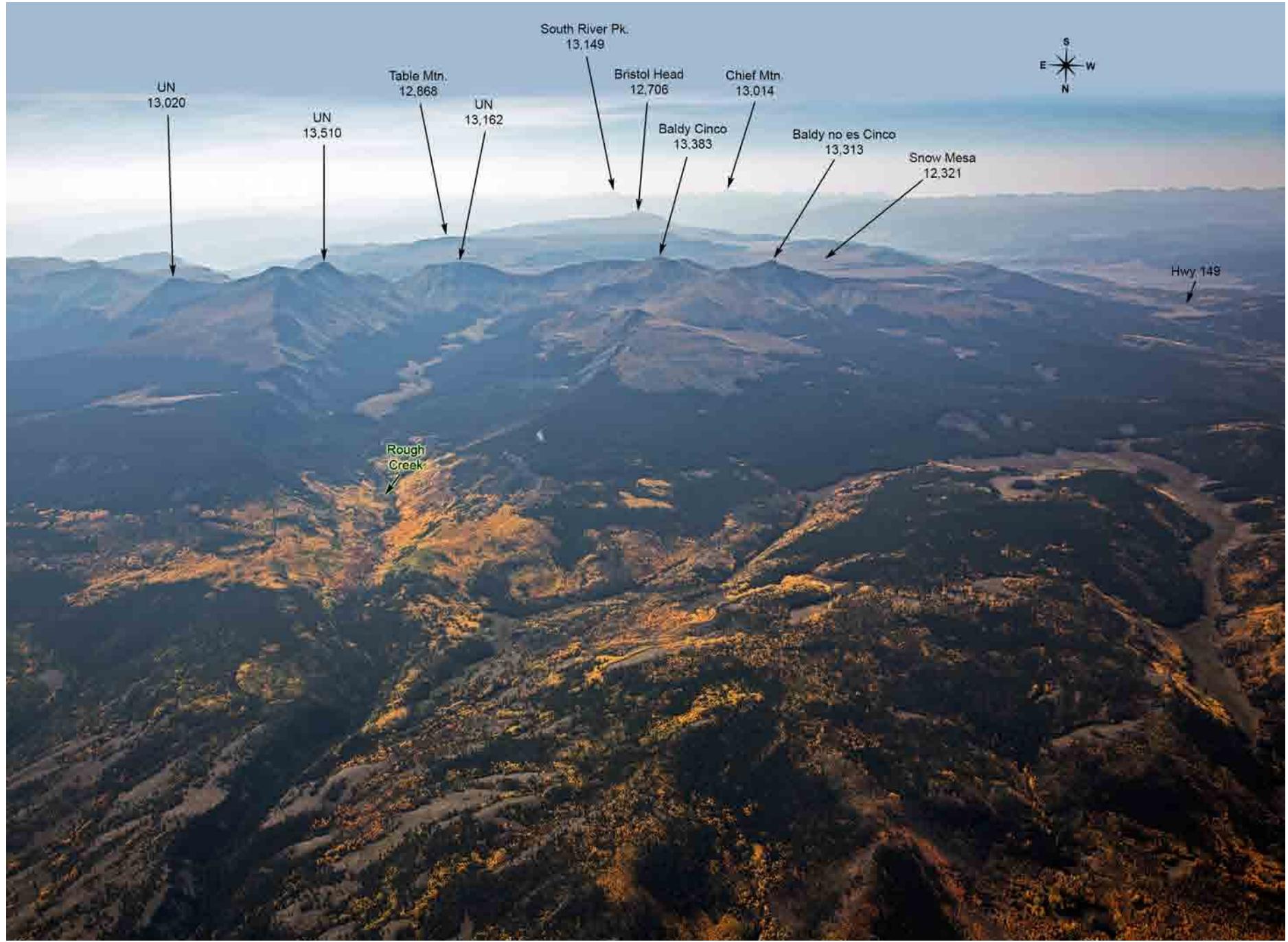


Photo NE12. Baldy Cinco group and Snow Mesa.



Photo NE13. Cannibal Plateau and Calf Creek Plateau east of Lake City, in Powderhorn Wilderness, the largest tundra area in the continental United States. Known as a very hard to survive wilderness. In February 1874 Alfred Packer and five other gold prospectors ran out of provisions there and only A.P. survived as he fed on his comrades bodies, apparently after killing them (see [history.com](#)). That's how Cannibal Plateau got its name.

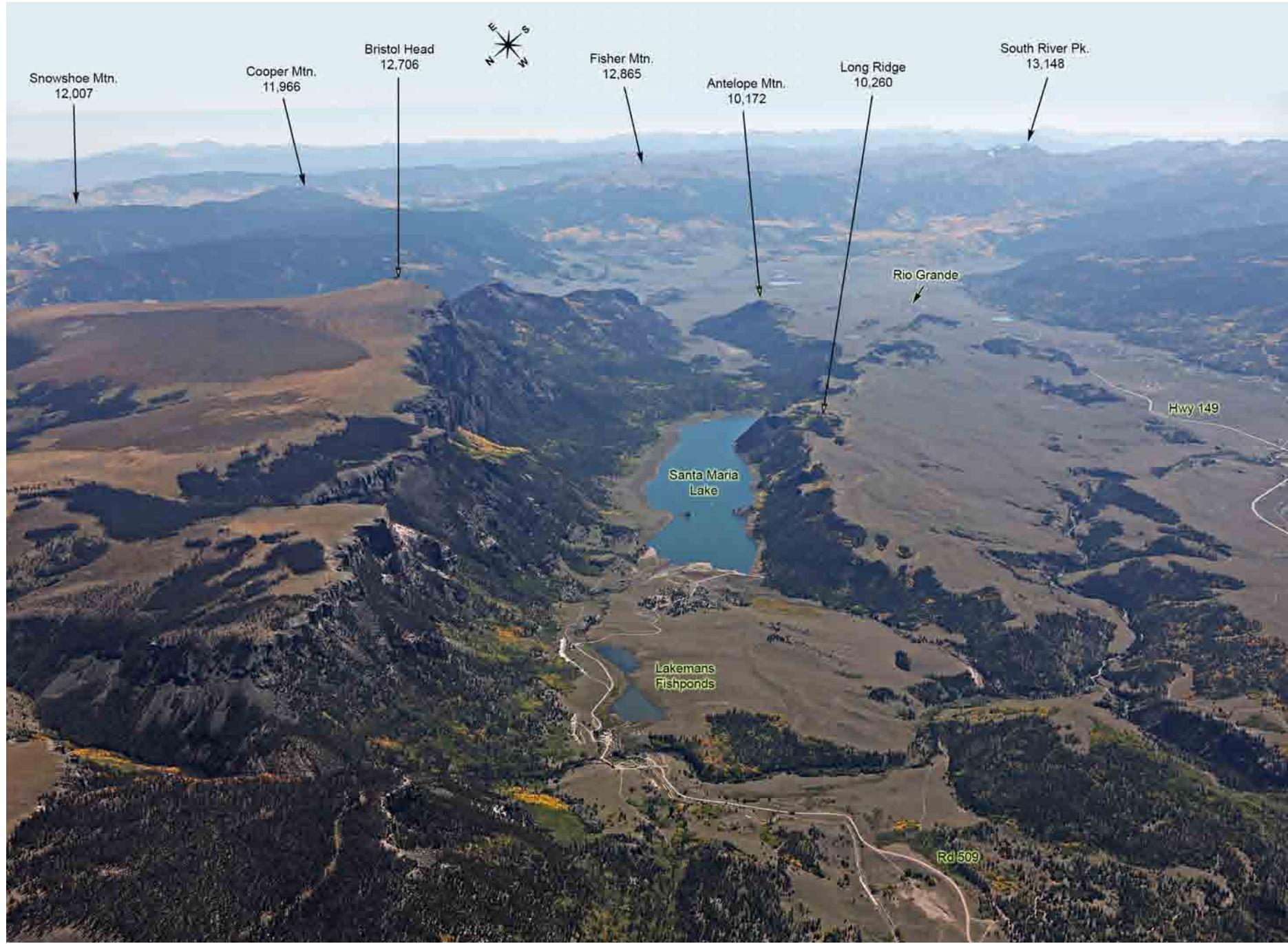
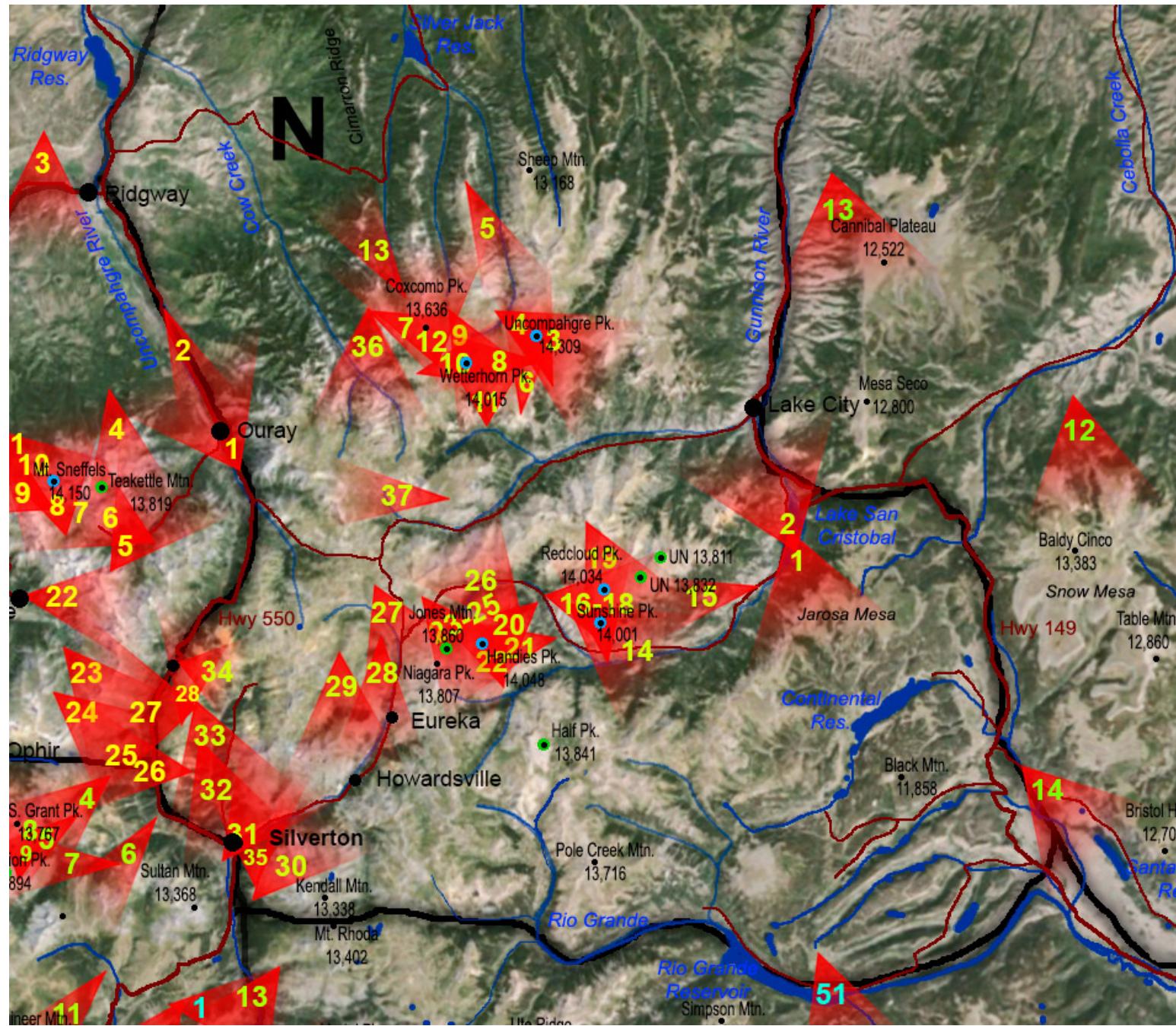


Photo NE14. Bristol Head and Santa Maria Lake.

Section N: North San Juan Mountains; Northeast of Silverton & West of Lake City



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Peaks in blue circles are the 14ers, and peaks in green circles are the centennial 13ers (above 13,808').

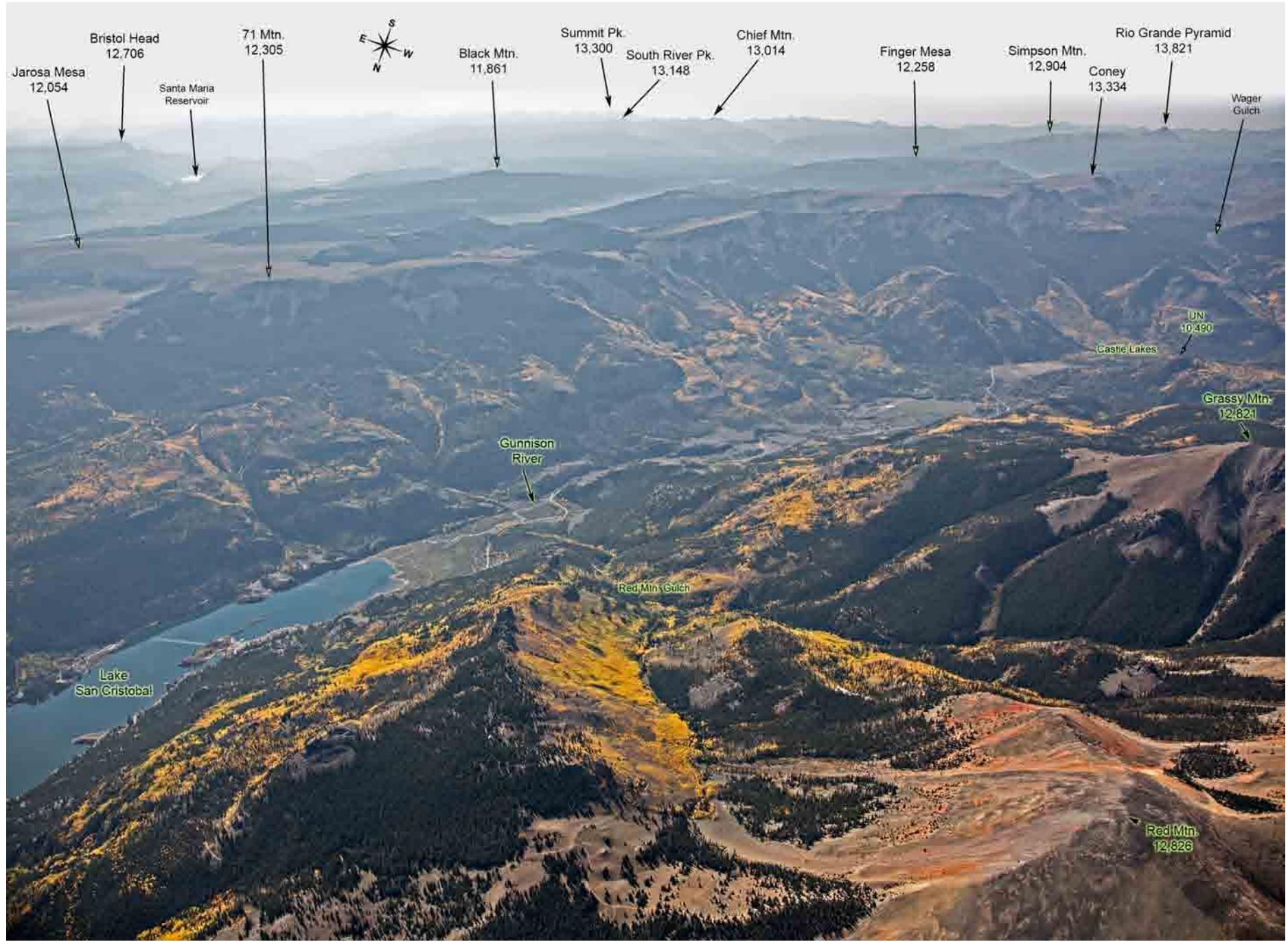


Photo n1. Southeast view from the Red Mountain. Lake San Cristobal is the Colorado's second largest natural lake.

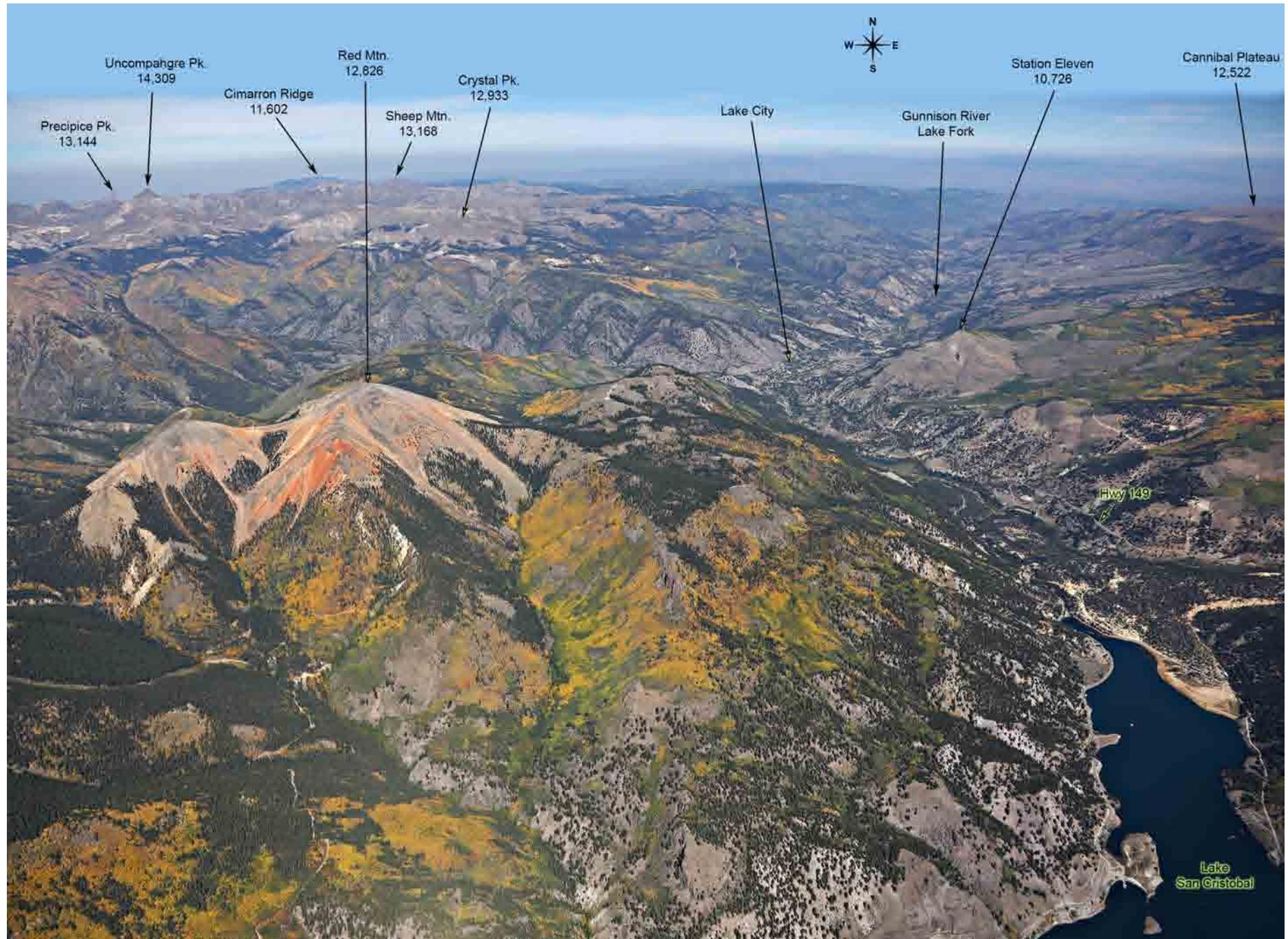


Photo n2. Red Mountain near Lake City.

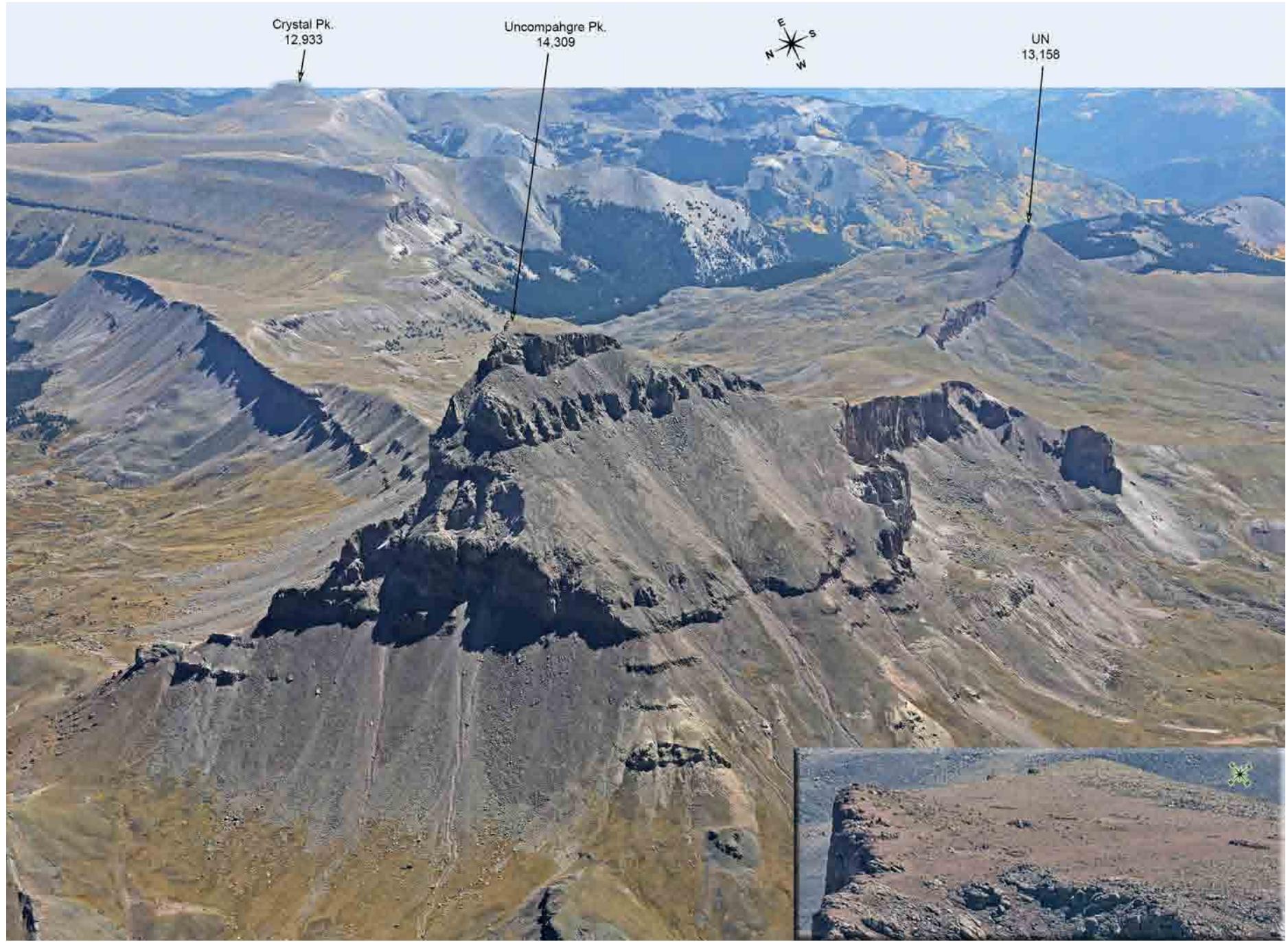


Photo n3. View from northwest of Uncompahgre Peak, the highest mountain in San Juans. Enlargement of the summit is in bottom right.



Photo n4. The northwest view of Uncompahgre Peak in winter. It may refer to the Uncompahgre Ute Tribe. Some scholars suggest that "Uncompahgre" is derived from the ancient Ute words that mean hot ("unca") water ("pah") spring ("gre").

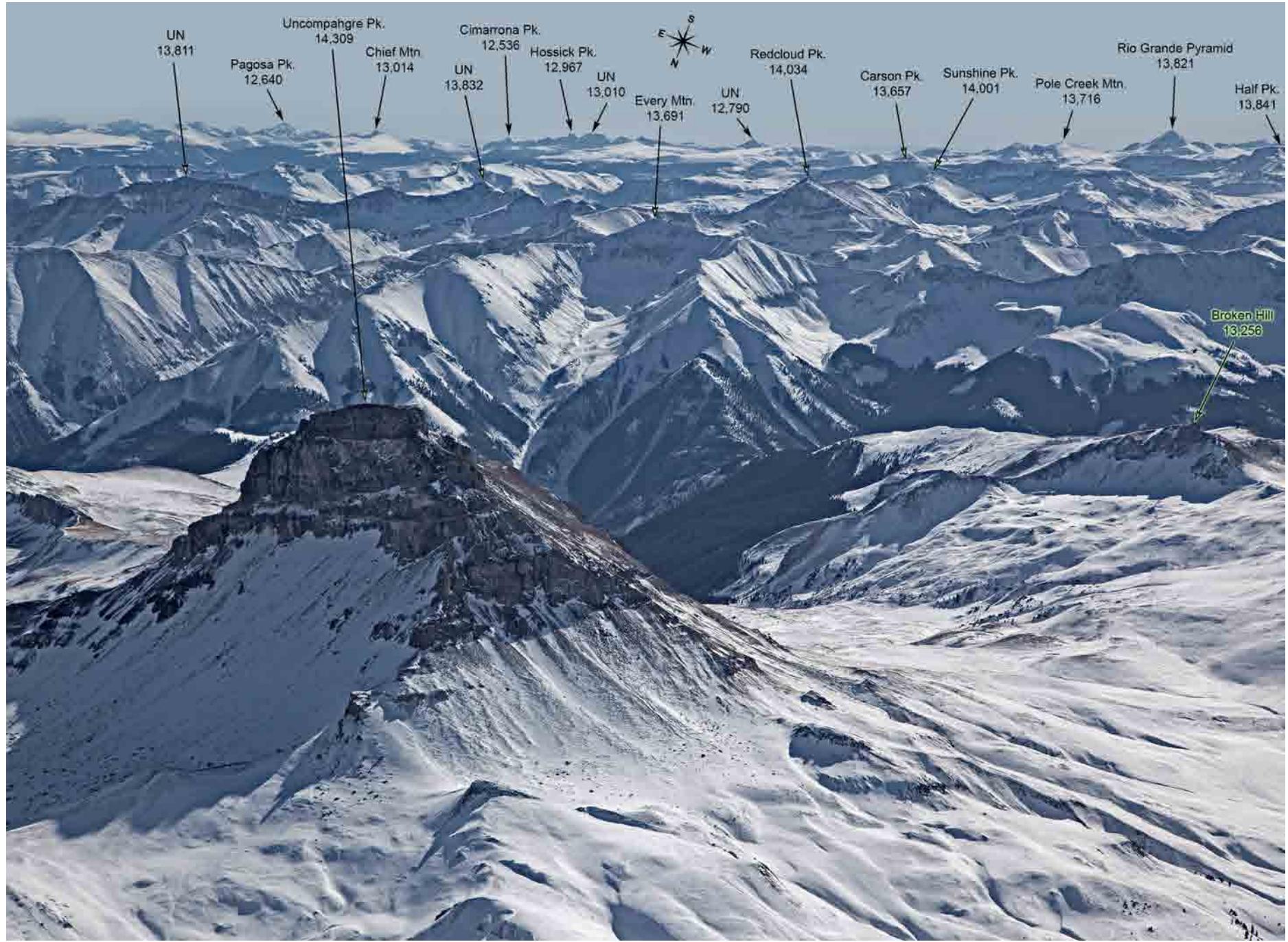


Photo n5. Uncompahgre Peak view from north.

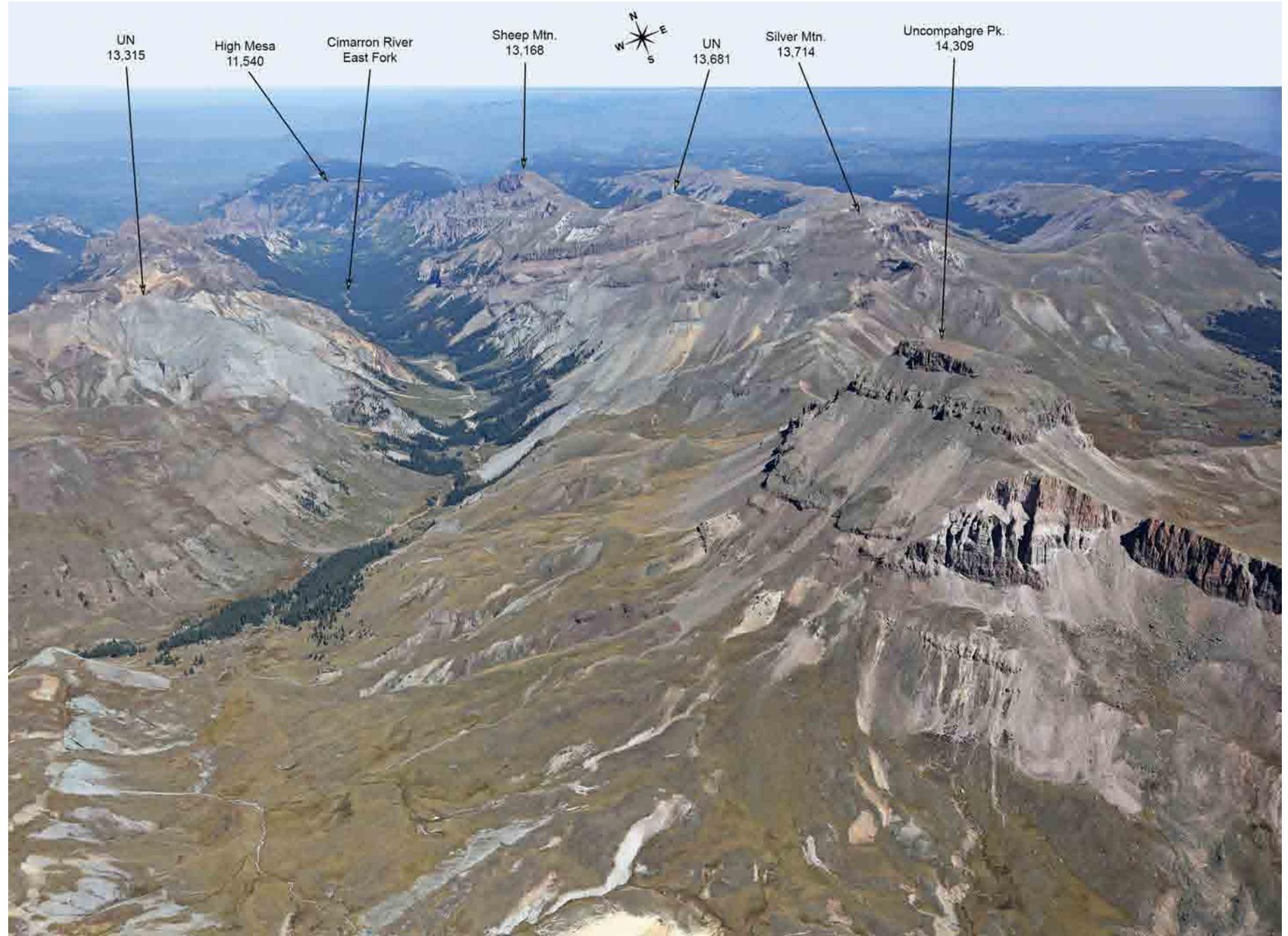


Photo n6. Uncompahgre Peak view from south.

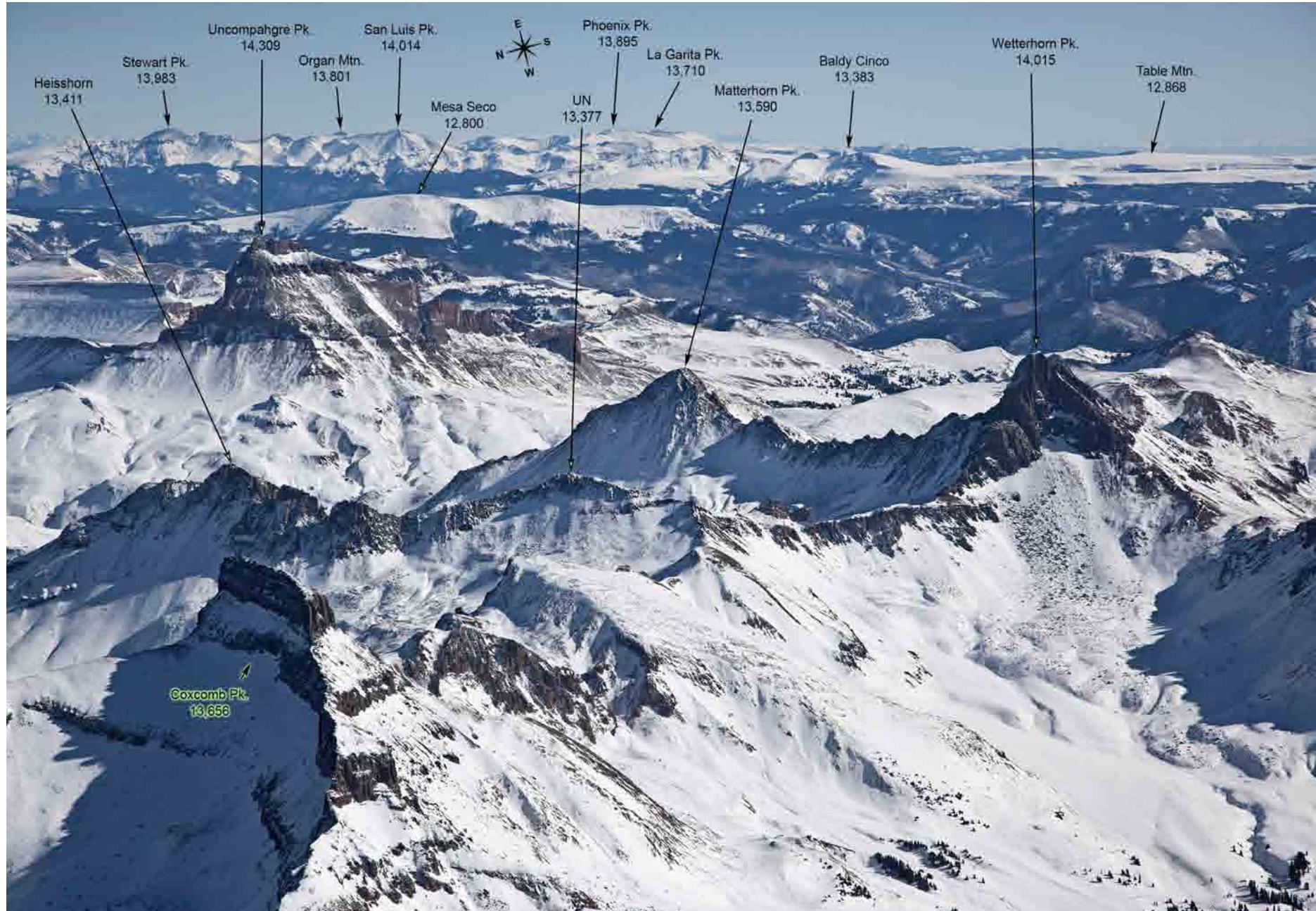


Photo n7. Winter view to the east of Wetterhorn and Uncompahgre Peaks. "Wetterhorn" is German for "weather peak"; named here by Lieutenant William Marshall of the Wheeler Survey of 1874, who was inspired by the Swiss mountain of the same [name](#).

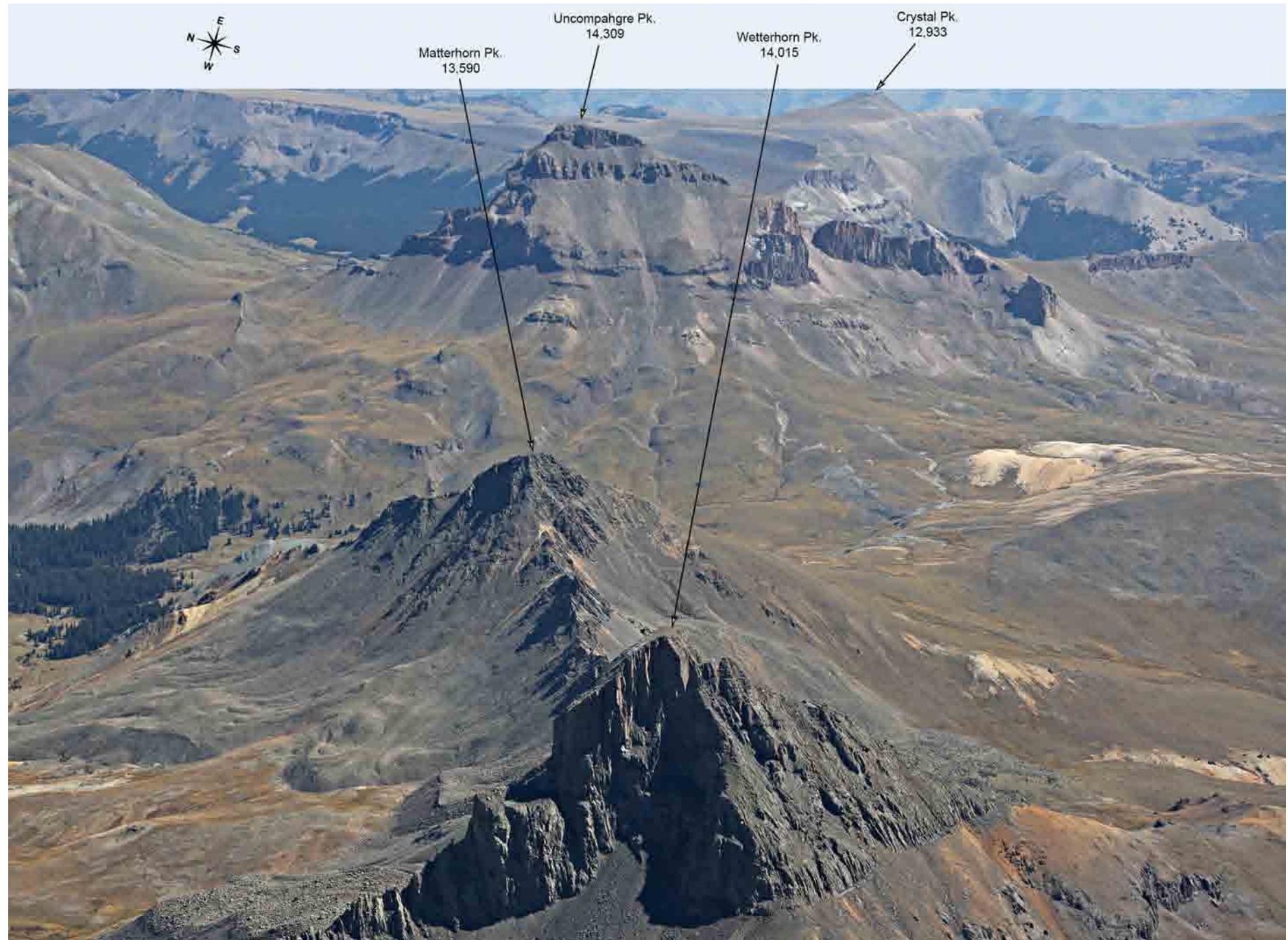


Photo n8. Summer view to the east of Wetterhorn and Uncompahgre Peaks.

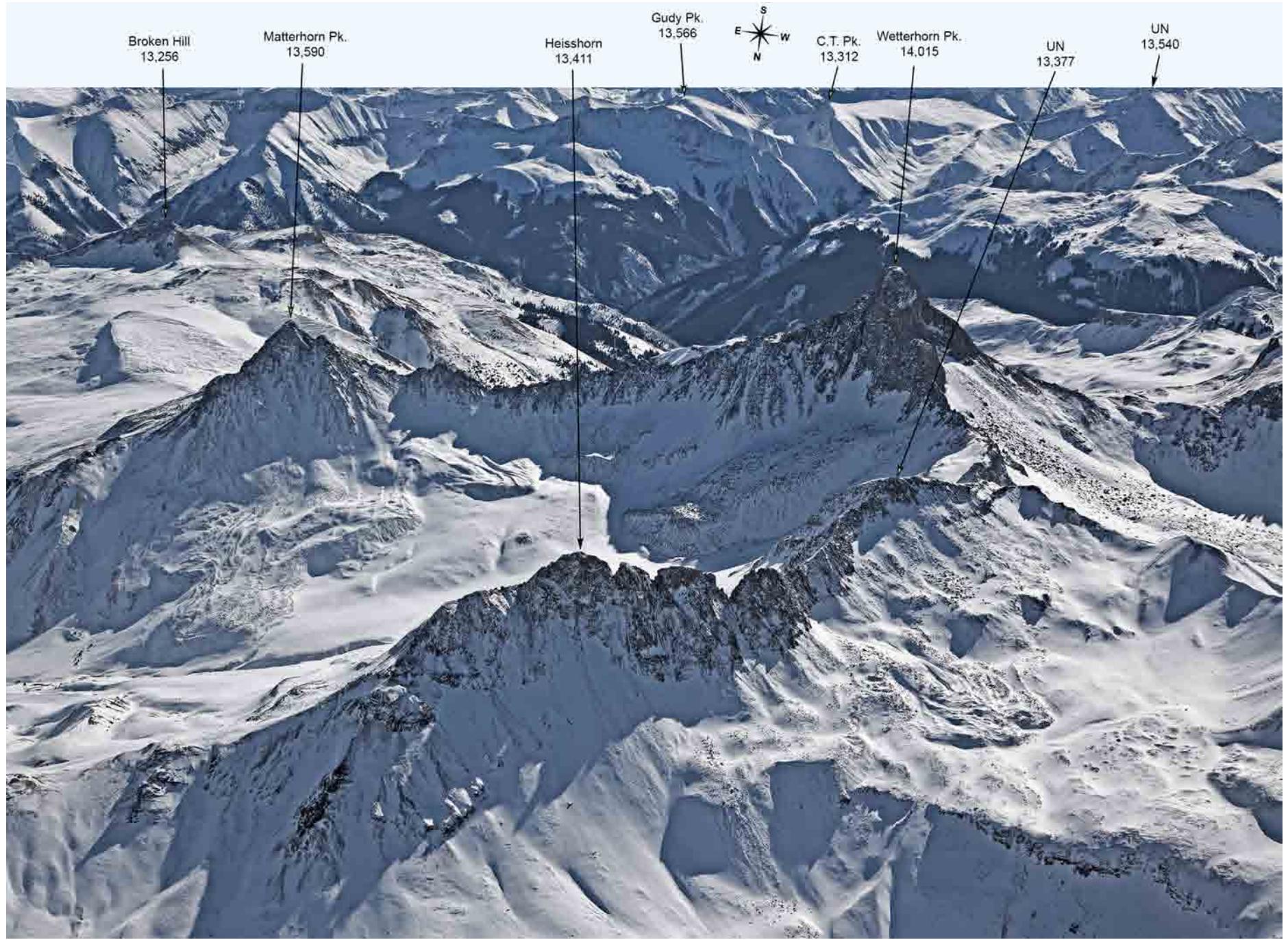


Photo №9. Wetterhorn and Matterhorn Peaks view from north.



Photo N10. Wetterhorn Peak and its summit.

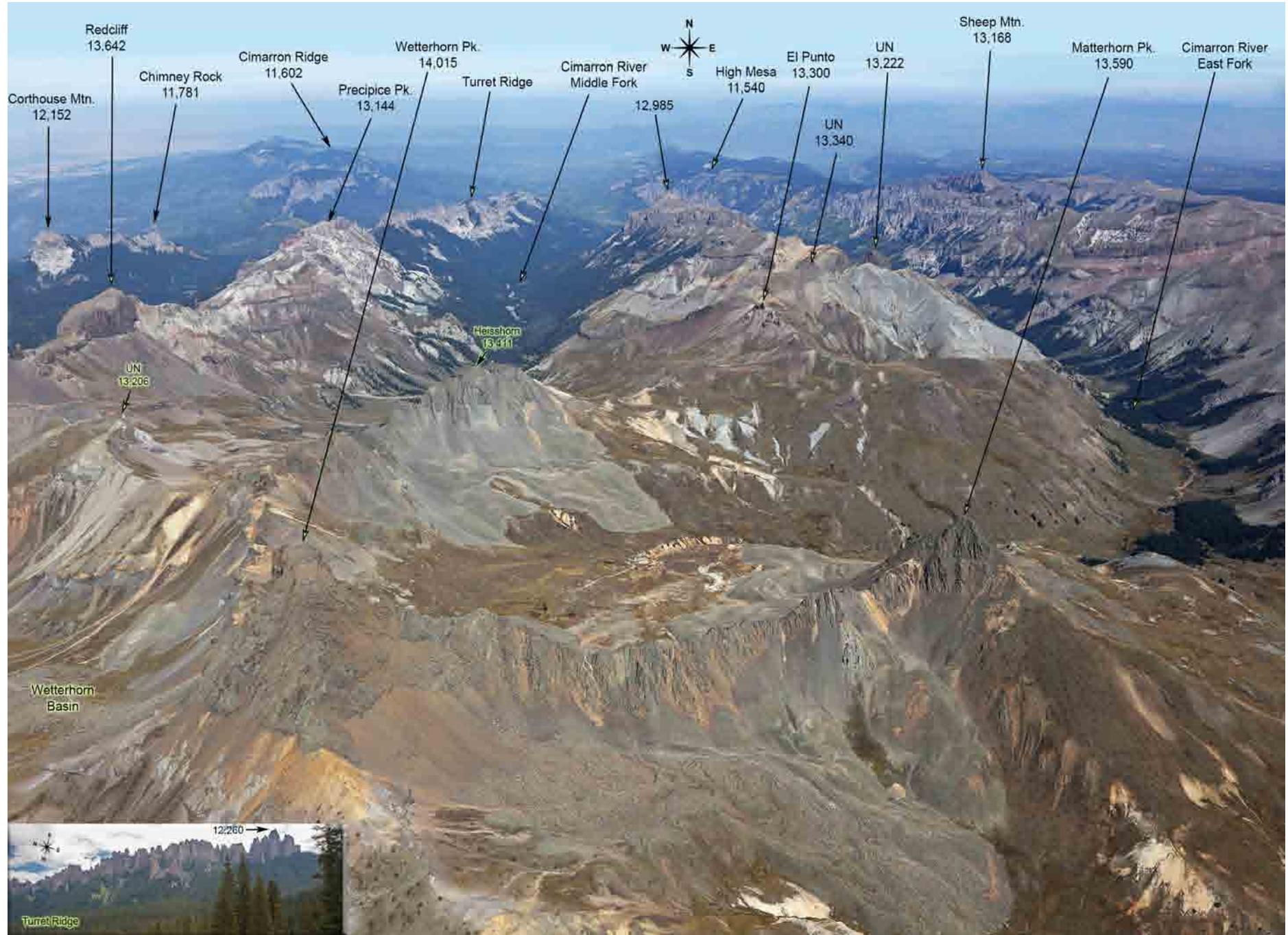


Photo N11. Wetterhorn and Matterhorn Peaks view from south. Turret view from west is in the insert.

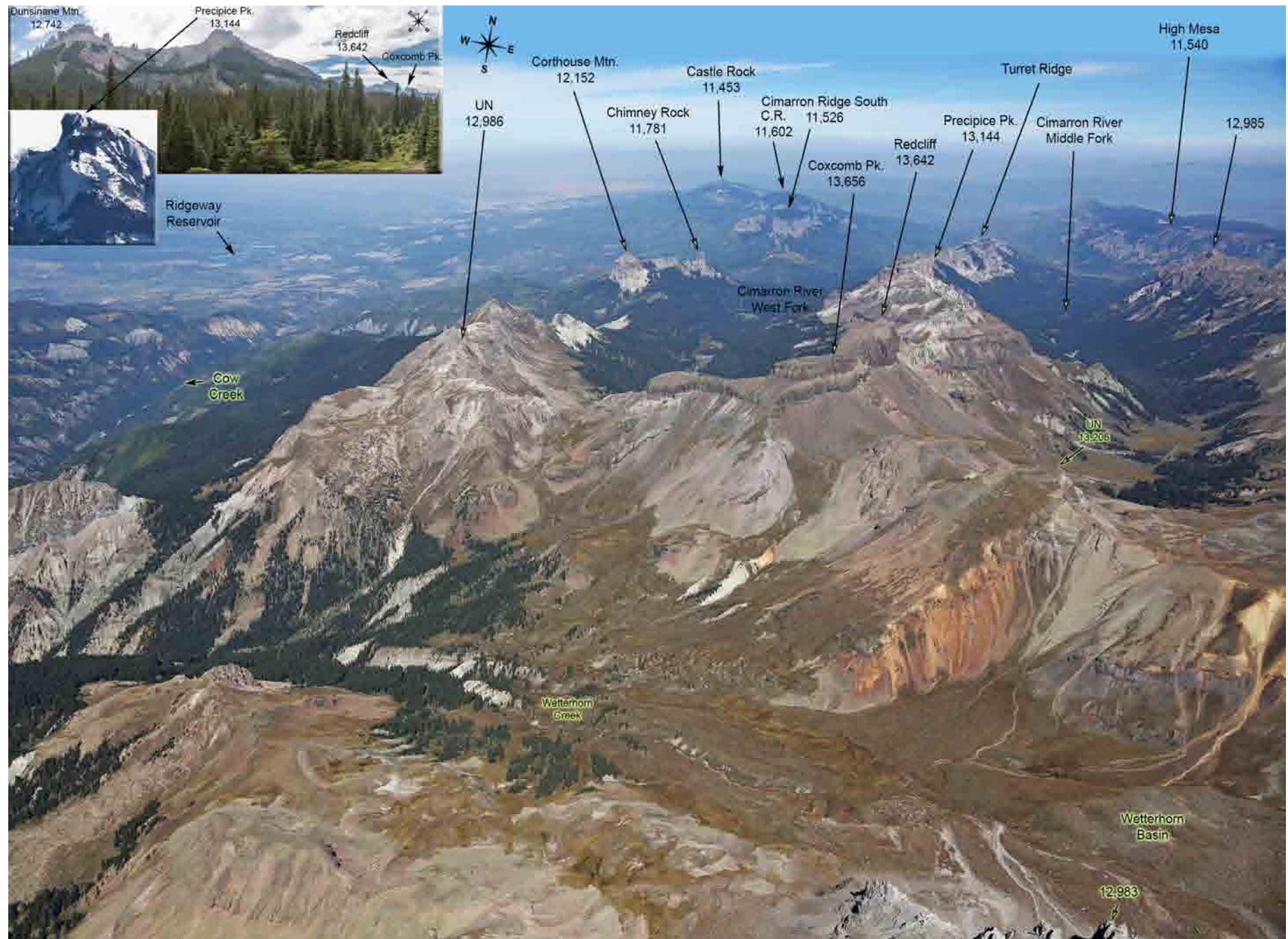


Photo n12. Turret and Cimarron Ridges, view from south.

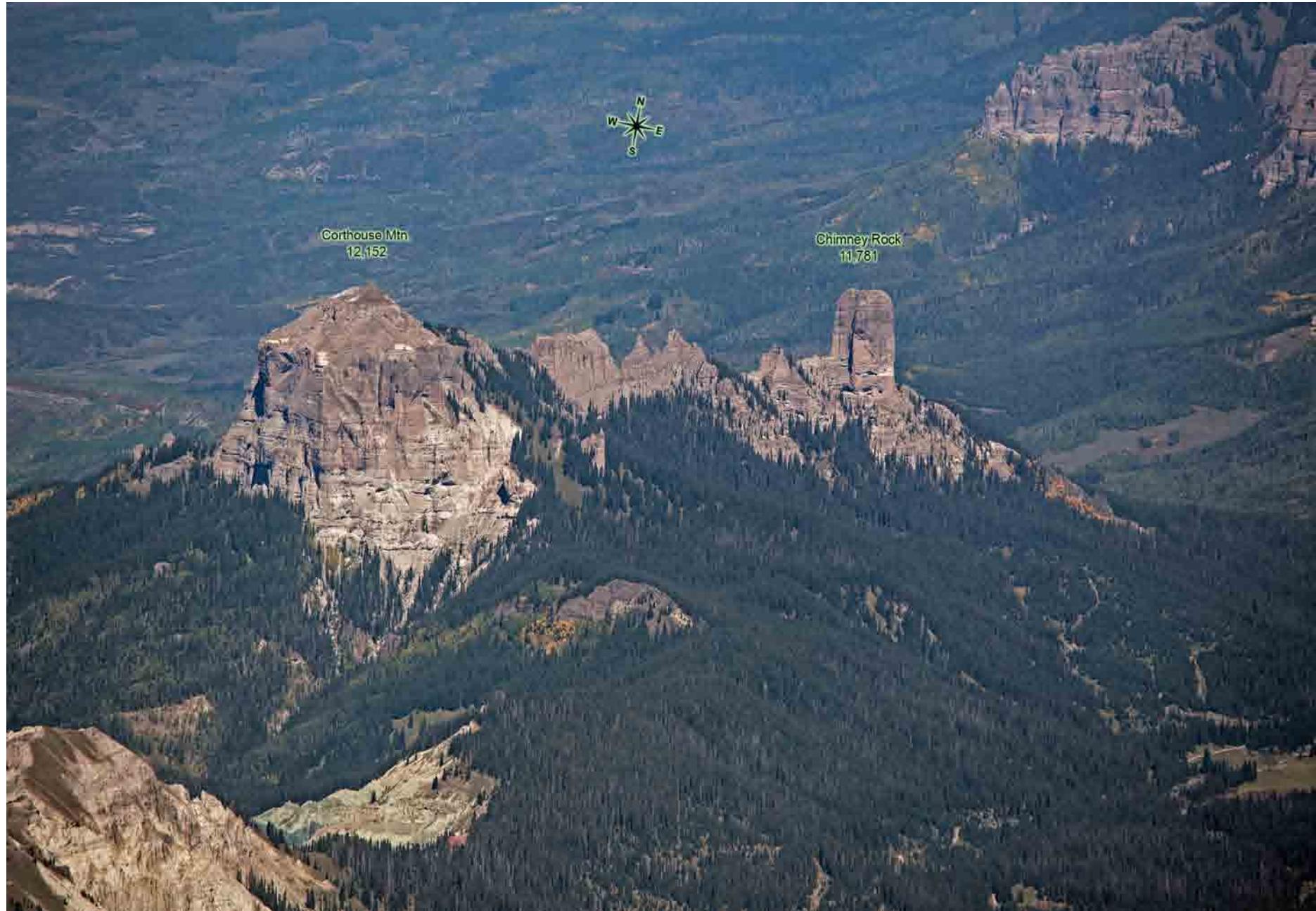


Photo N13. Courthouse Mountain and Chimney Rock in Cimarron Ridge. The standard route to top of the Chimney Rock is rated 5.6 (second most difficult after Lizard Head Peak). Chimney Rock National Monument is yet another known place of the same name in San Juan Mountains, less than 20 miles west of Pagosa Springs.

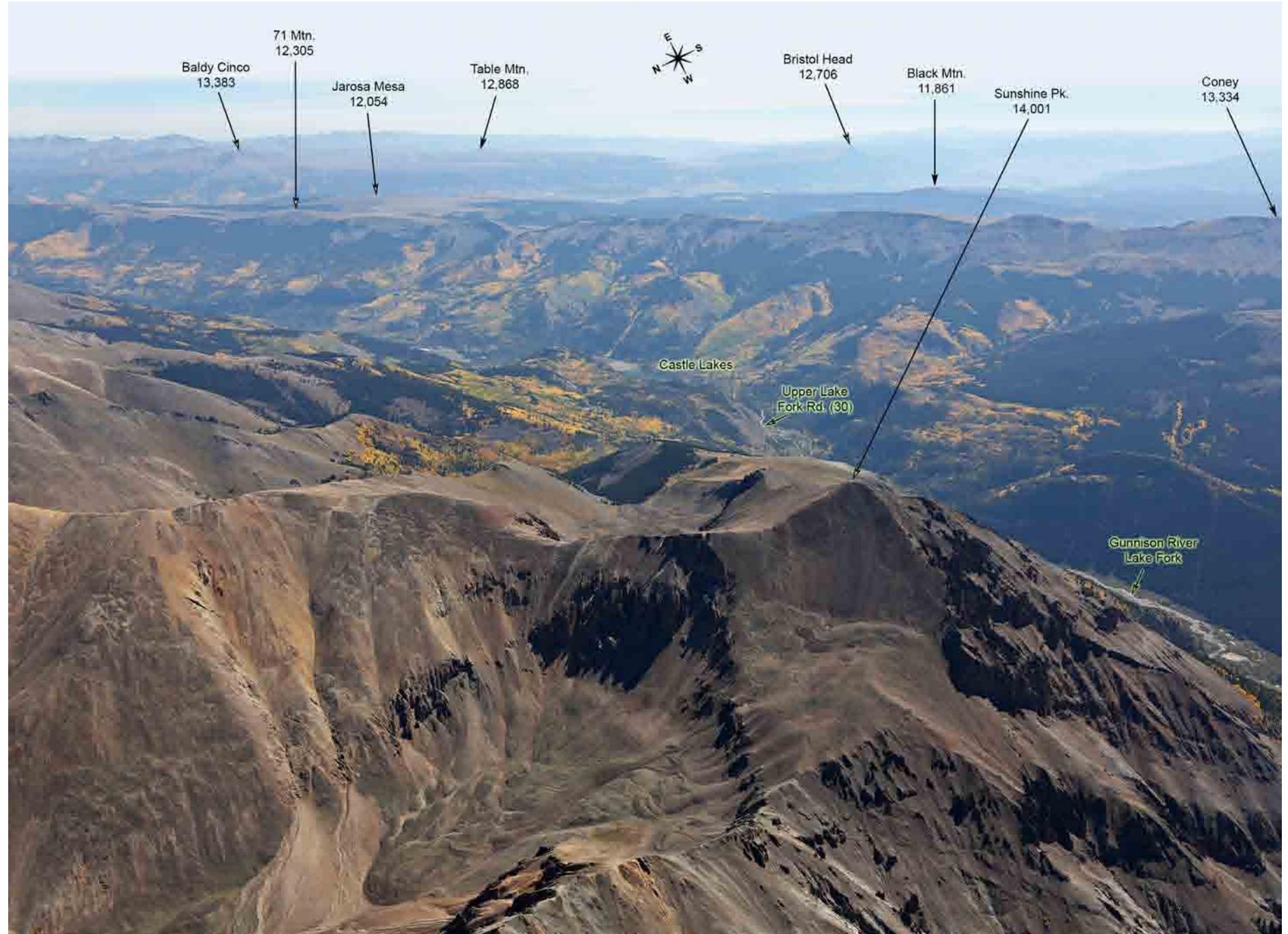


Photo n14. Sunshine Peak view from northwest. The U.S. Geological Survey [named](#) the mountain "Sunshine Peak" in 1904.

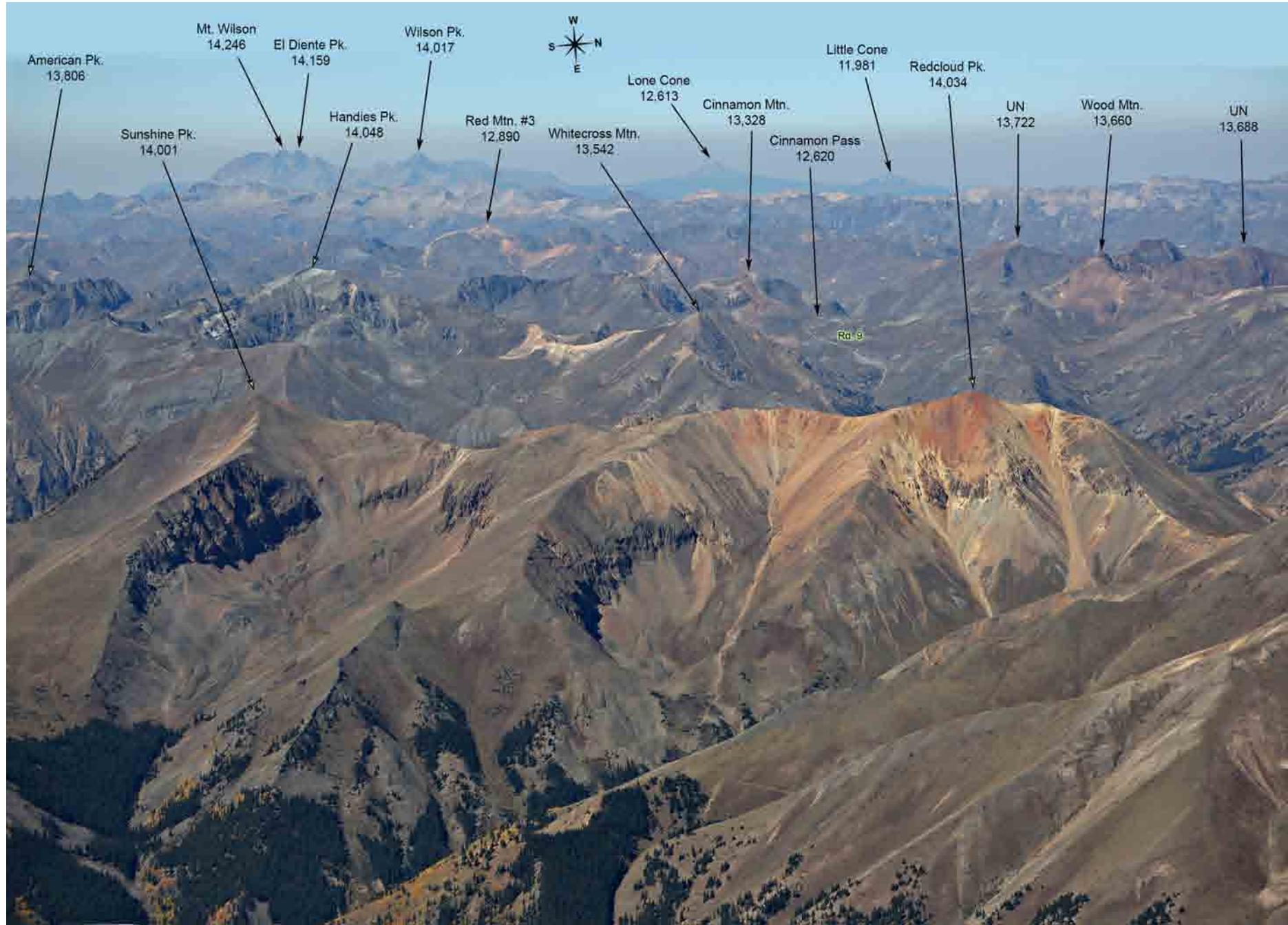


Photo n15. View to the west of Redcloud and Sunshine Peaks. The "Redcloud" name was given by the chief topographer for the Wheeler U.S. Government Survey, J.C. Spiller, who made its first ascent in 1874. It used to have a more generic name "Red Mountain".

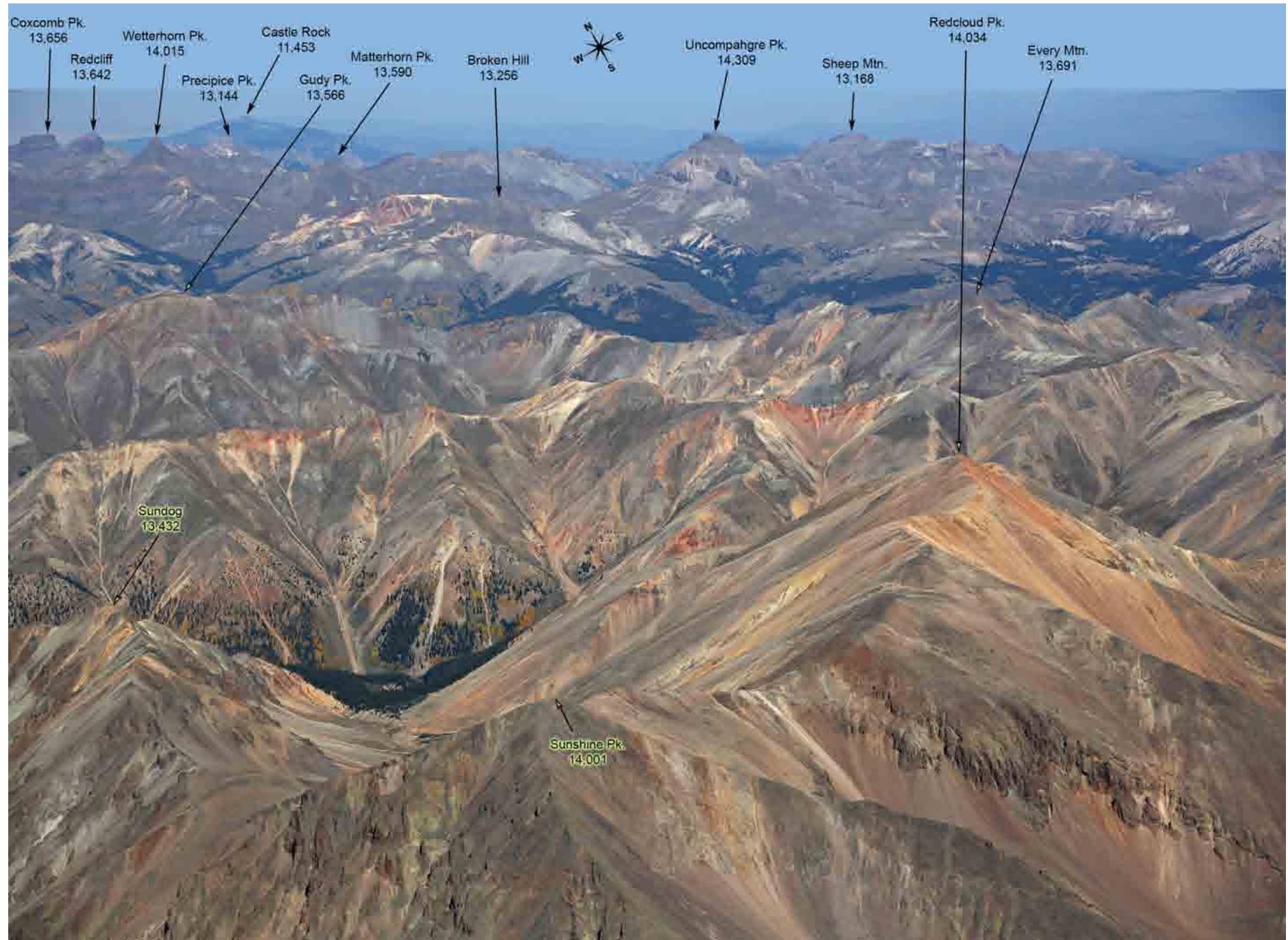


Photo n16. Sunshine, Redcloud and Uncompahgre Peaks.



Photo n17. Close up view of Redcloud and Sunshine Peaks.



Photo n18. View to the east of Redcloud and Sunshine Peaks. UN 13,832 and UN 13,811 are the only centennial 13ers without a name. Peakbagger.com calls UN 13,832 (prominence 812') Redcloud Peak-Northeast Peak, and UN 13,811 (prominence 551') Redcloud Peak-Far Northeast Peak, but these mind-numbing names are generally not accepted.

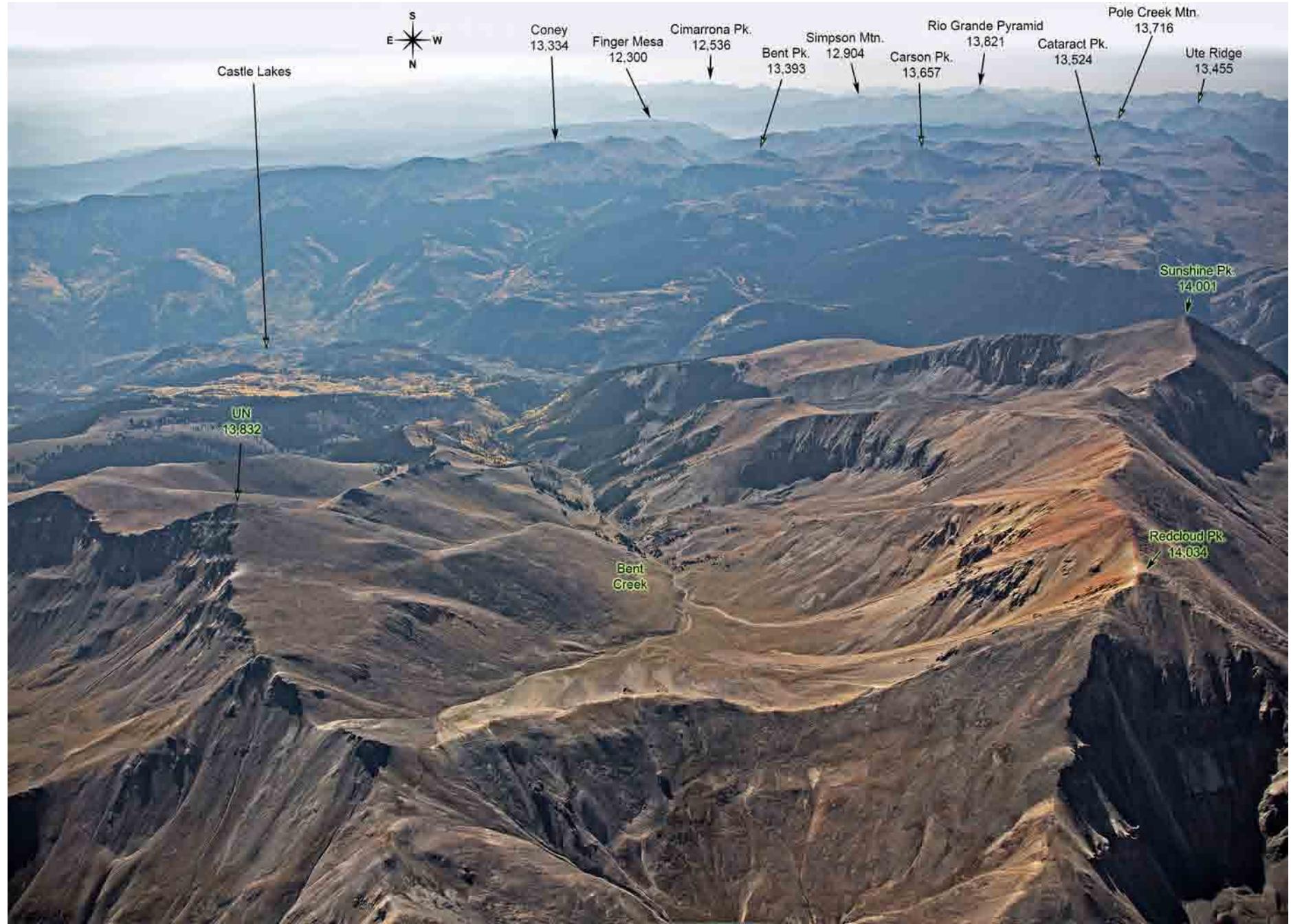


Photo n19. View to the south of Redcloud and Sunshine Peaks. Some call UN 13,832 (prominence 812') Redcloud Peak-Northeast Peak.

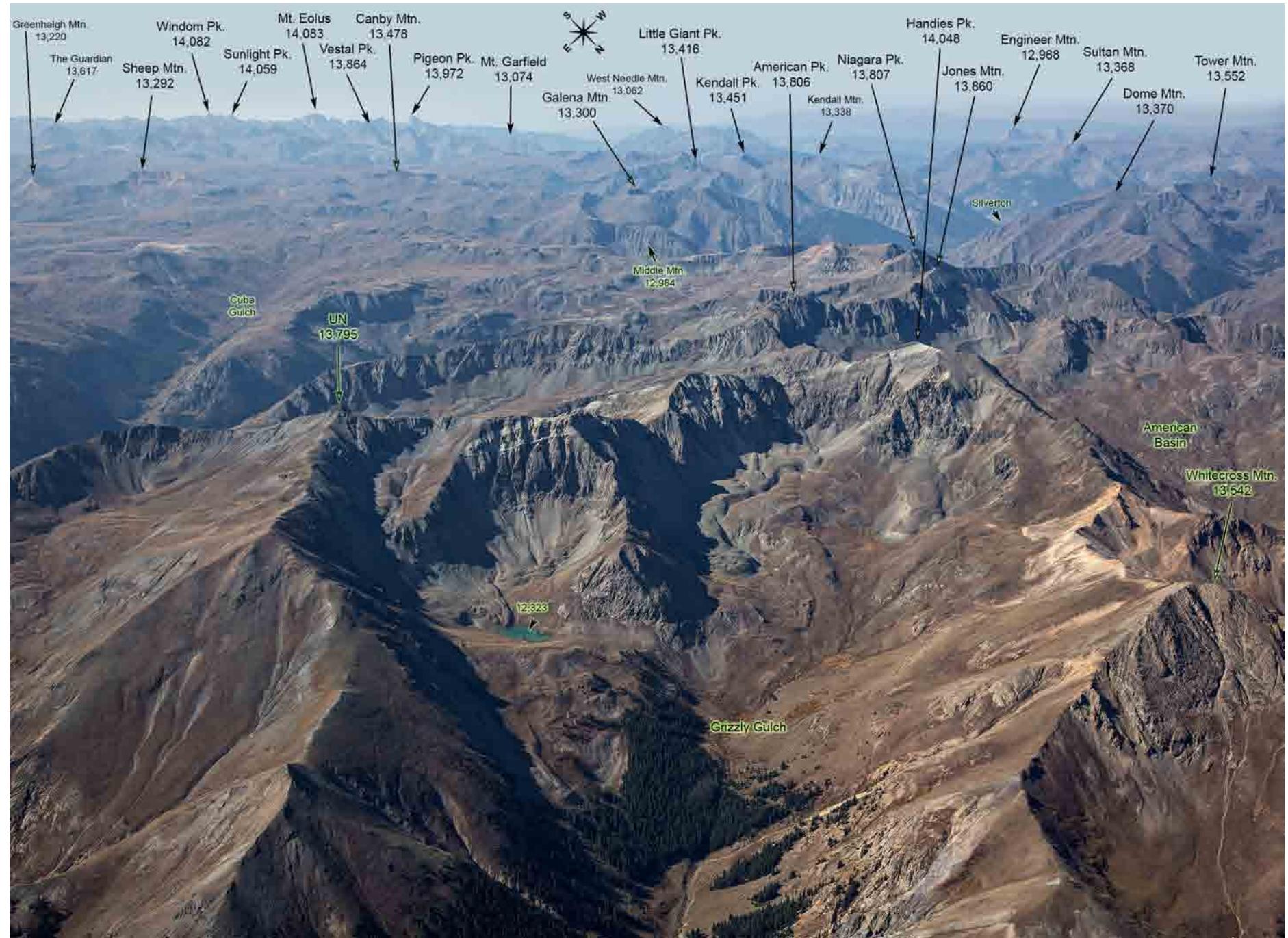


Photo N20. The northeast side of Handies Peak and the surrounding mountains.

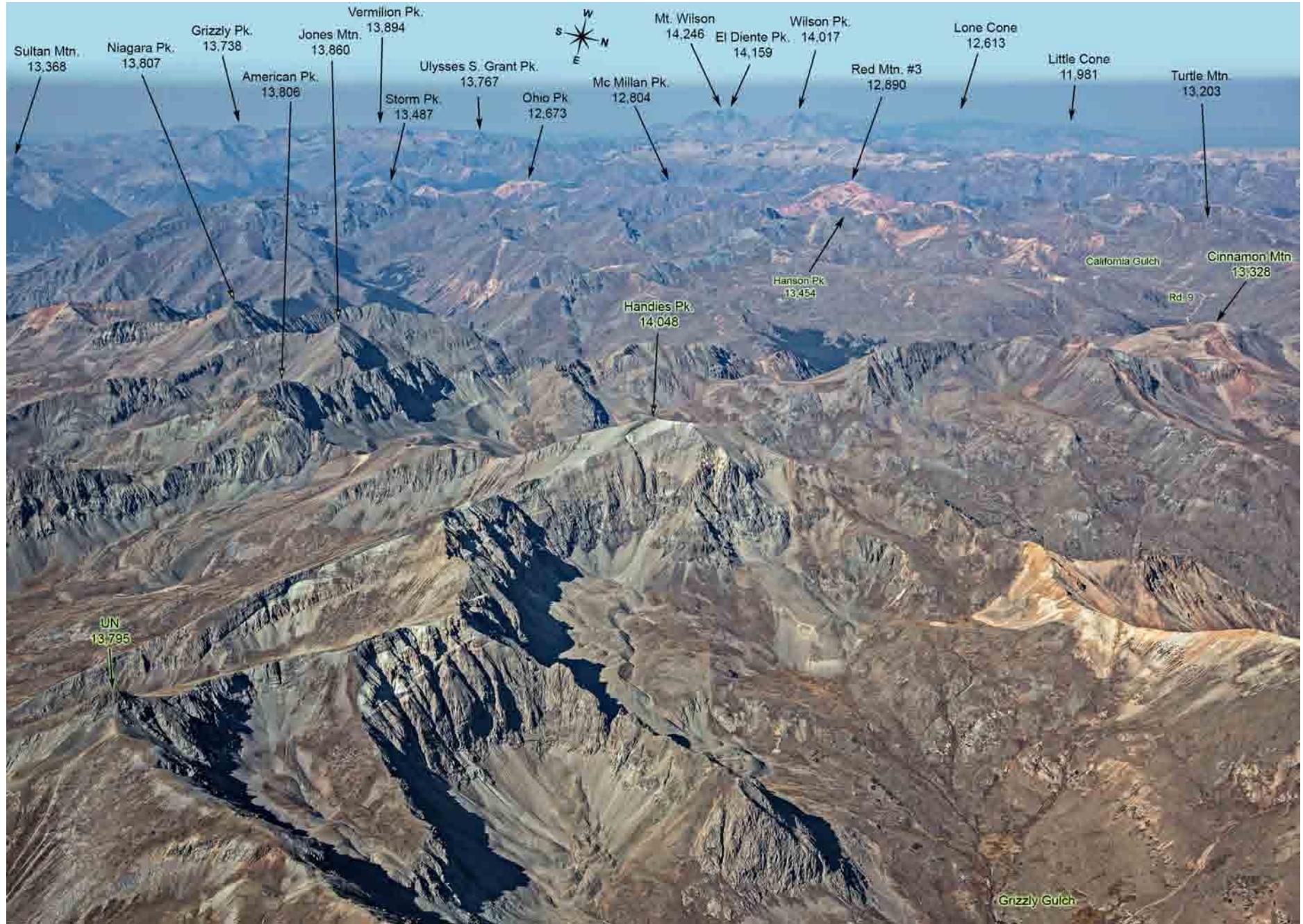


Photo n21. The east side of Handies Peak and the surrounding mountains.

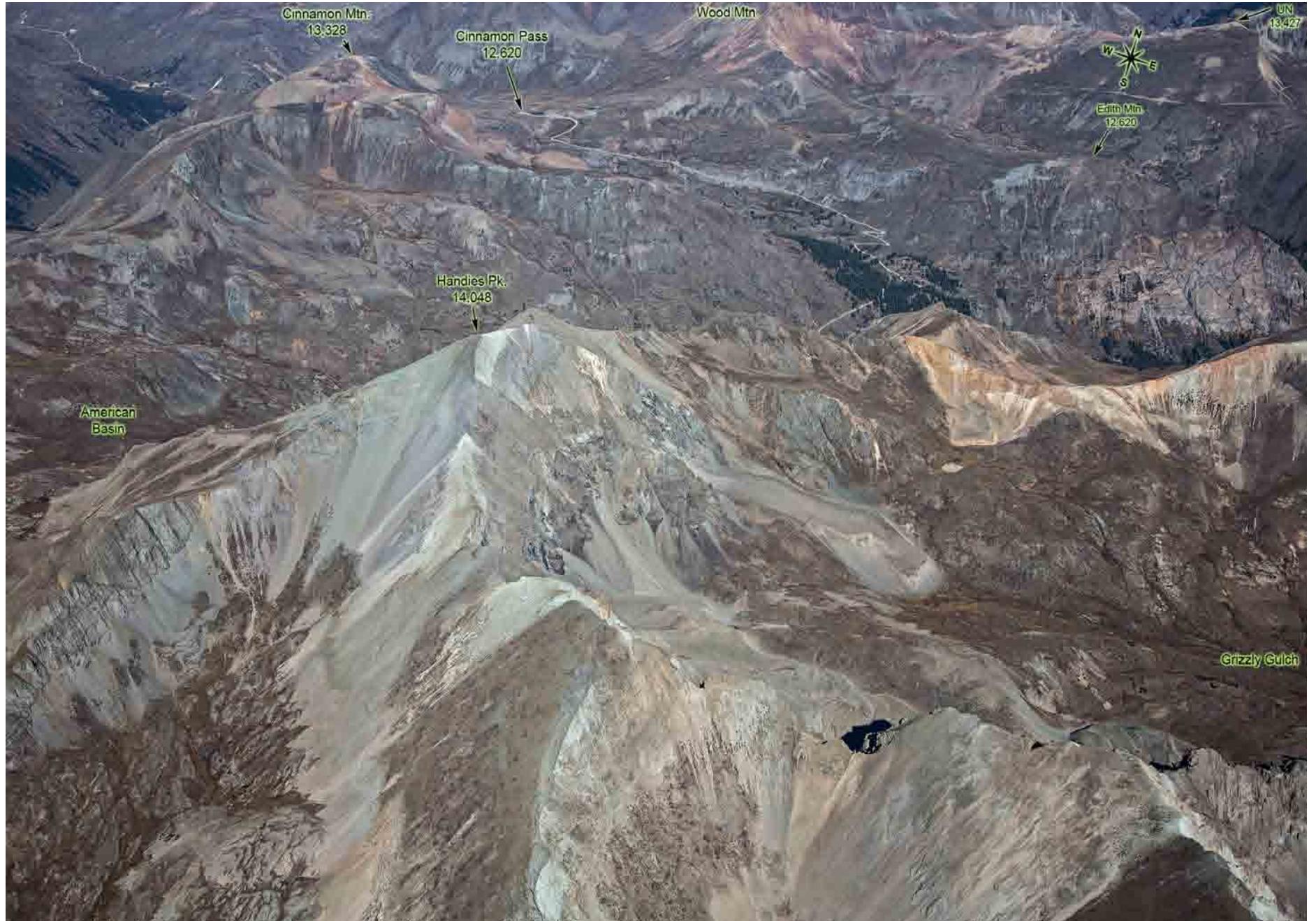


Photo n22. Close-up view of Handies Peak from south. Historians have suggested that "[Handie](#)" may have been an early pioneer or surveyor, who was influential in the area near Lake City.

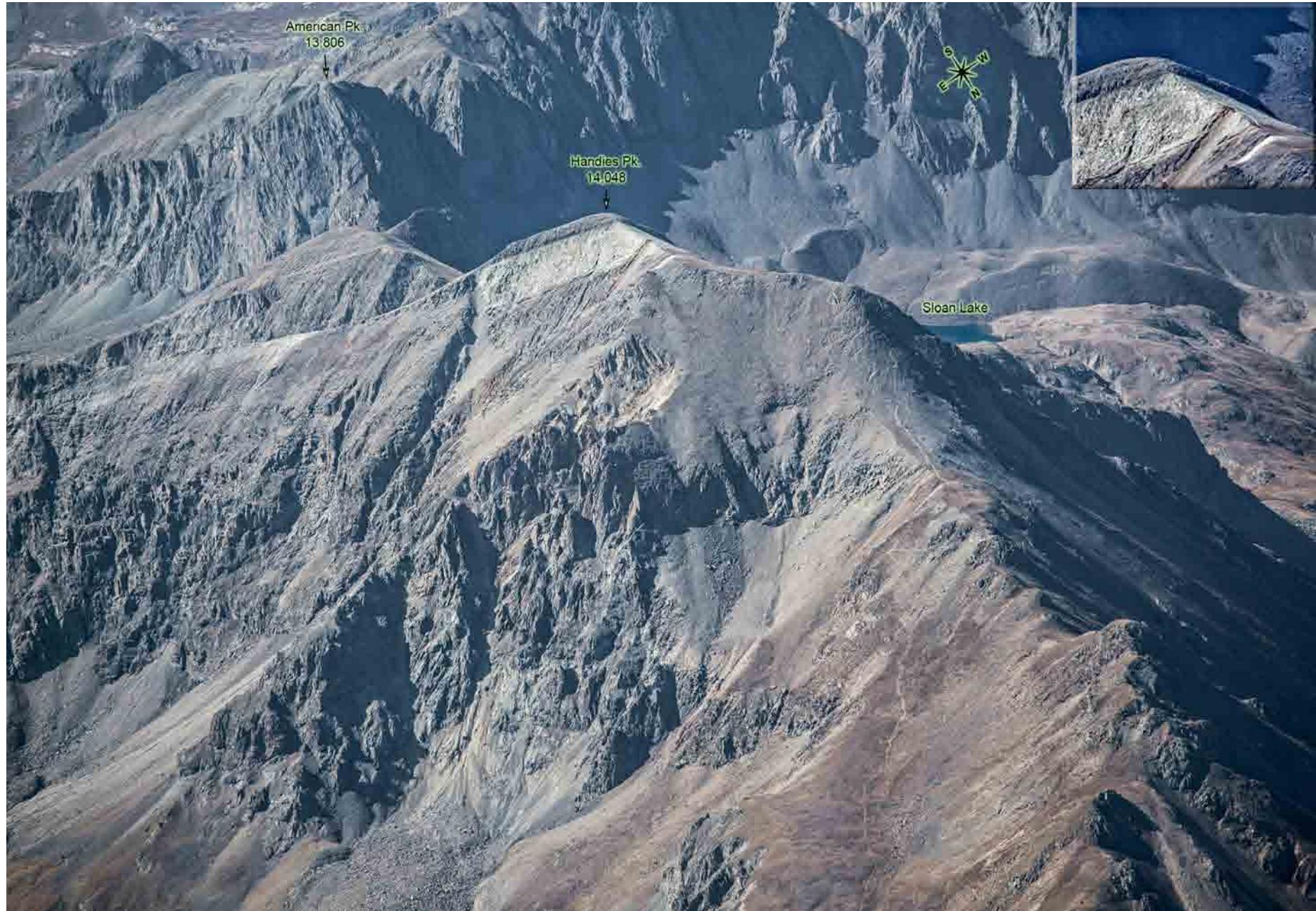


Photo N23. Close-up view of Handies Peak form northeast.



Photo n24. The north side of Handies Peak and the surrounding mountains.



Photo n25. The northwest side of Handies Peak and the surrounding mountains.



Photo n26. Whitecross Mountain.

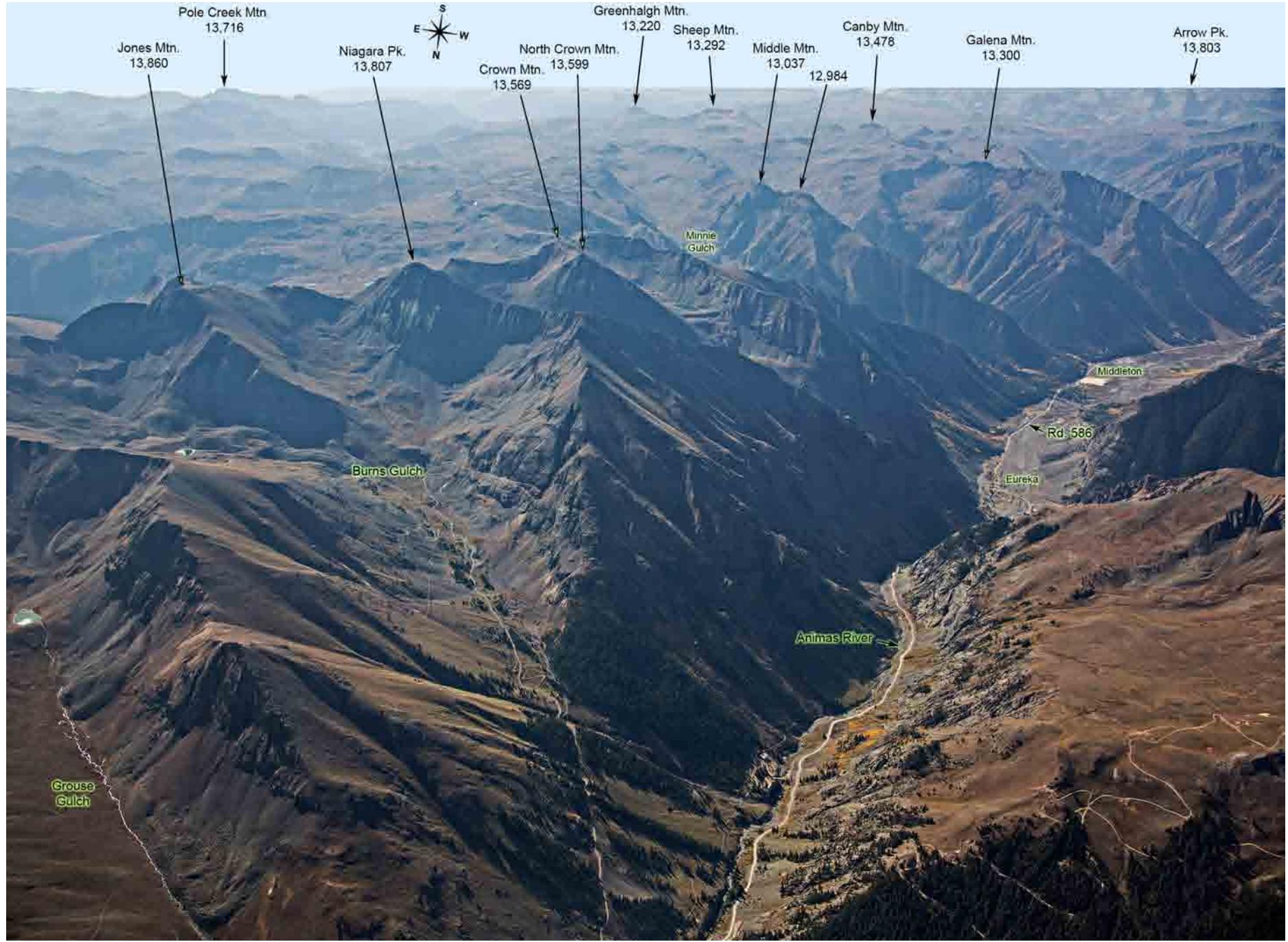


Photo N27. Jones Mountain and Niagara Peak and the road from Cinnamon Pass to Silverton.

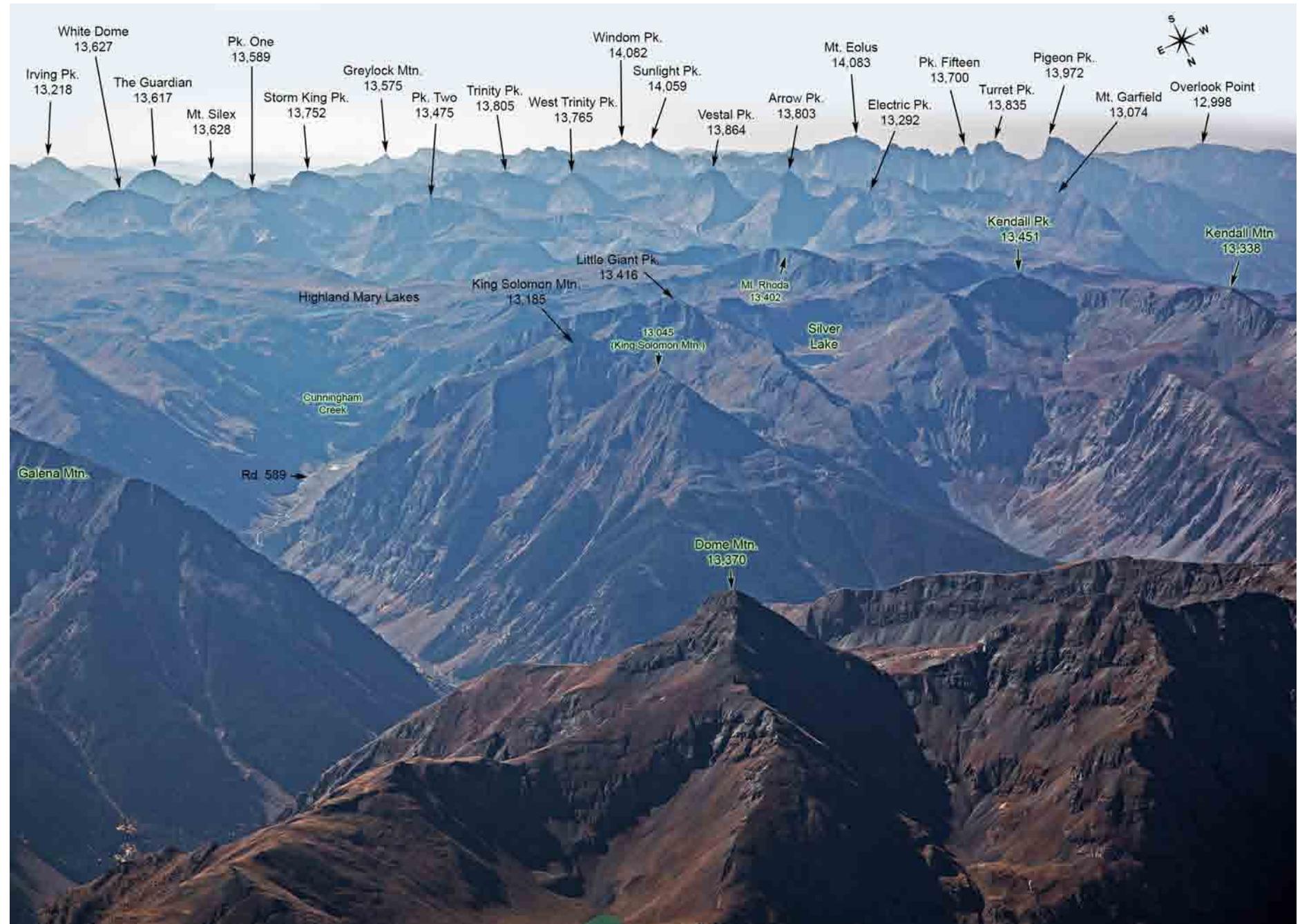


Photo N28. Dome and King Solomon Mountains. Grenadier Range and the Needle Mountains are in the background.

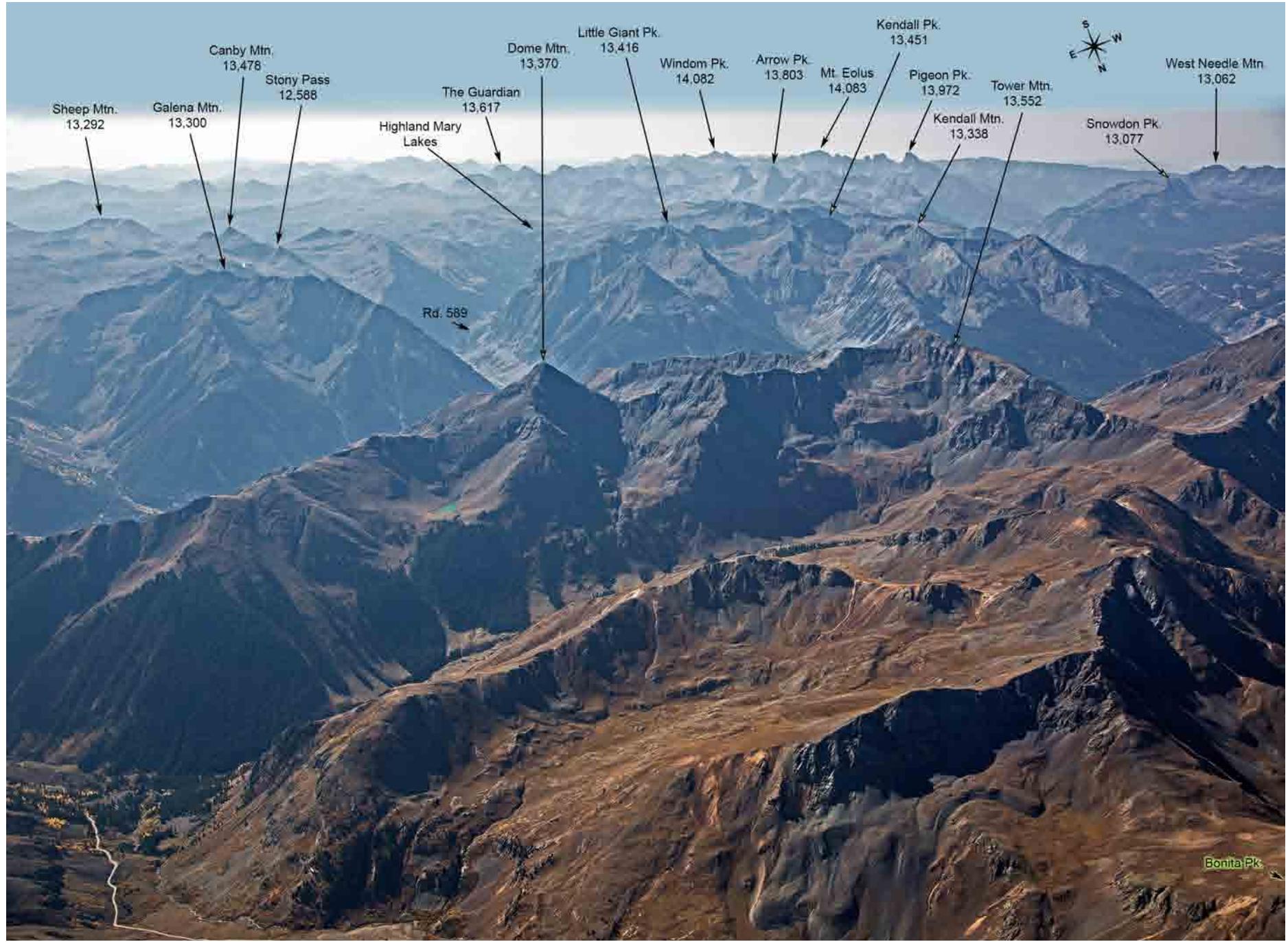


Photo N29. View to the south from around Bonita Peak.

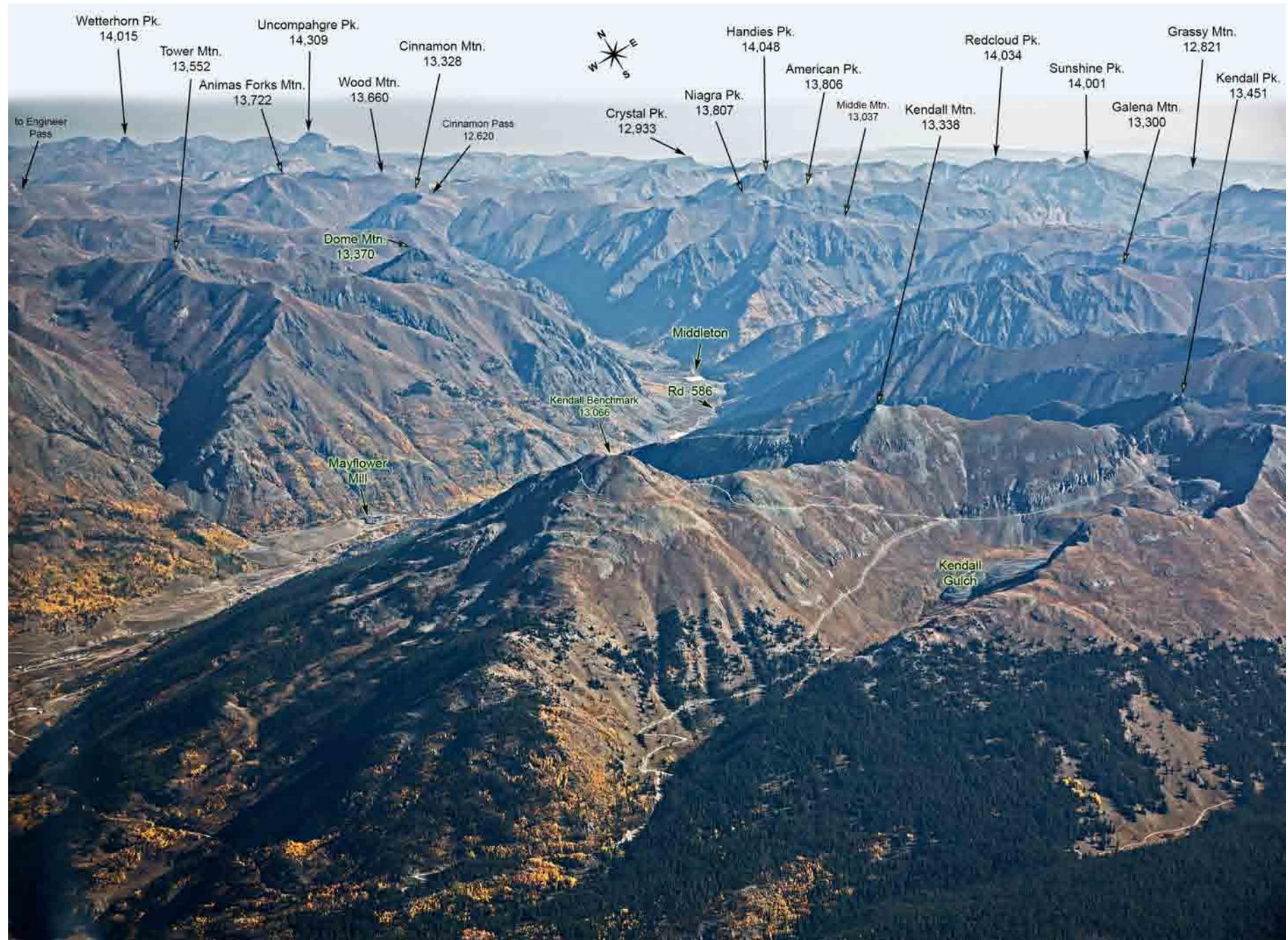


Photo N30. Kendall Mountain near Silverton.



Photo n31. Northern view from above Silverton.

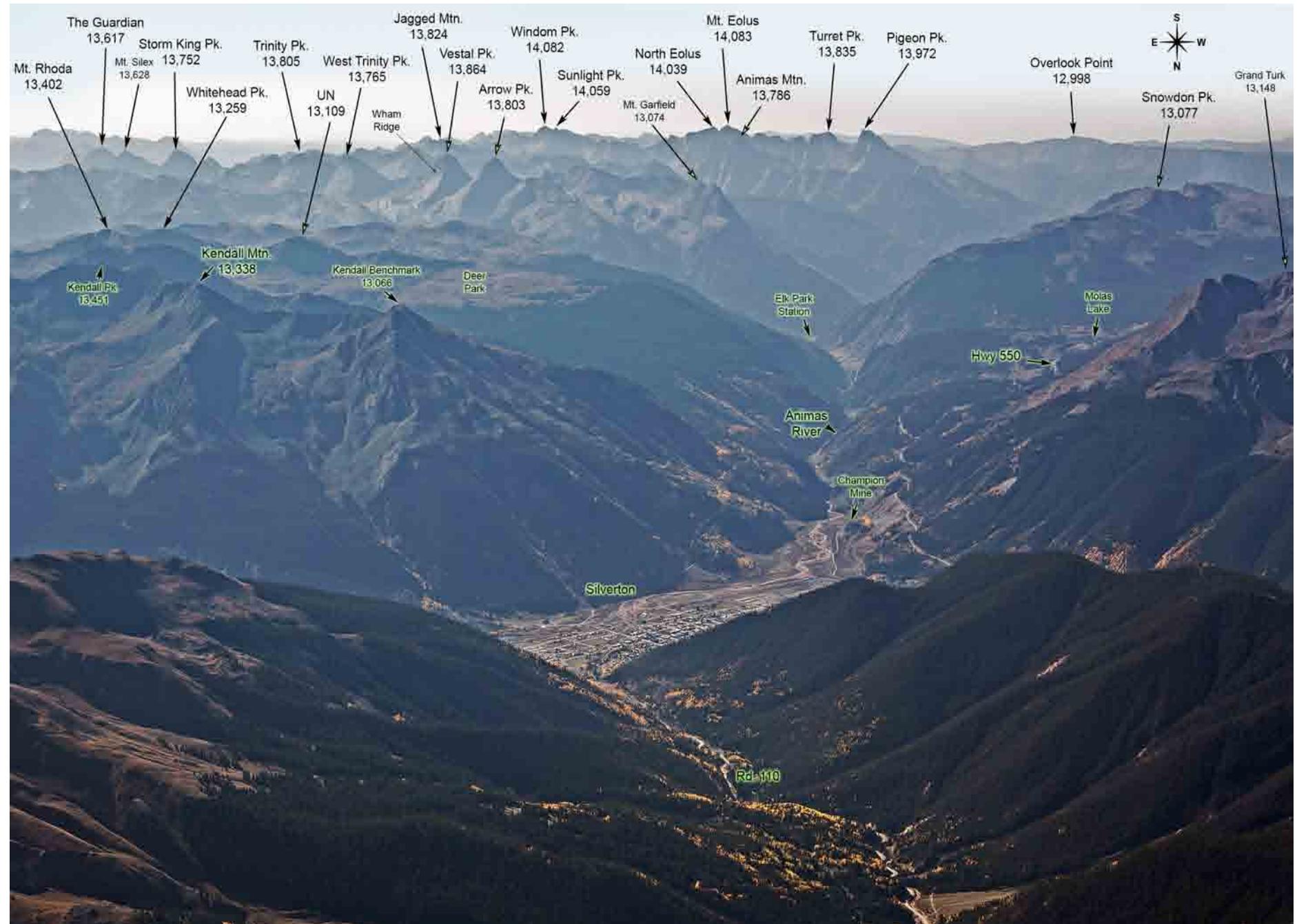


Photo n32. Southern view of Silverton and surrounding mountains.

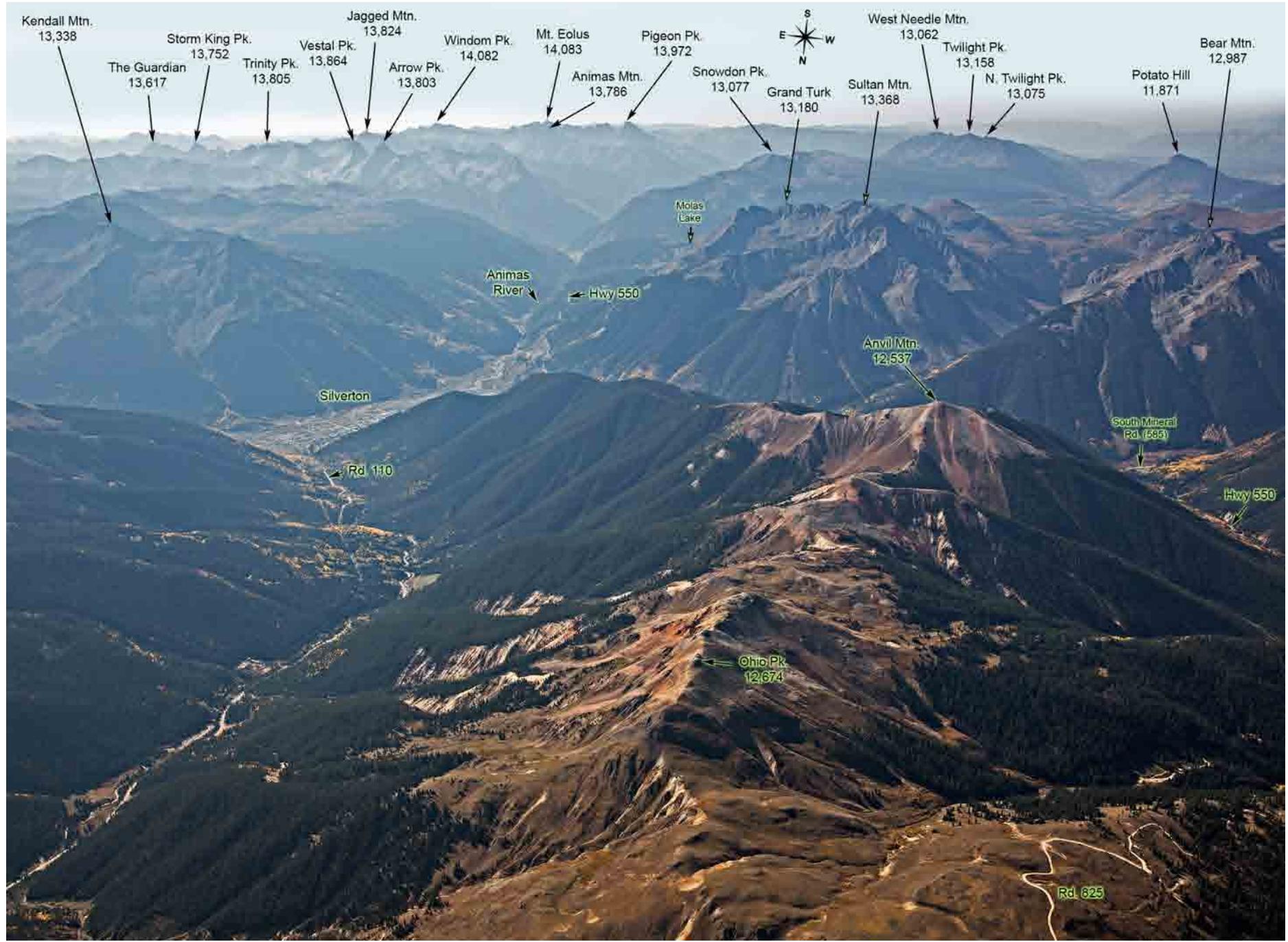


Photo n33. View from above Red Mountain to the south.



Photo n34. Red Mountain north of Silverton, close to Hwy 550.

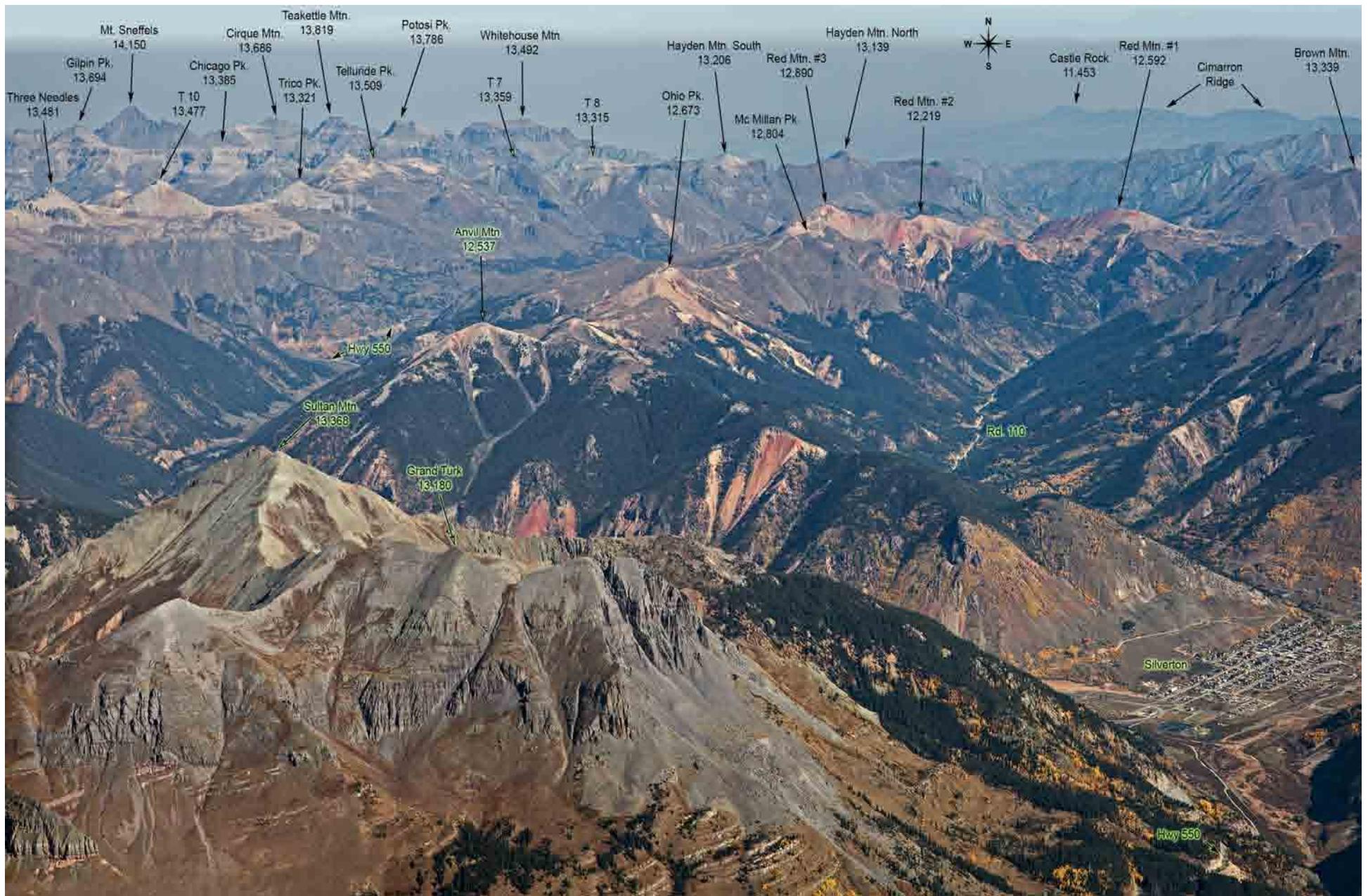


Photo n35. Grand Turk and mountains north of it. Mountains to the left of the view presented on the Photo 31.

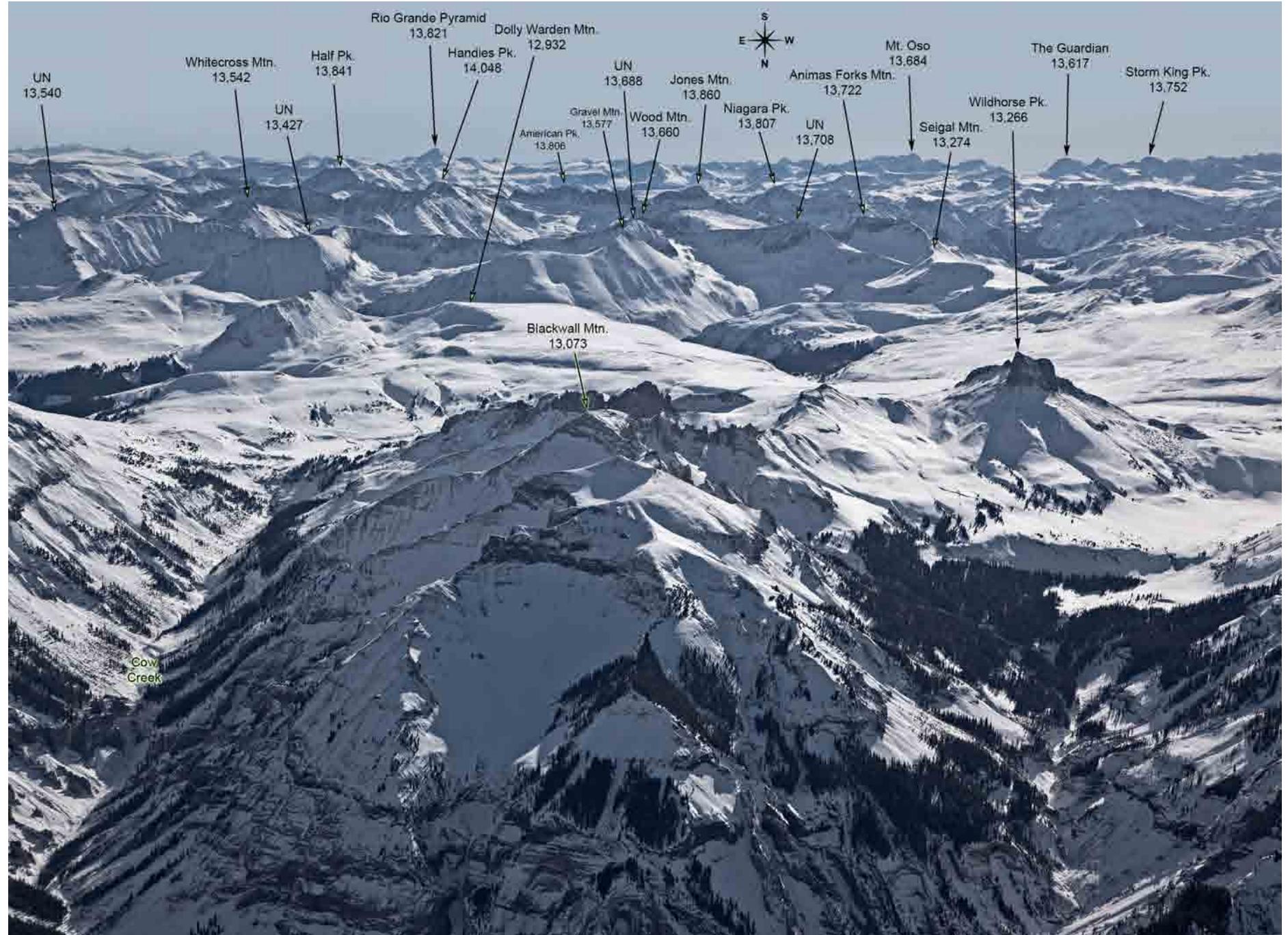


Photo n36. Blackwall Mountain and Wildhorse Peak view to the south.

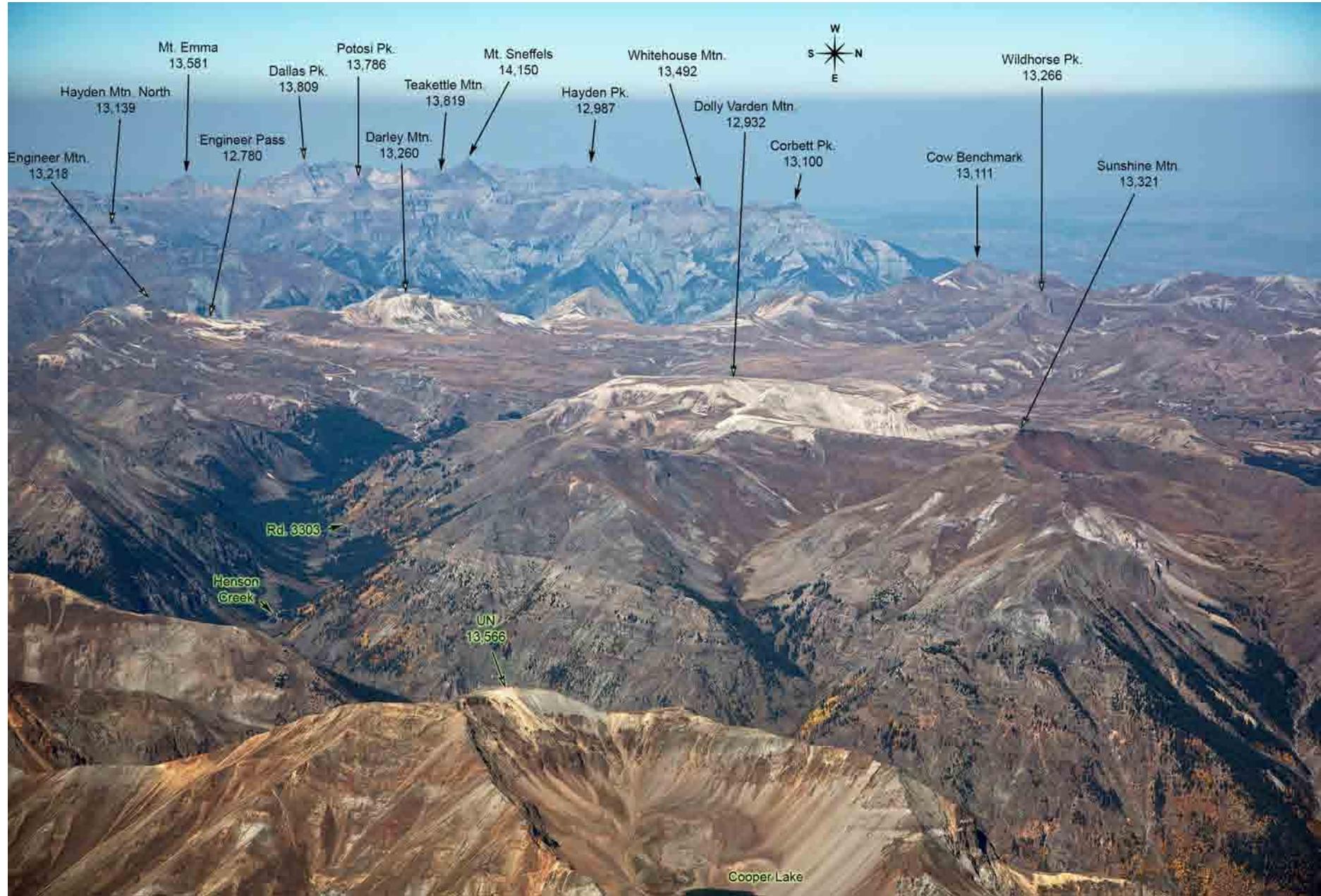
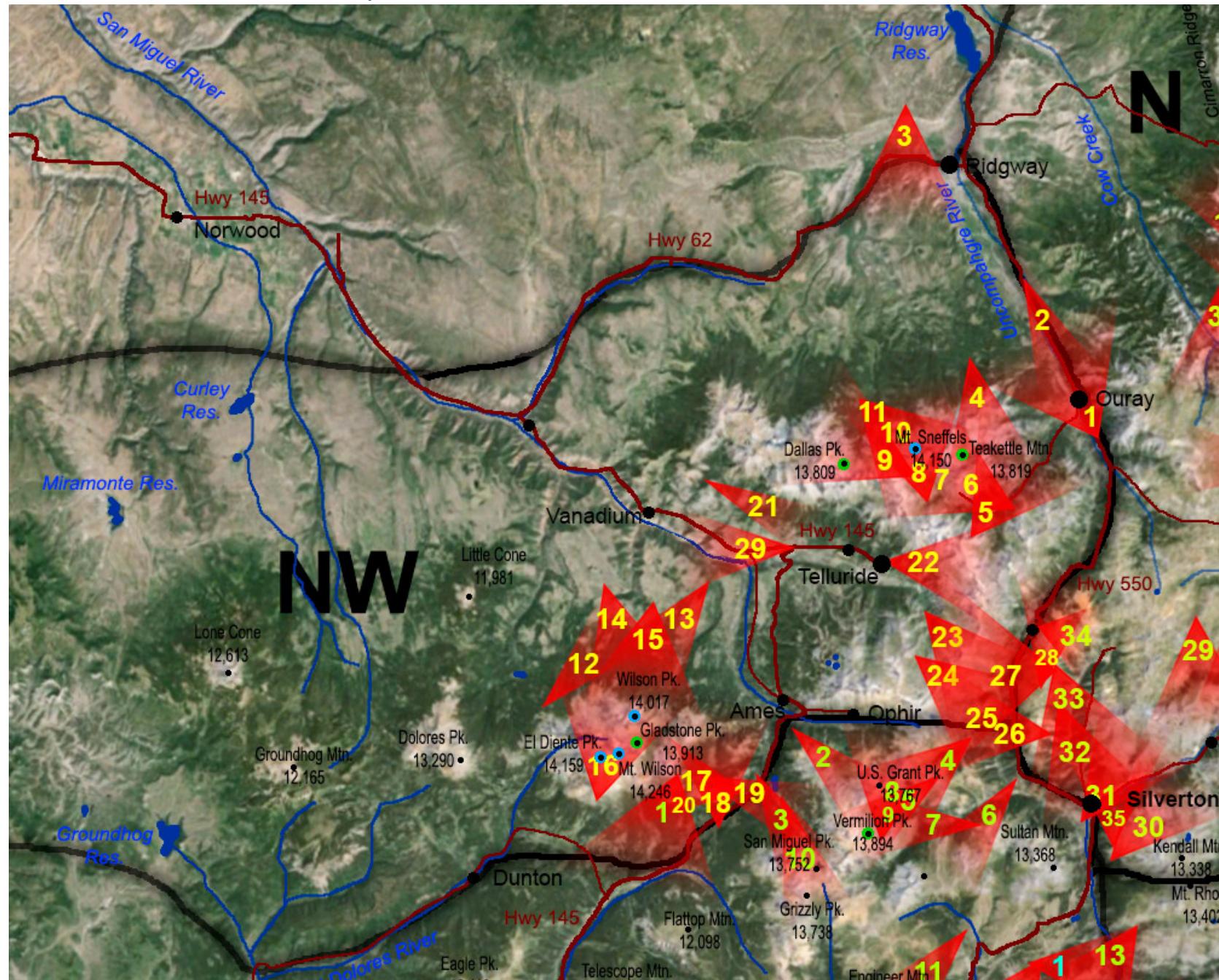


Photo n37. View to the west from Unnamed Peak 13,566. Ouray is in the valley behind and below Darley Mountain and Cow Benchmark.

Section NW: The Northwest, Mount Sneffels and Lizard Head Wildernesses



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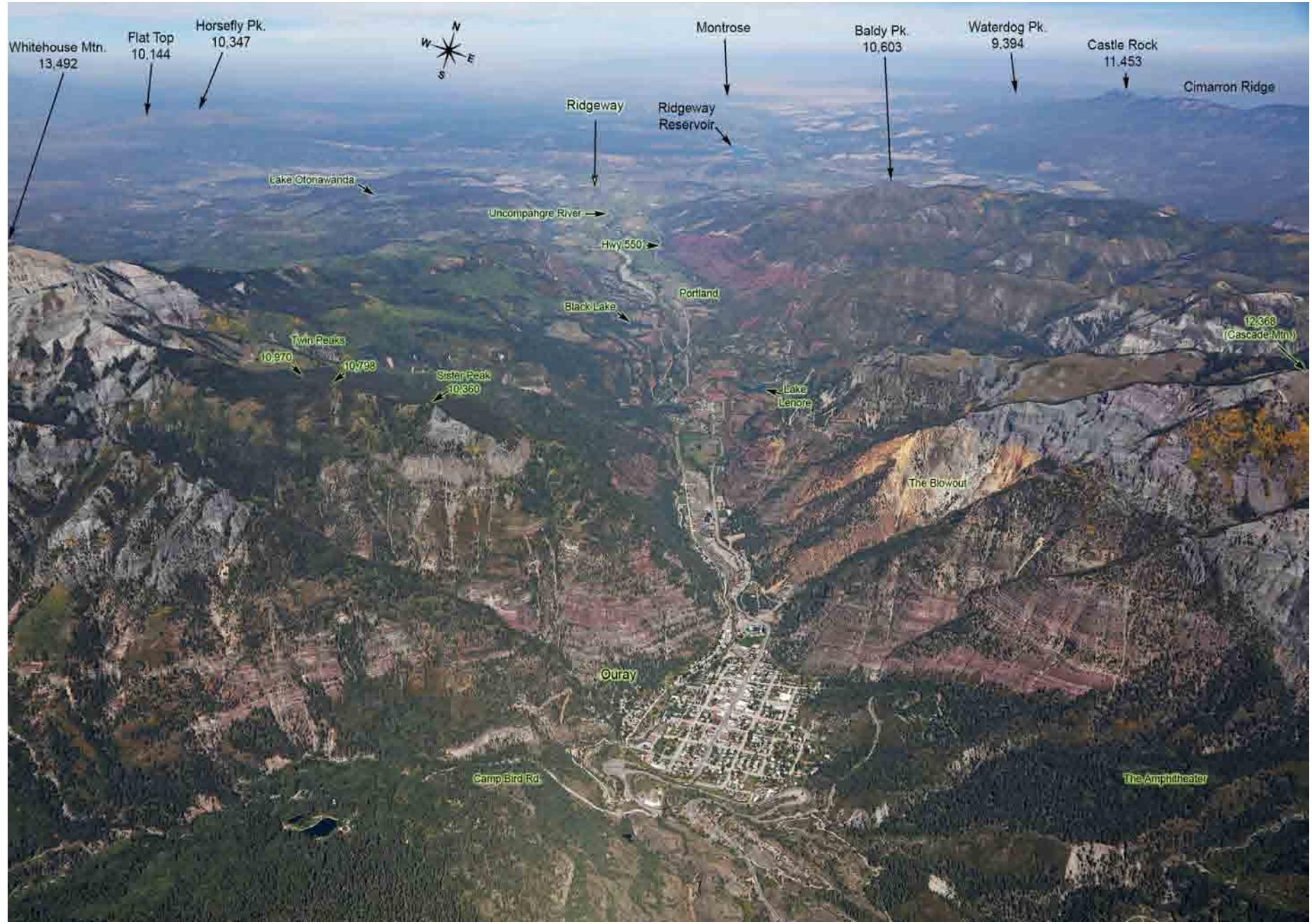


Photo nw1. View from Ouray to the north.

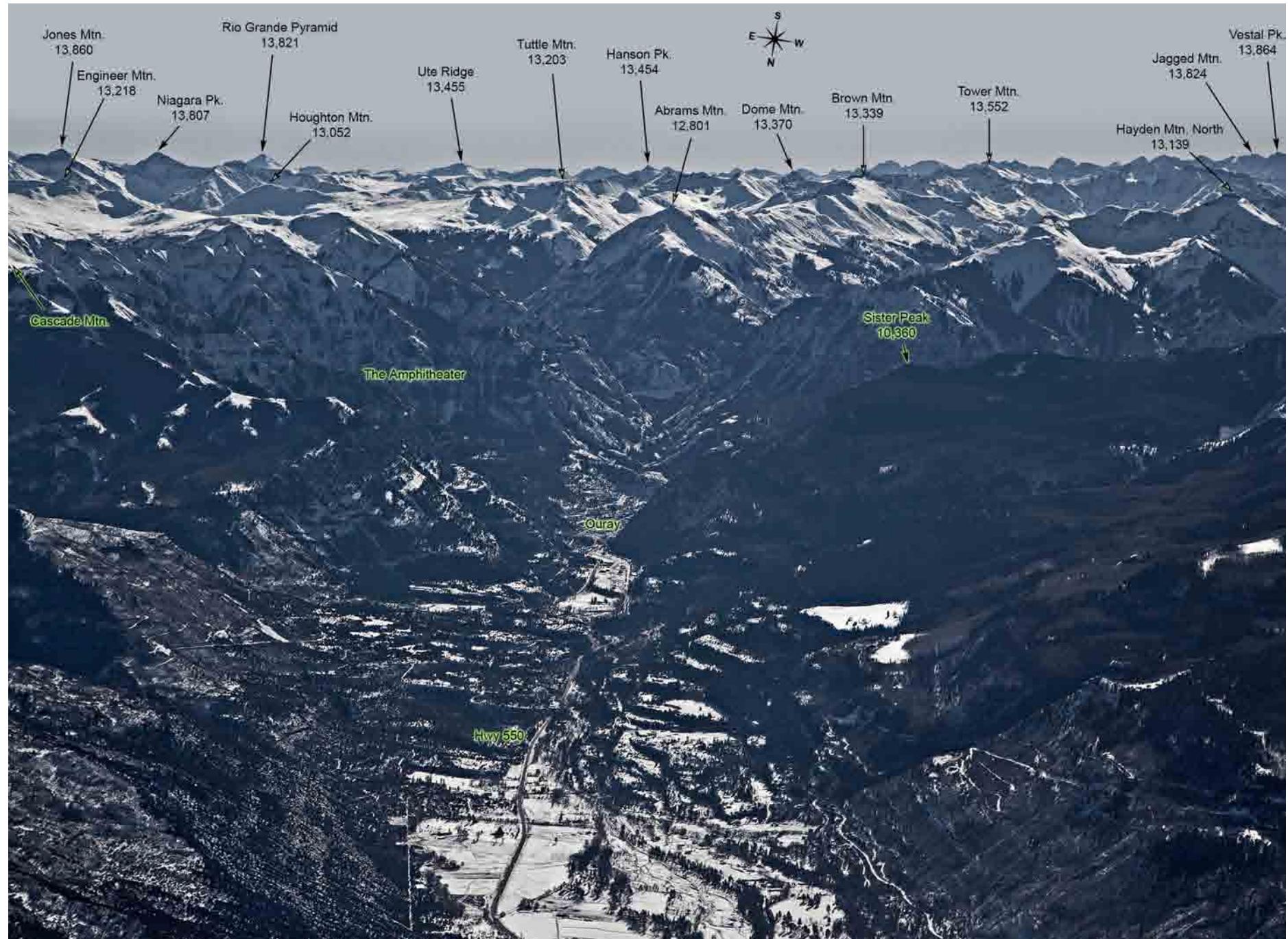


Photo NW2. View from Ouray to the south.

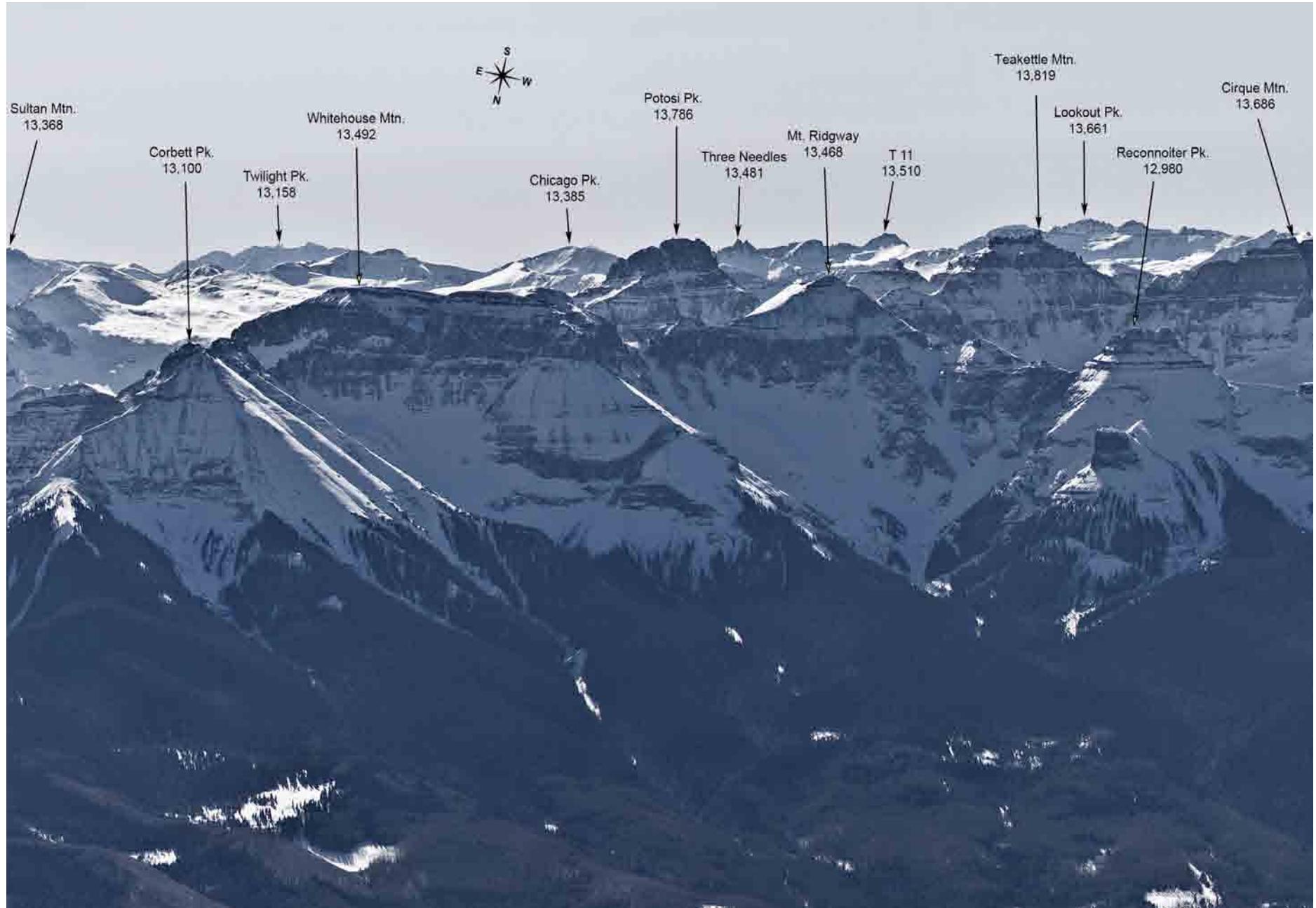


Photo NW3a. A four-page panorama of Mount Sneffels Wilderness area viewed from north. Part 1 of 4, from Whitehouse to Cirque Mountains.

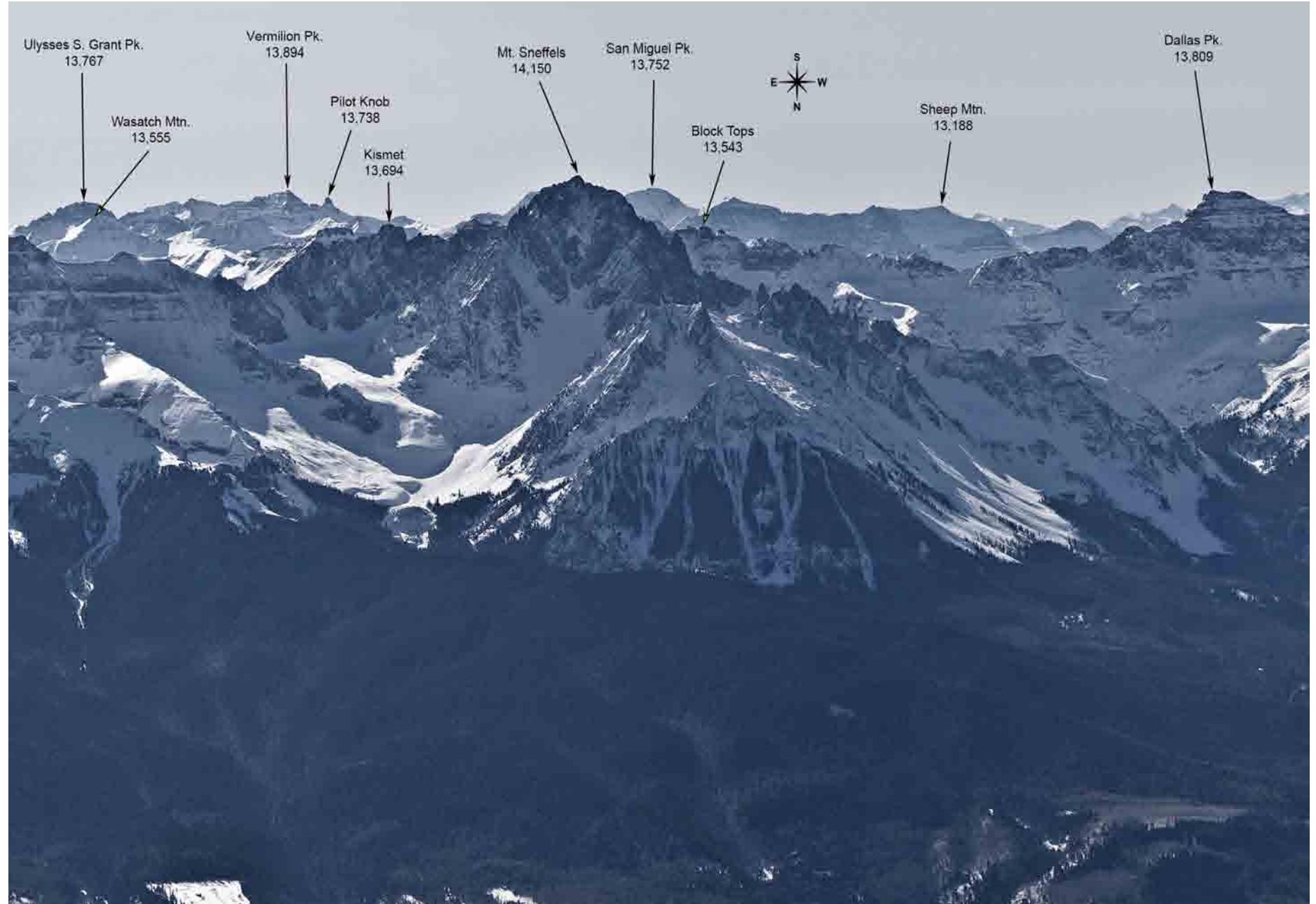


Photo NW3b. Part 2 of 4 of Mount Sneffels Wilderness panorama, from Cirque Mountain (far left) to Dallas Peak.

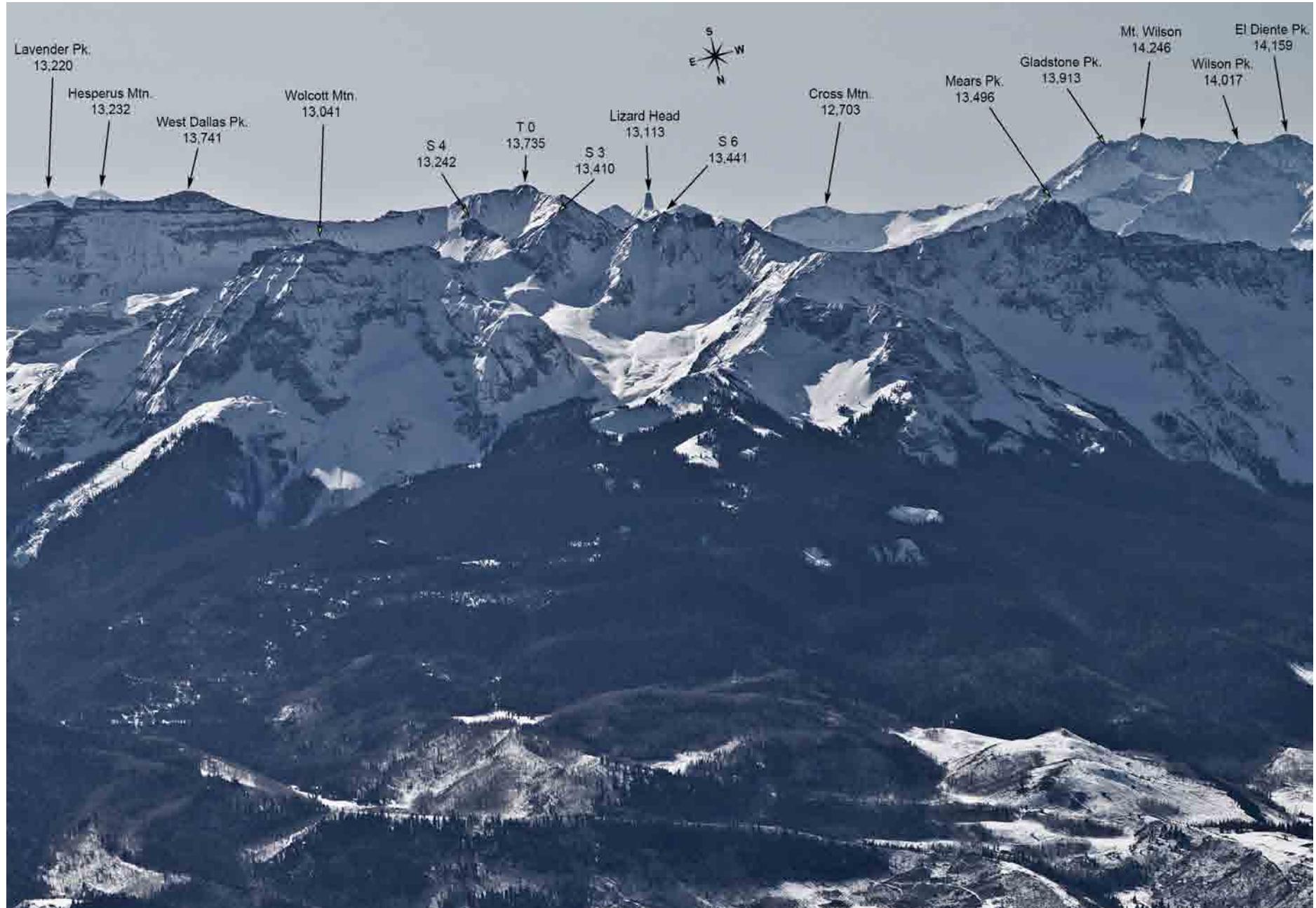


Photo NW3c. Part 3 of 4 of Mount Sneffels Wilderness panorama, from West Dallas Peak to Mears Peak. The Mount Wilson group belongs to Lizard Head Wilderness.

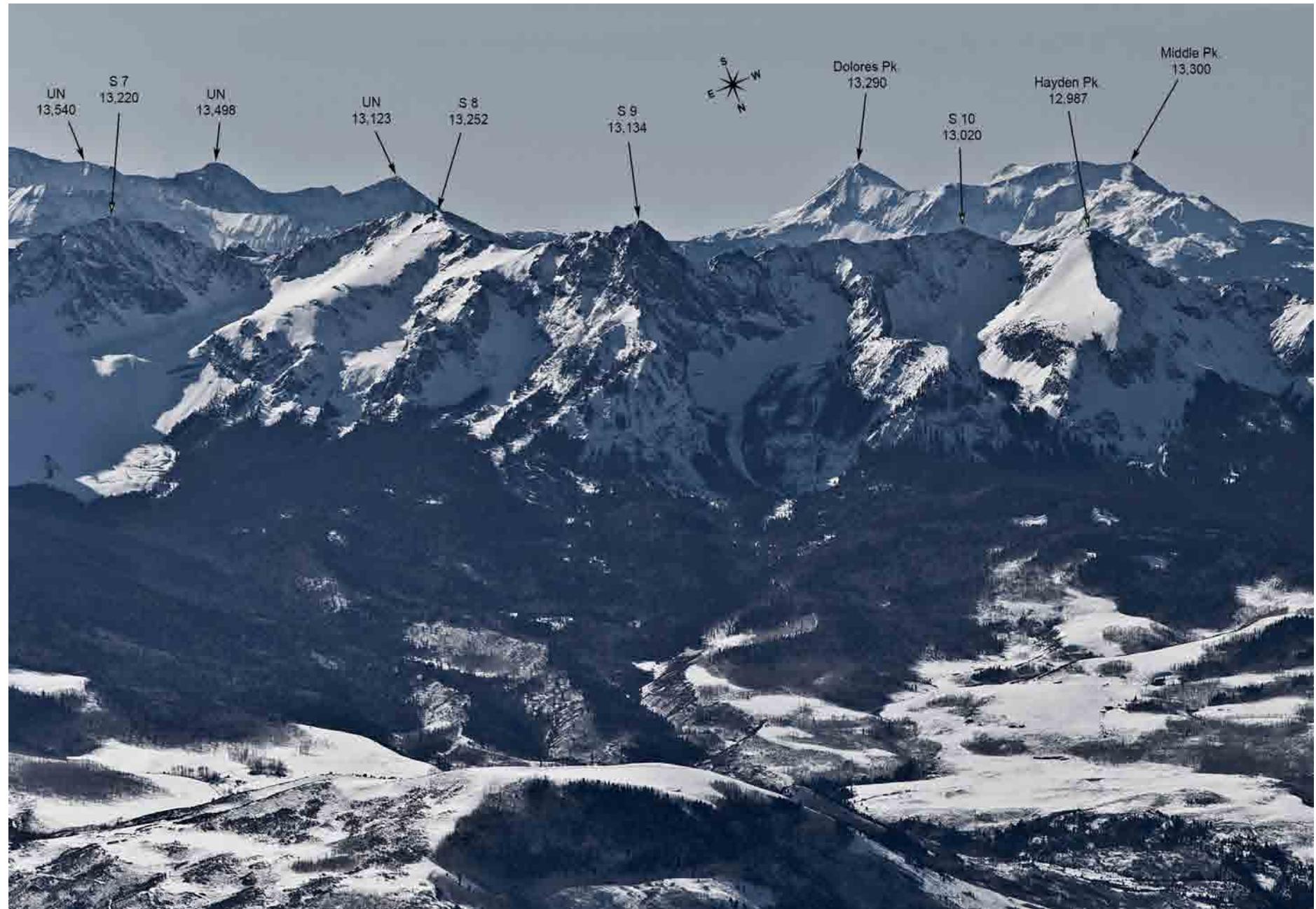


Photo nw3d. Part 4 of 4 of Mount Sneffels Wilderness panorama, from S 7 to Hayden Peaks.

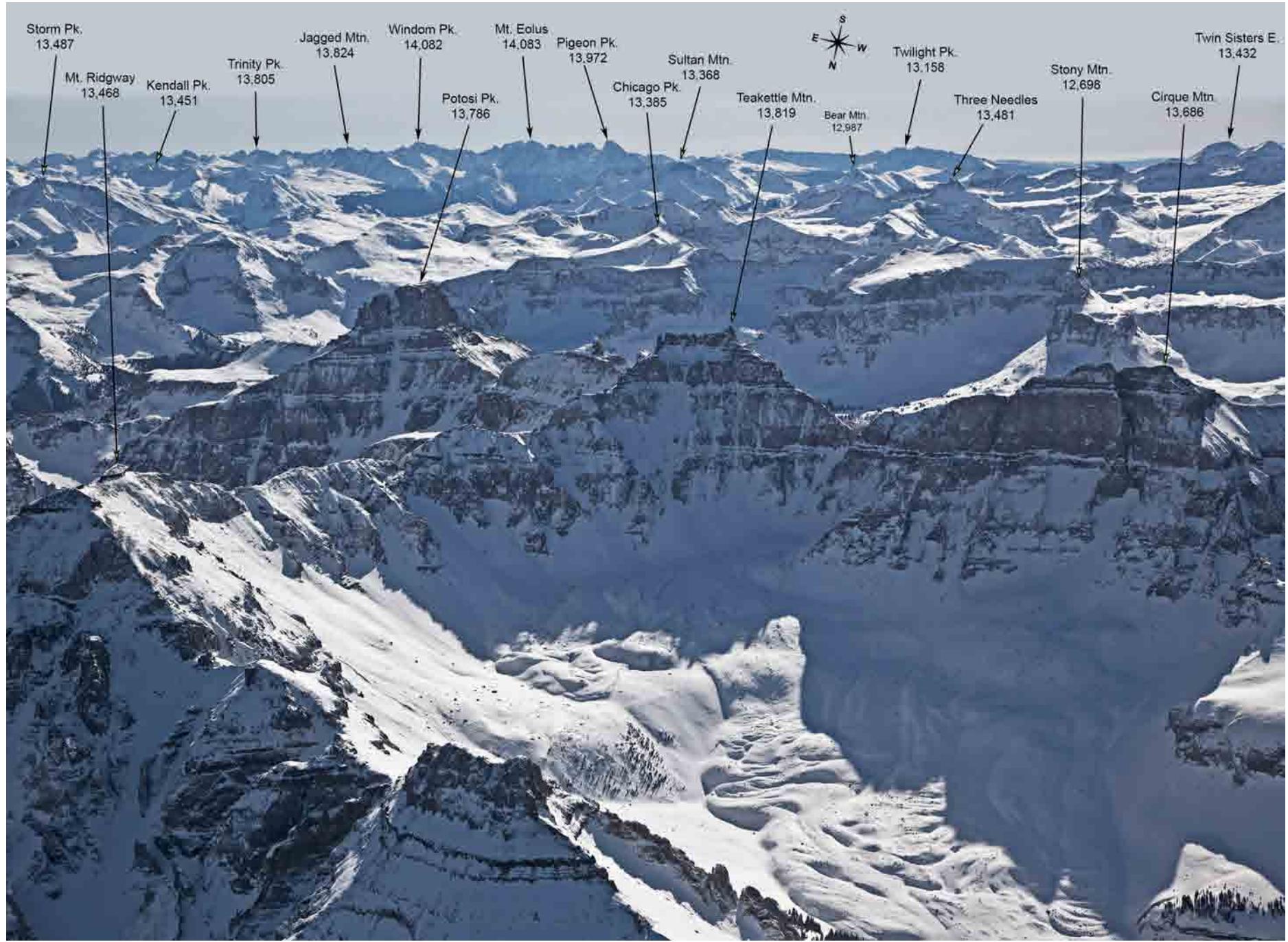


Photo NW4. A close up northern face view of Mount Ridgeway – Cirque Mountain Ridge.

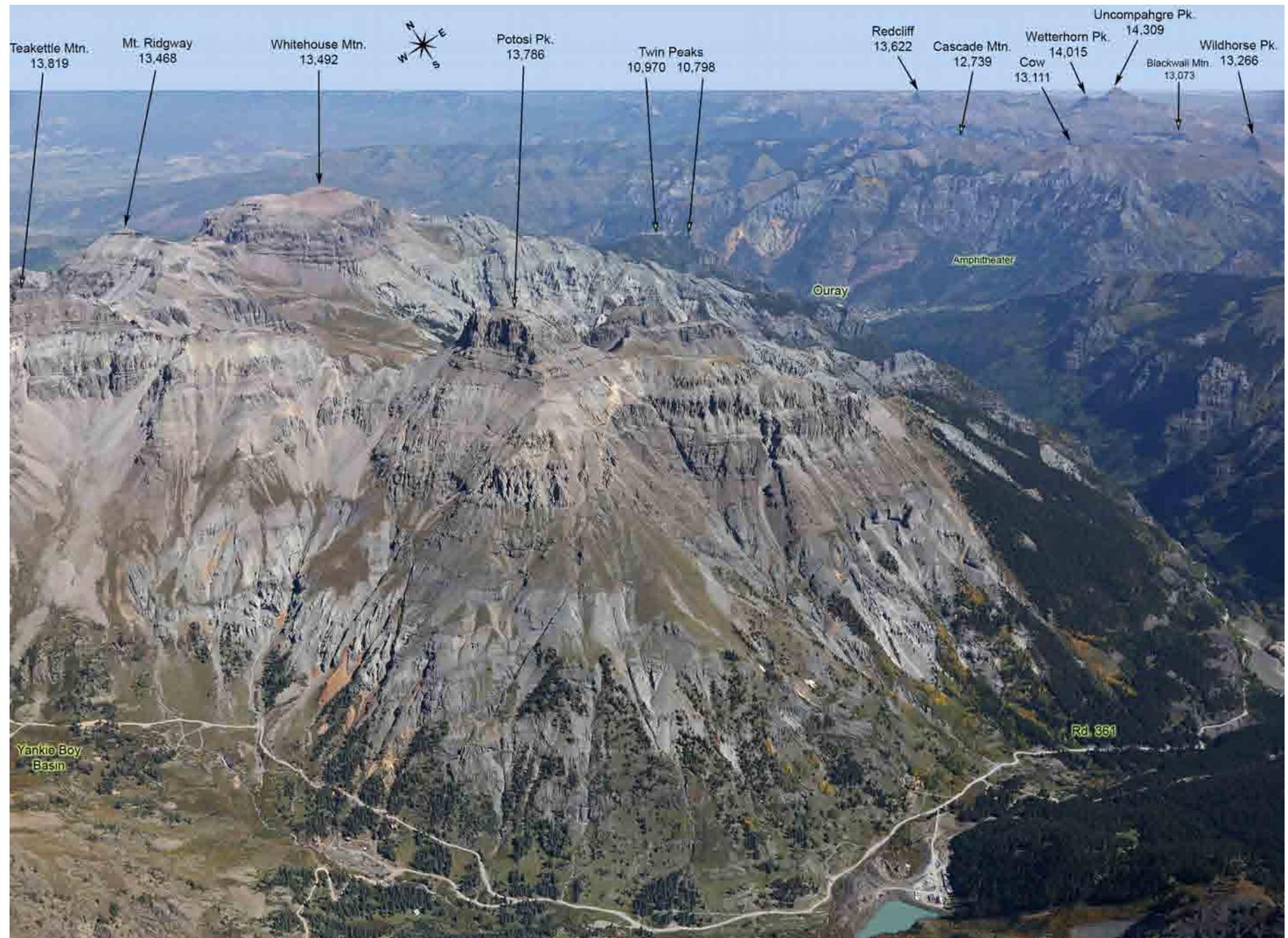


Photo nw5. Potosi Peak.

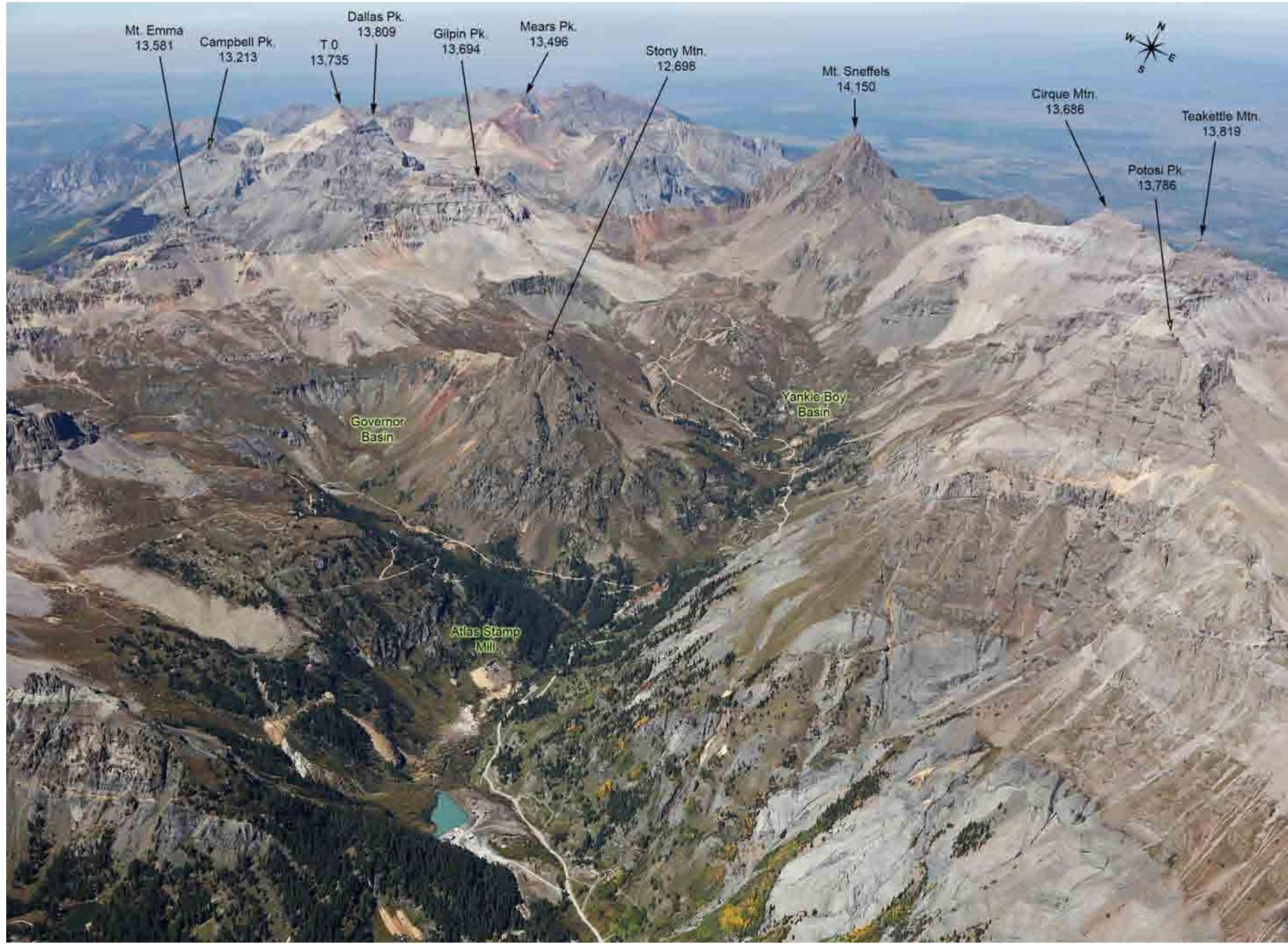


Photo NW6. Yankie Boy Basin and the surrounding mountains.

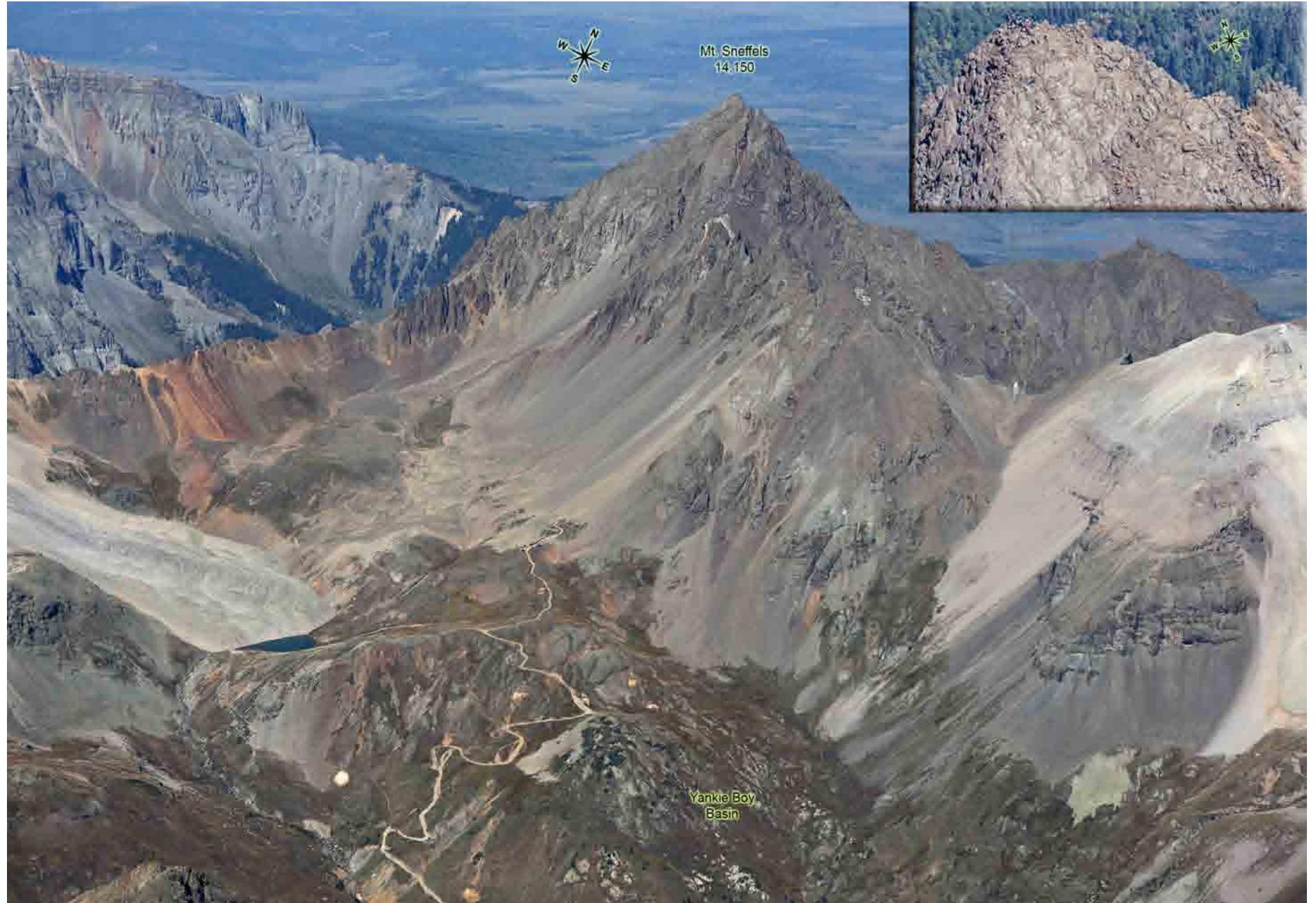


Photo NW7. View from southeast of Mount Sneffels. The summit is in the insert. Although not certain, term "Sneffels" came after Icelandic mountain from a fiction Jules Verne's 1864 novel, "Journey to the Center of the Earth", as mentioned on 14ers.com.

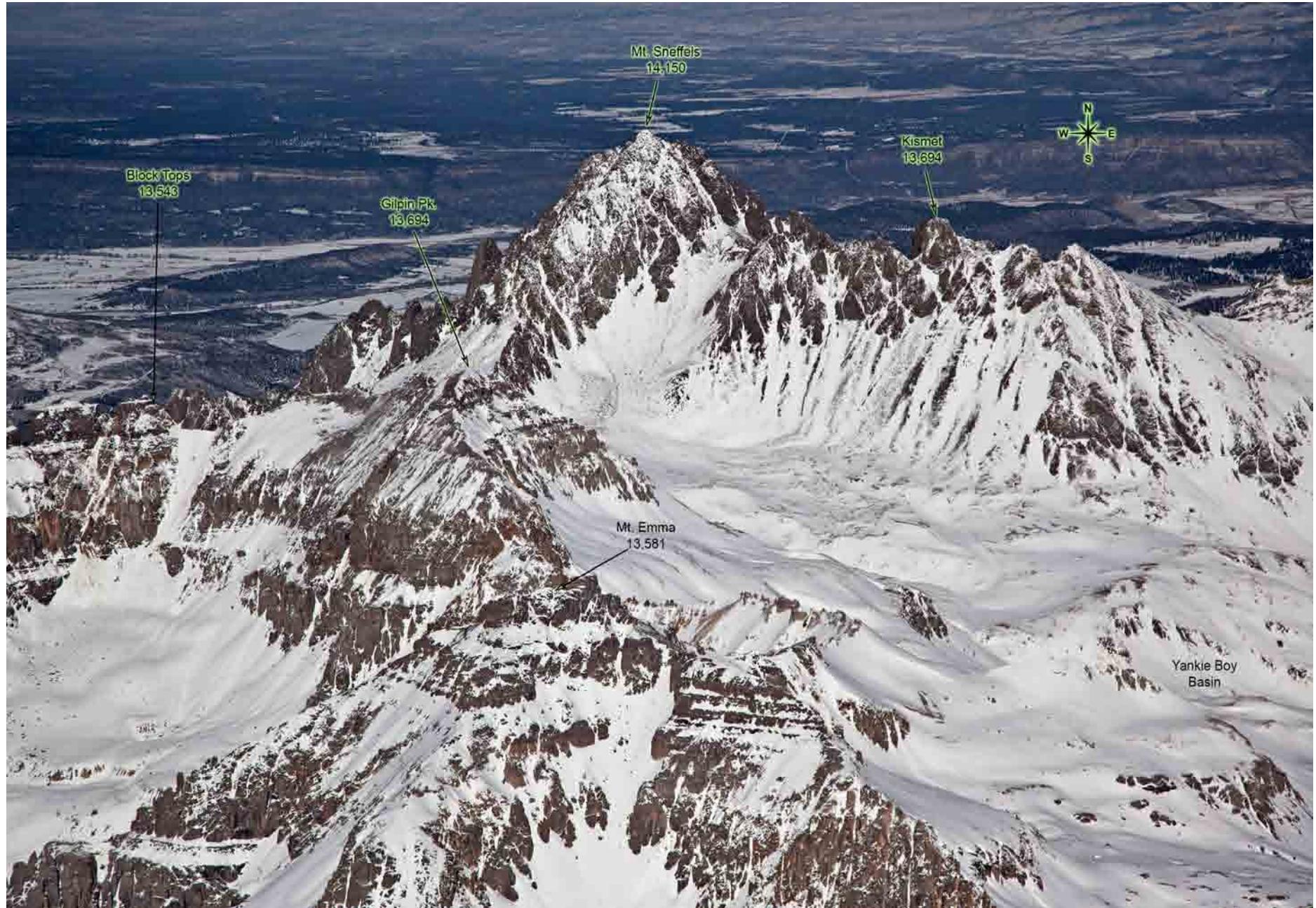


Photo NW8. Wintery view from south of Mount Sneffels. Mount Emma and Gilpin Peaks are in the foreground.

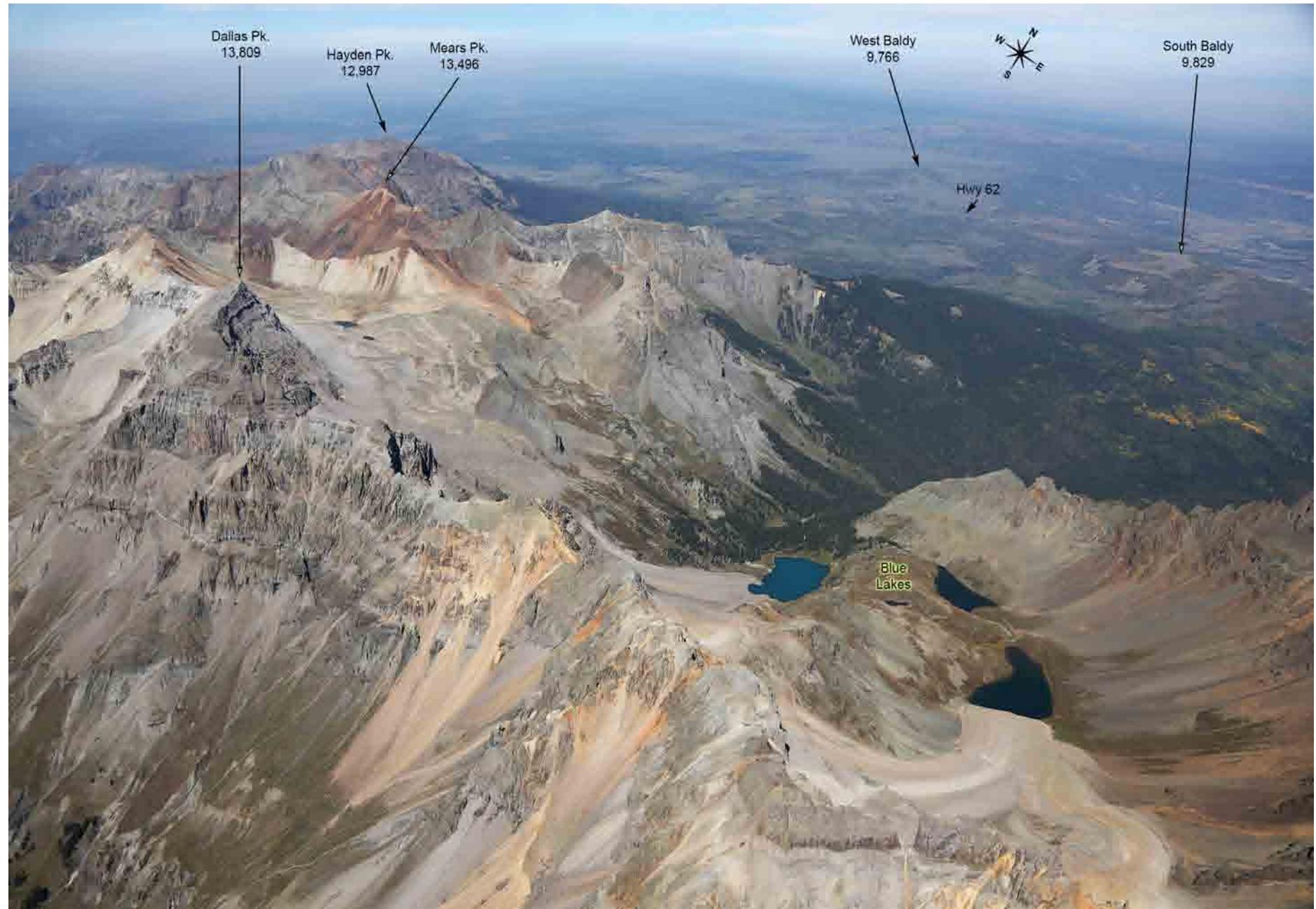


Photo NW9. View from southeast of Dallas Peak.

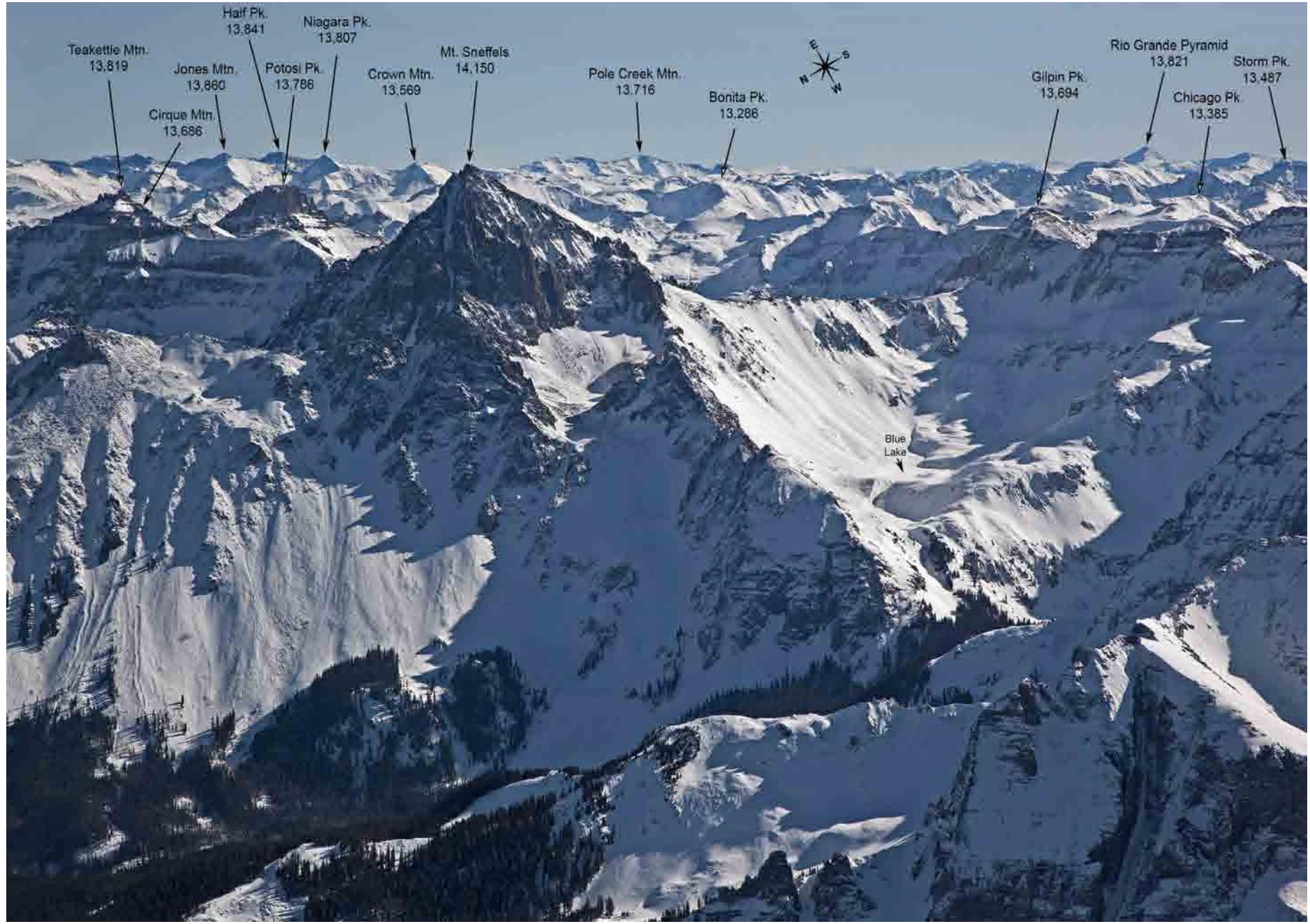


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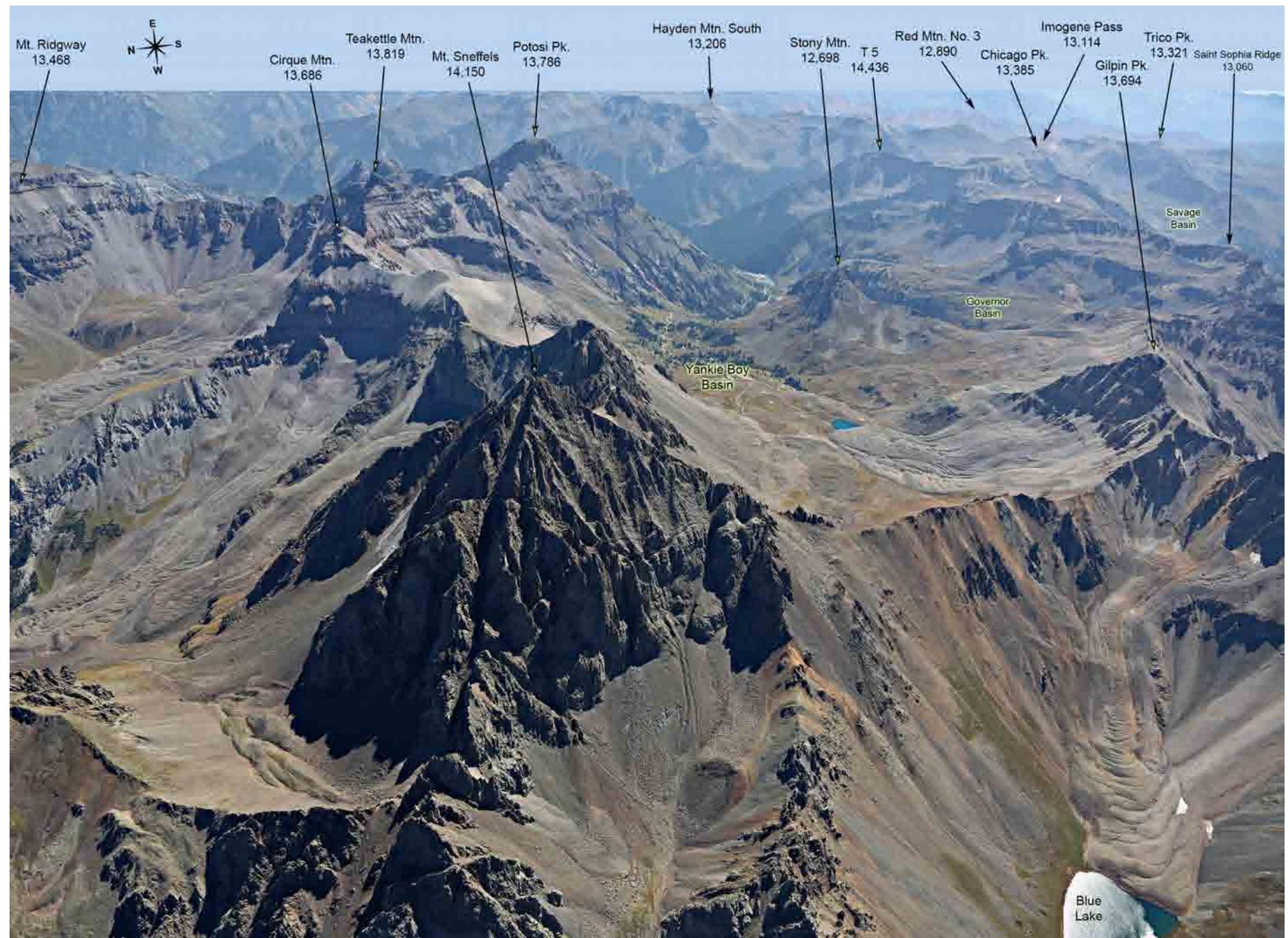


Photo nw11. Mount Sneffels and Yankee Boy Basin viewed from west.

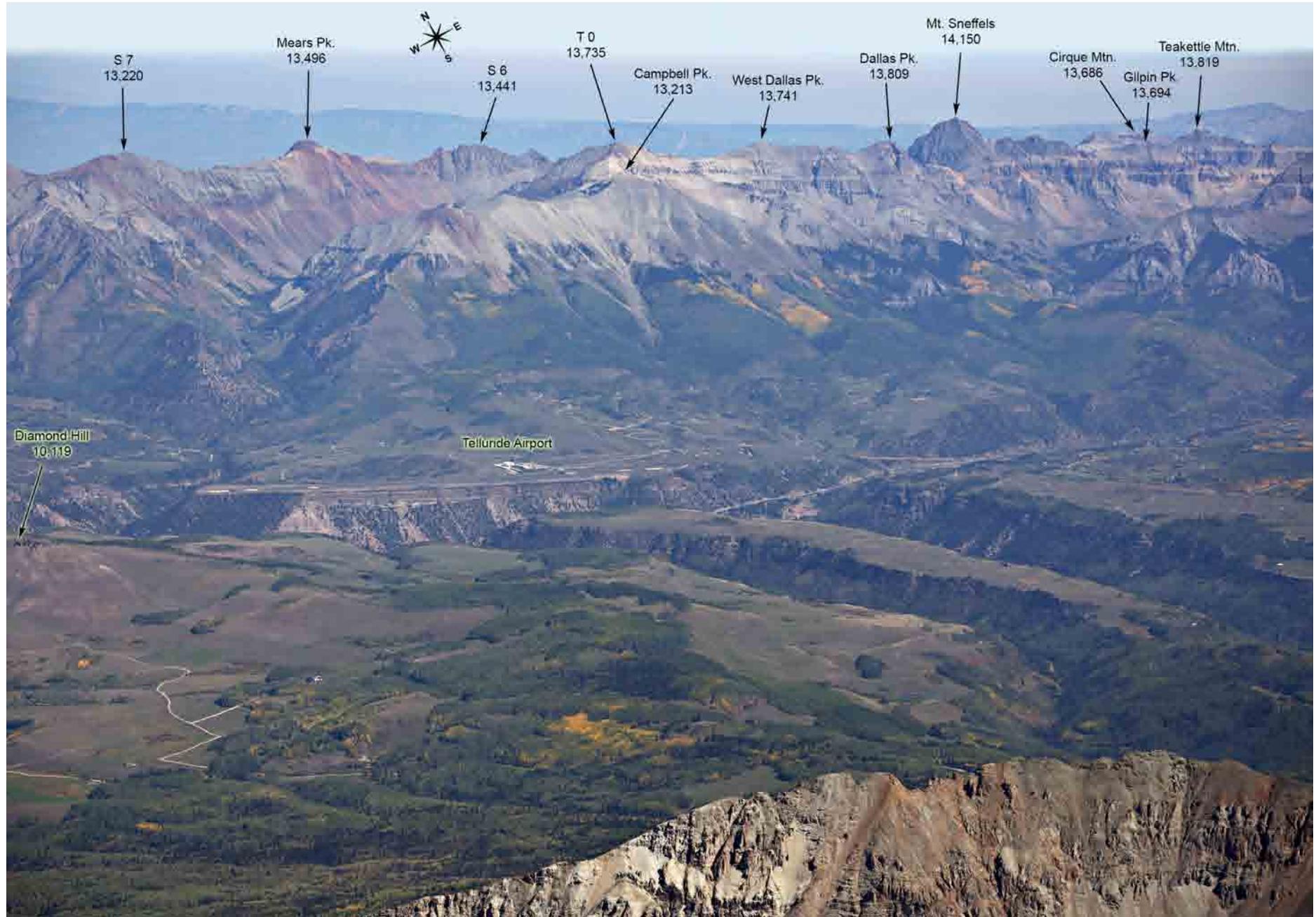


Photo nw12. Mount Sneffels Wilderness view from south. Telluride Airport is on its foothills.

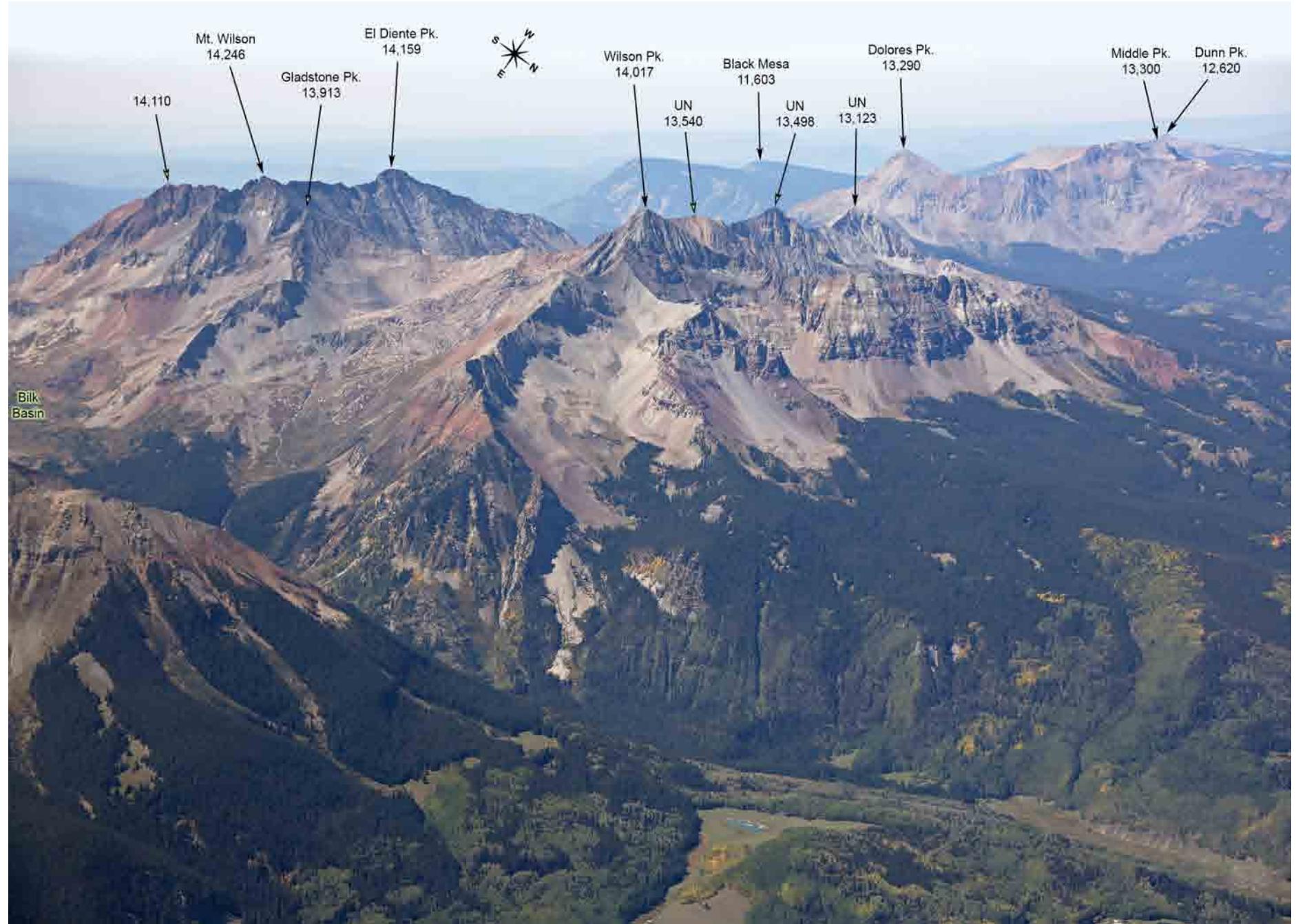


Photo nw13. Mount Wilson and Wilson Peak viewed from northeast. Name "Wilson" is after Allen David Wilson, chief topographer of the U.S. Government's Hayden Survey of 1873-75, who made the first ascent on [Mount Wilson](#).

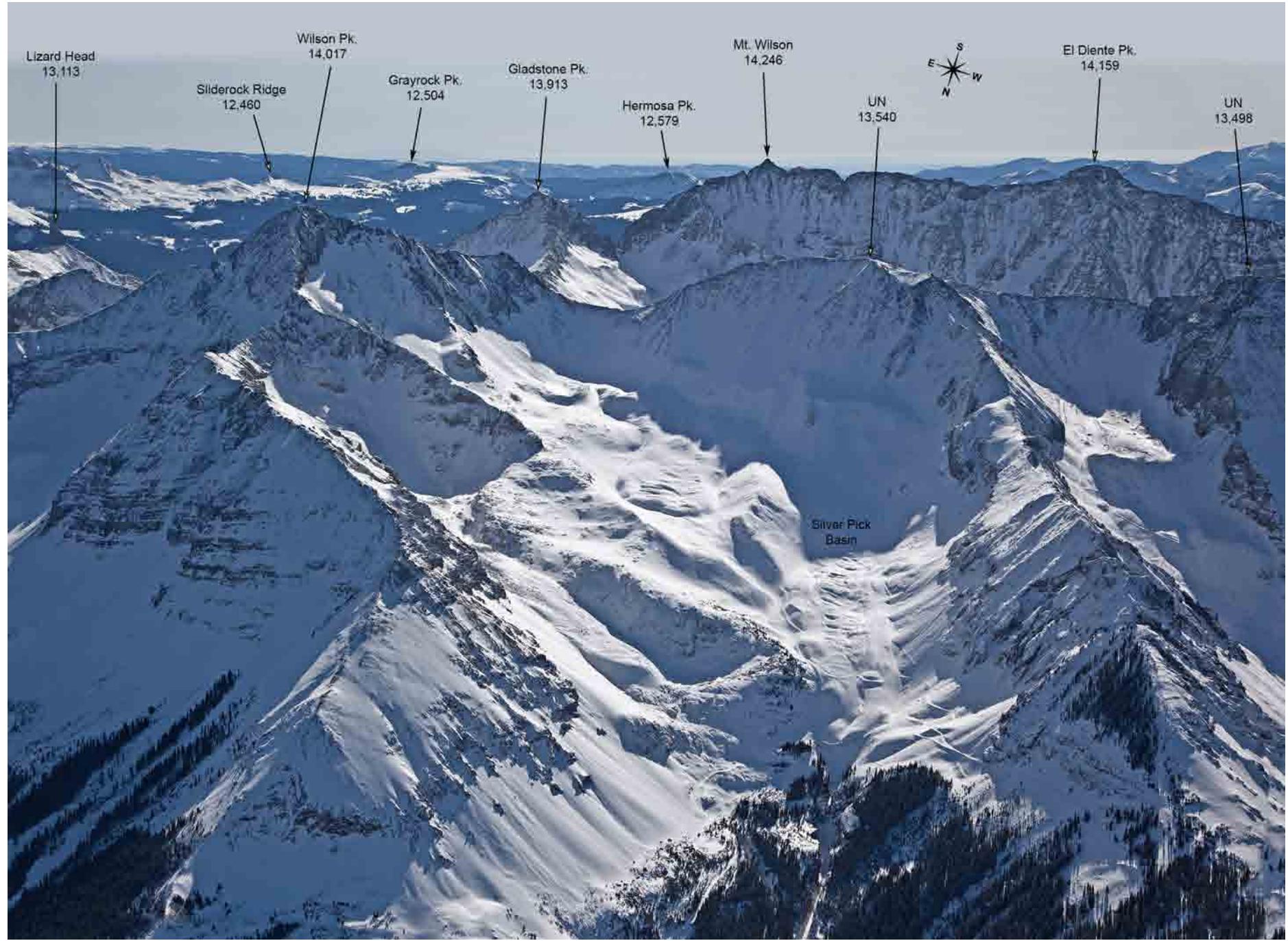


Photo NW14. From Wilson Peak to El Diente Peak, viewed from north.

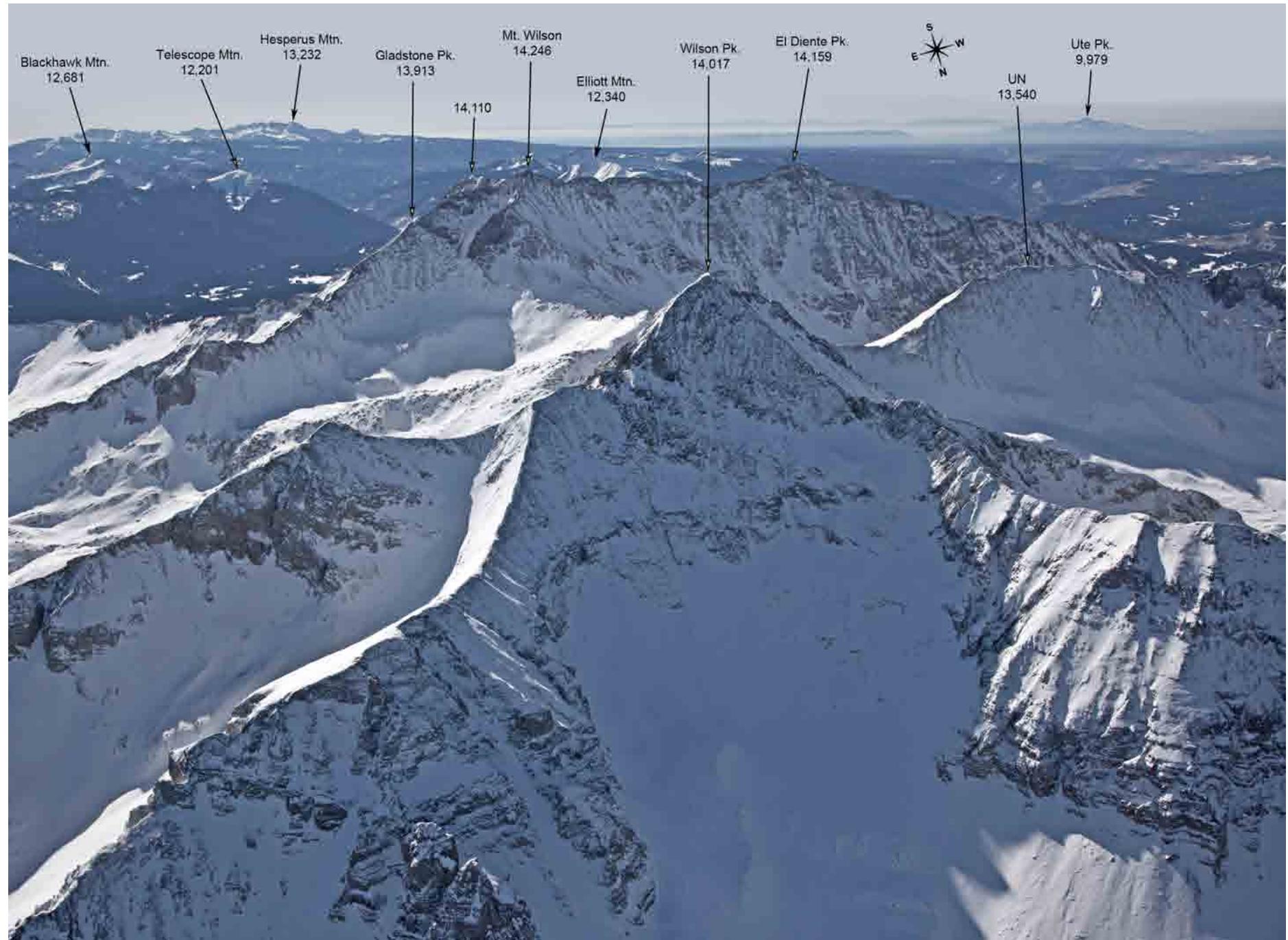


Photo nw15. Mount Wilson Group of mountains viewed from northeast.

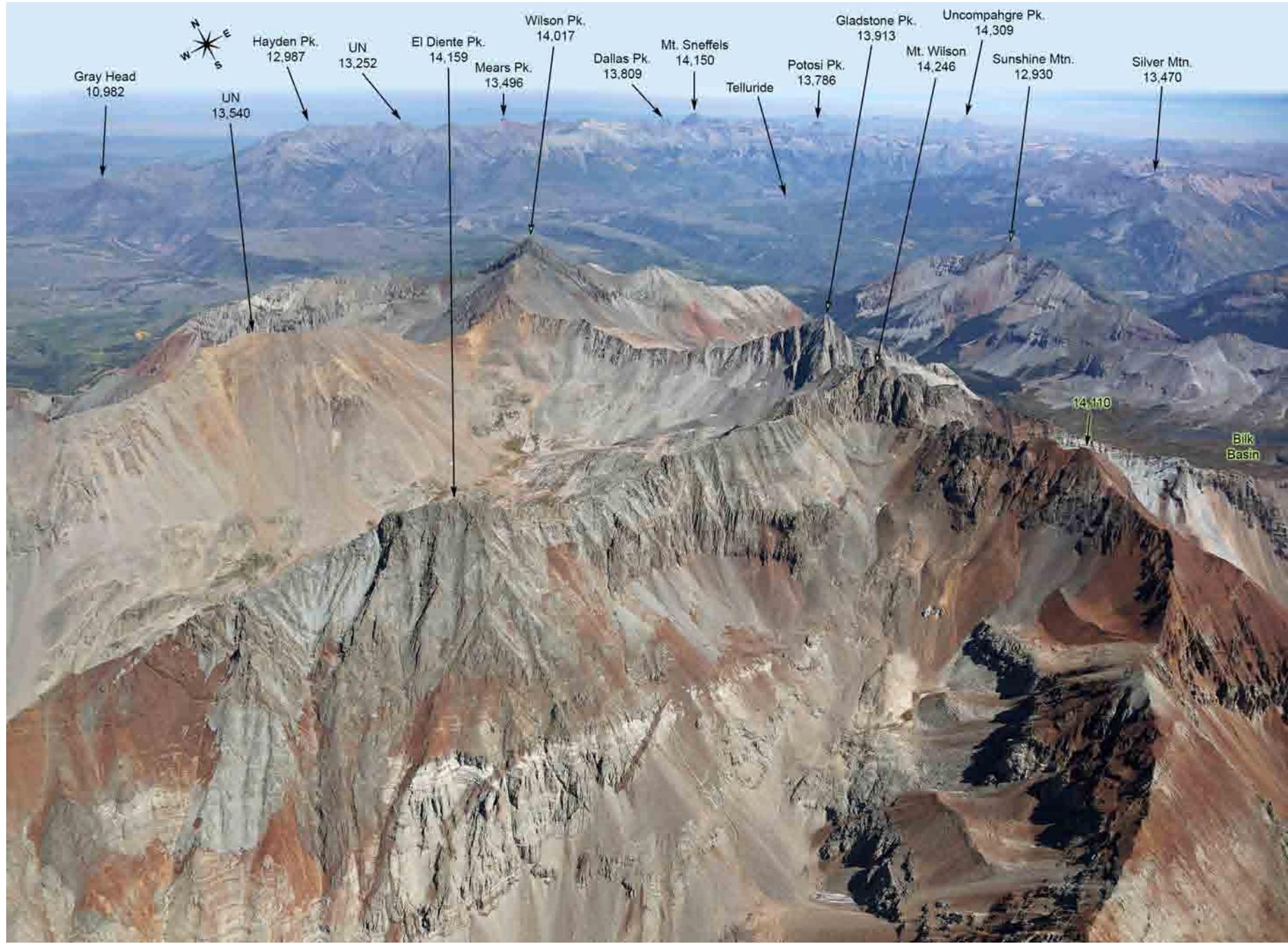


Photo NW16. El Diente to Mount Wilson Ridge viewed from southwest. El Diente, which is Spanish for the "the tooth," was named by San Juan mountaineer Dwight Garrigues [Lavender](#) (1911-1934) for its ascent from the south.

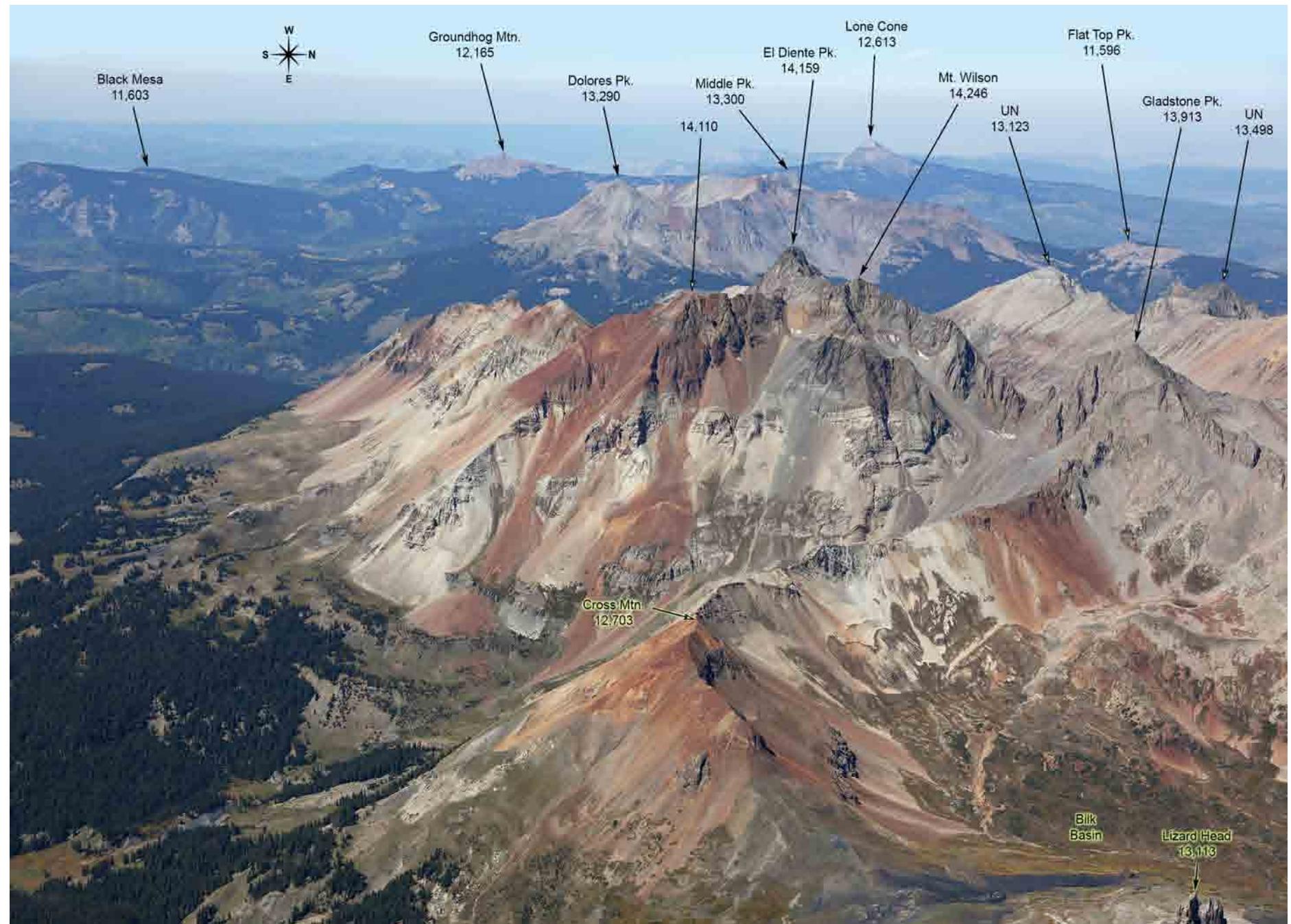


Photo nw17. View from around Lizard Head Peak towards west.

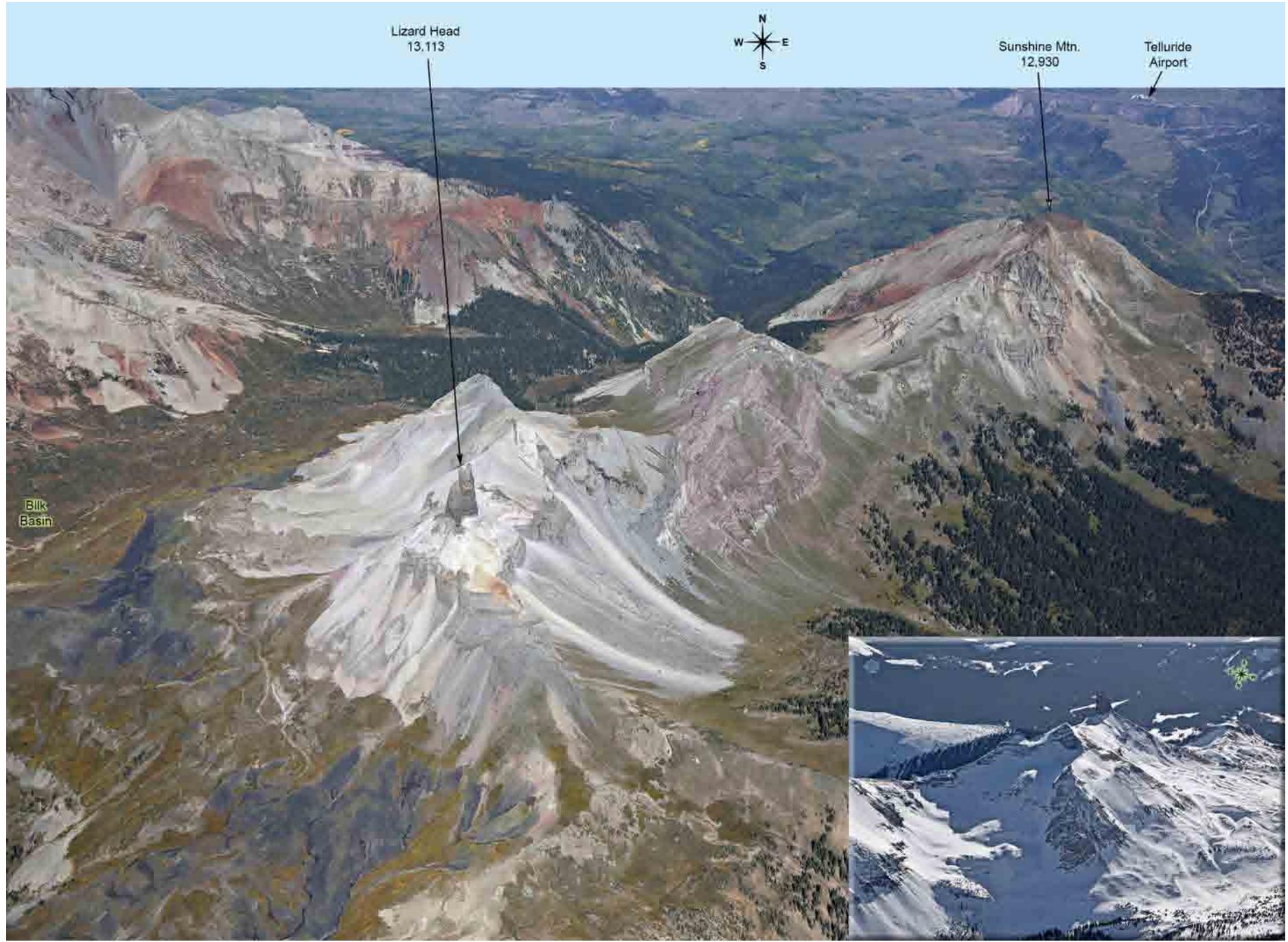


Photo NW18. Lizard Head – Sunshine Mountain Rige.

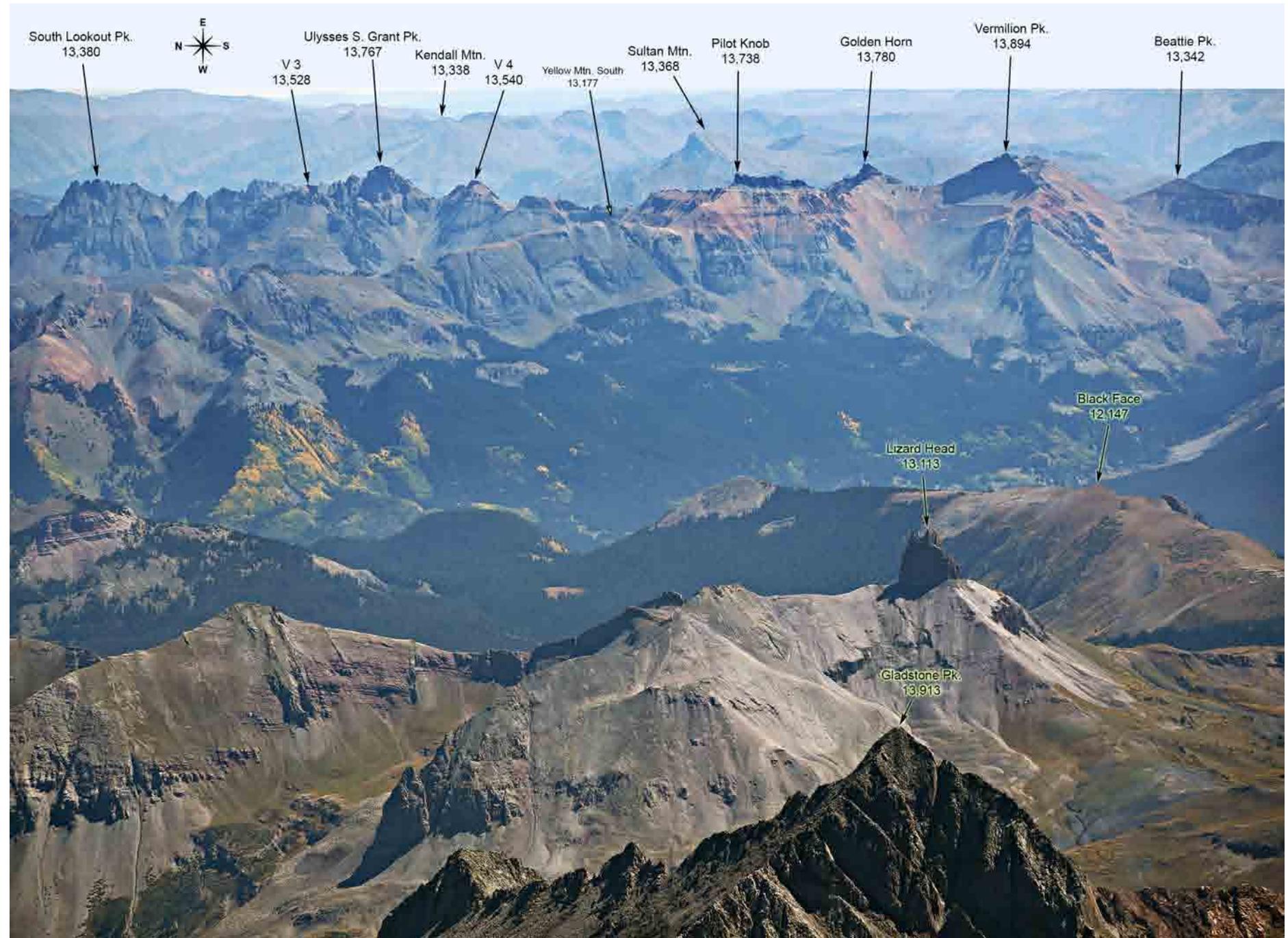


Photo NW19. View from around Gladstone Peak to the east.

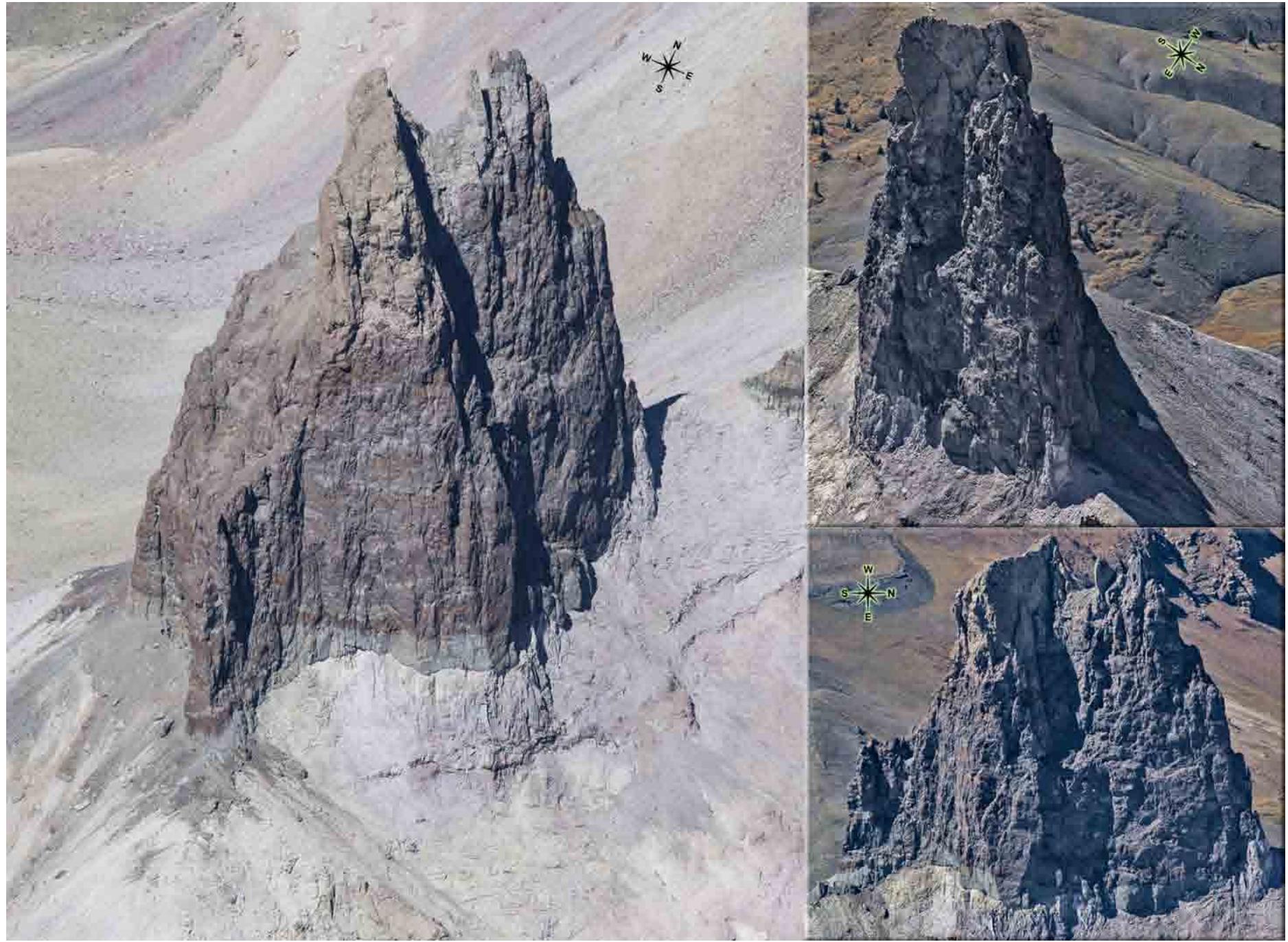


Photo NW20. Lizard Head Peak. Considered the most difficult 13er to climb in Colorado (class 5.8).

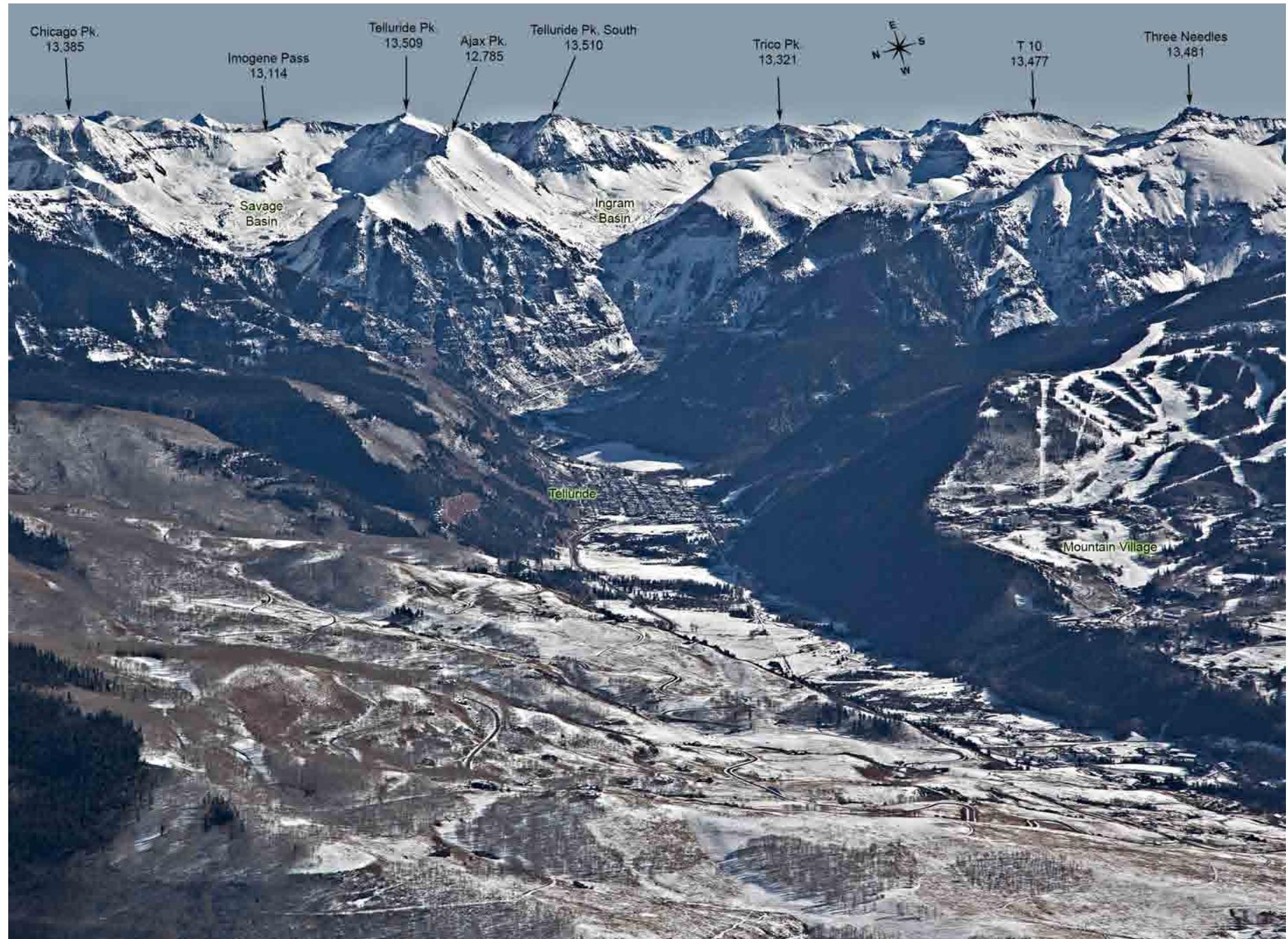


Photo nw21. Mountains around Telluride, view to the east.

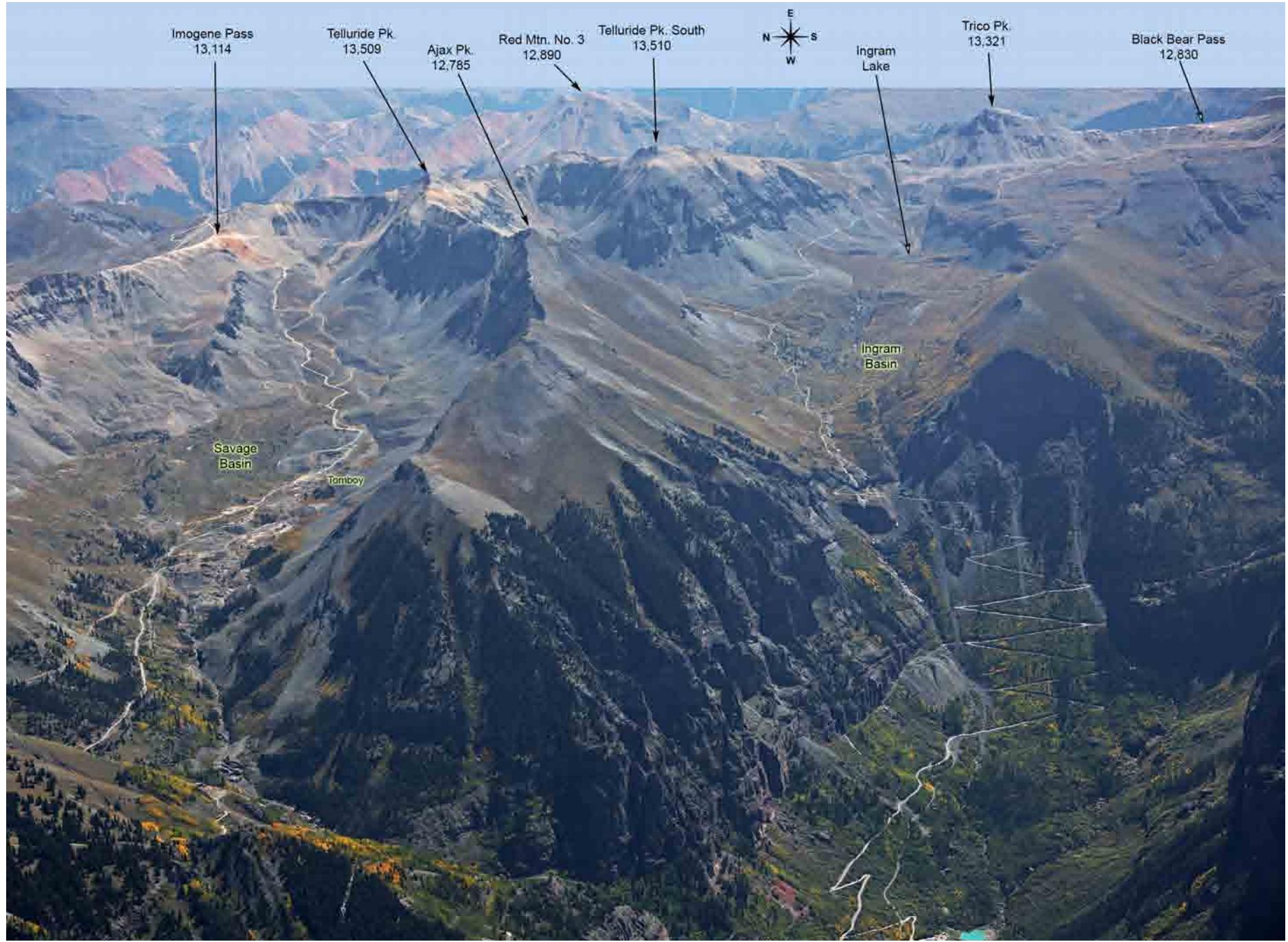


Photo NW22. Trails from Telluride to Imogene Pass and Black Bear Pass.

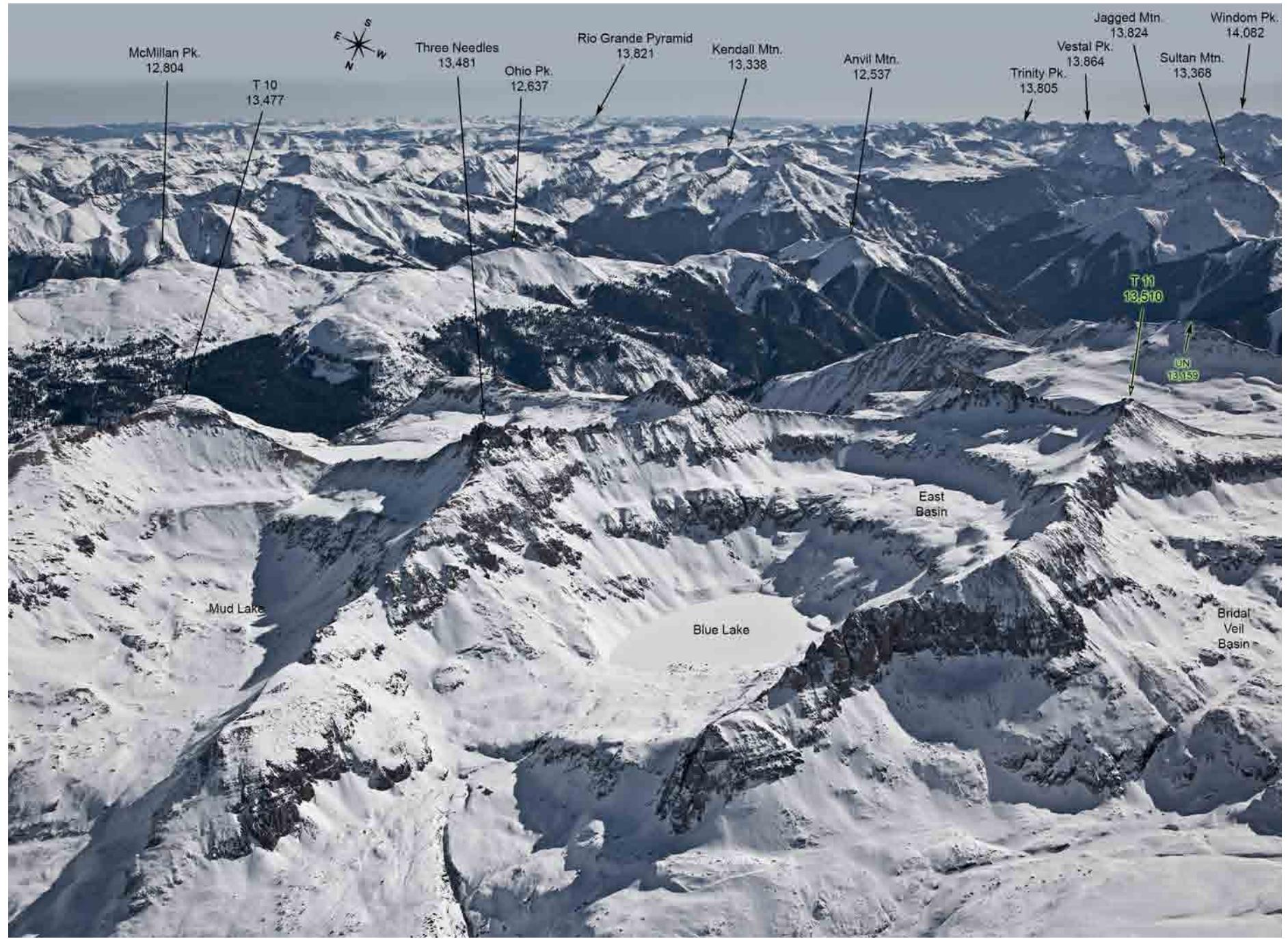


Photo nw23. Blue Lake in winter.

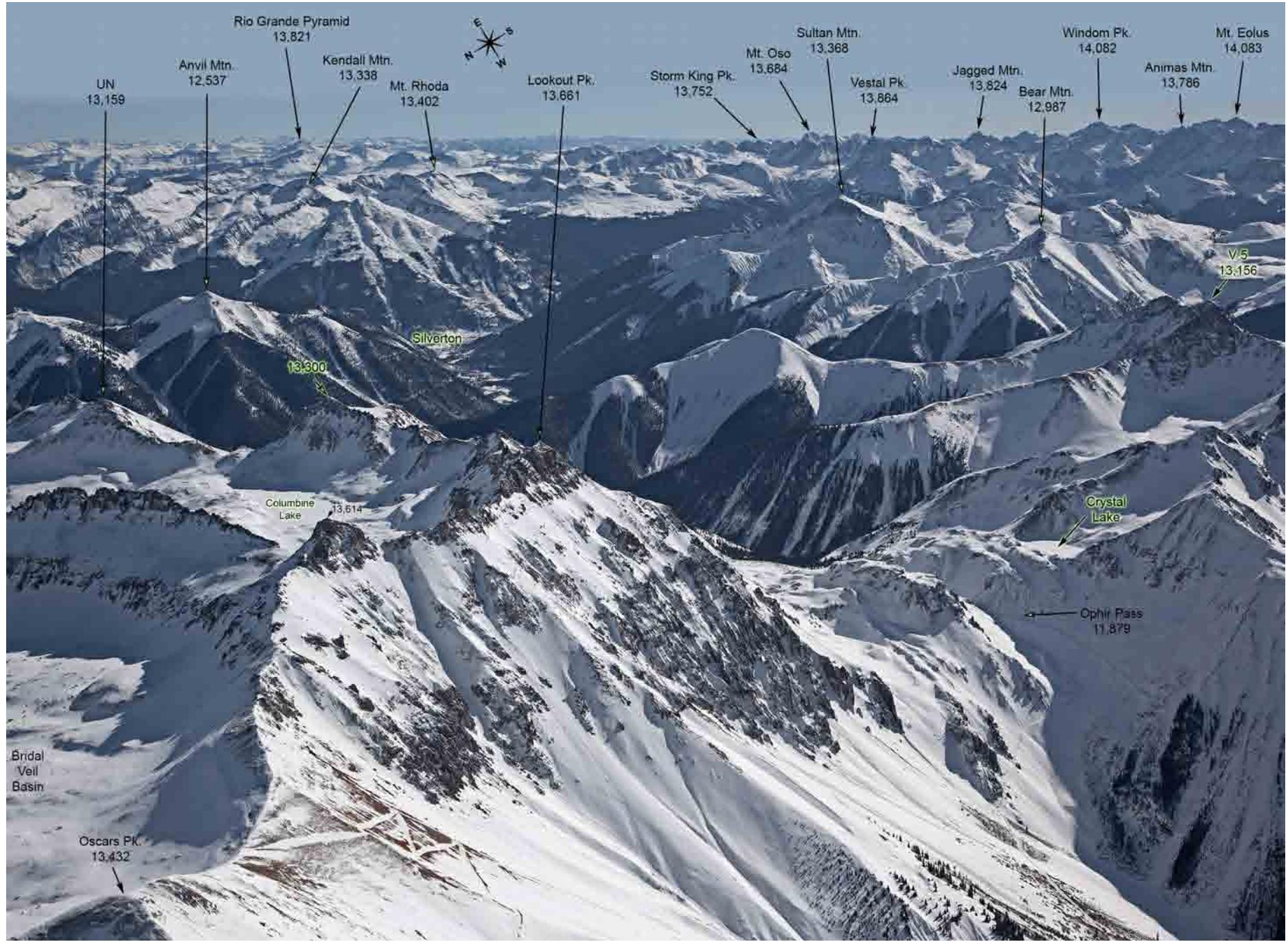


Photo NW24. Lookout Peak and the west side of Ophir Pass.

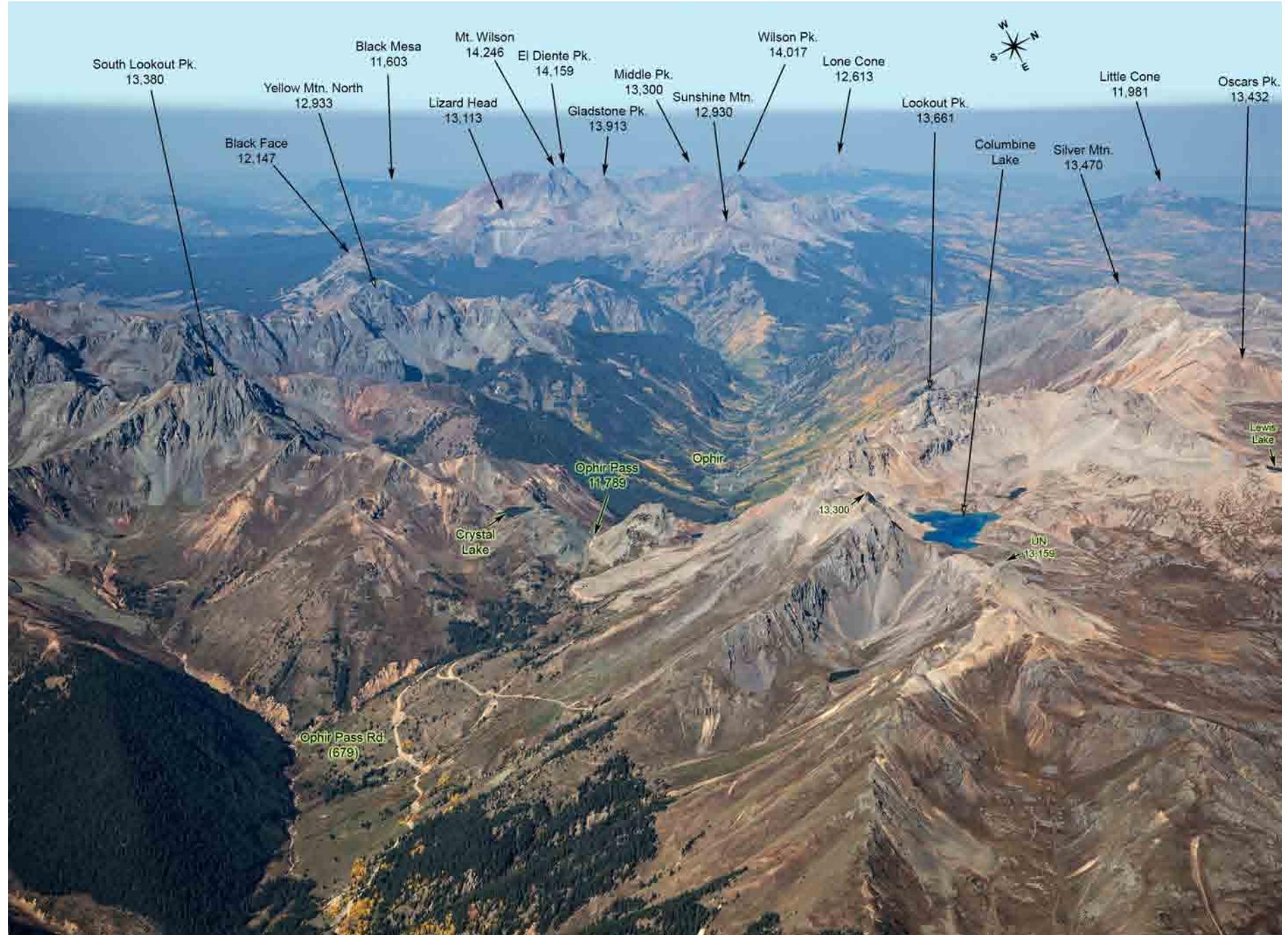


Photo nw25. Lookout Peak, Columbine Lake, and the east side of Ophir Pass.

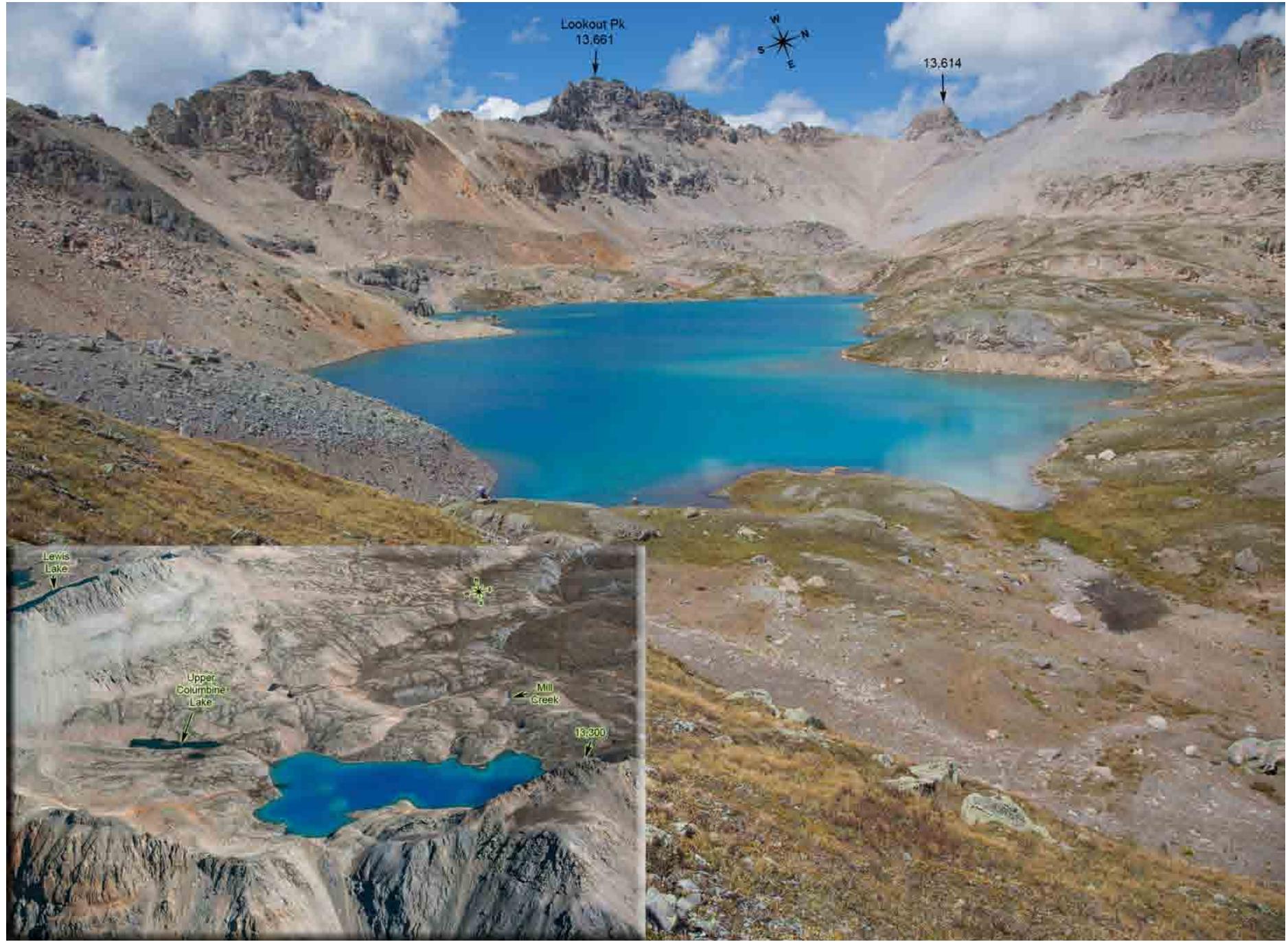


Photo NW26. Columbine Lake has a very unusual for the mountain lakes lazur color. There are some others of a deeper blue color, such as Ice Lake, but this one is of the lightest blue in San Juans. Do not mix up this lake with another Columbine Lake in Needle Mountains.

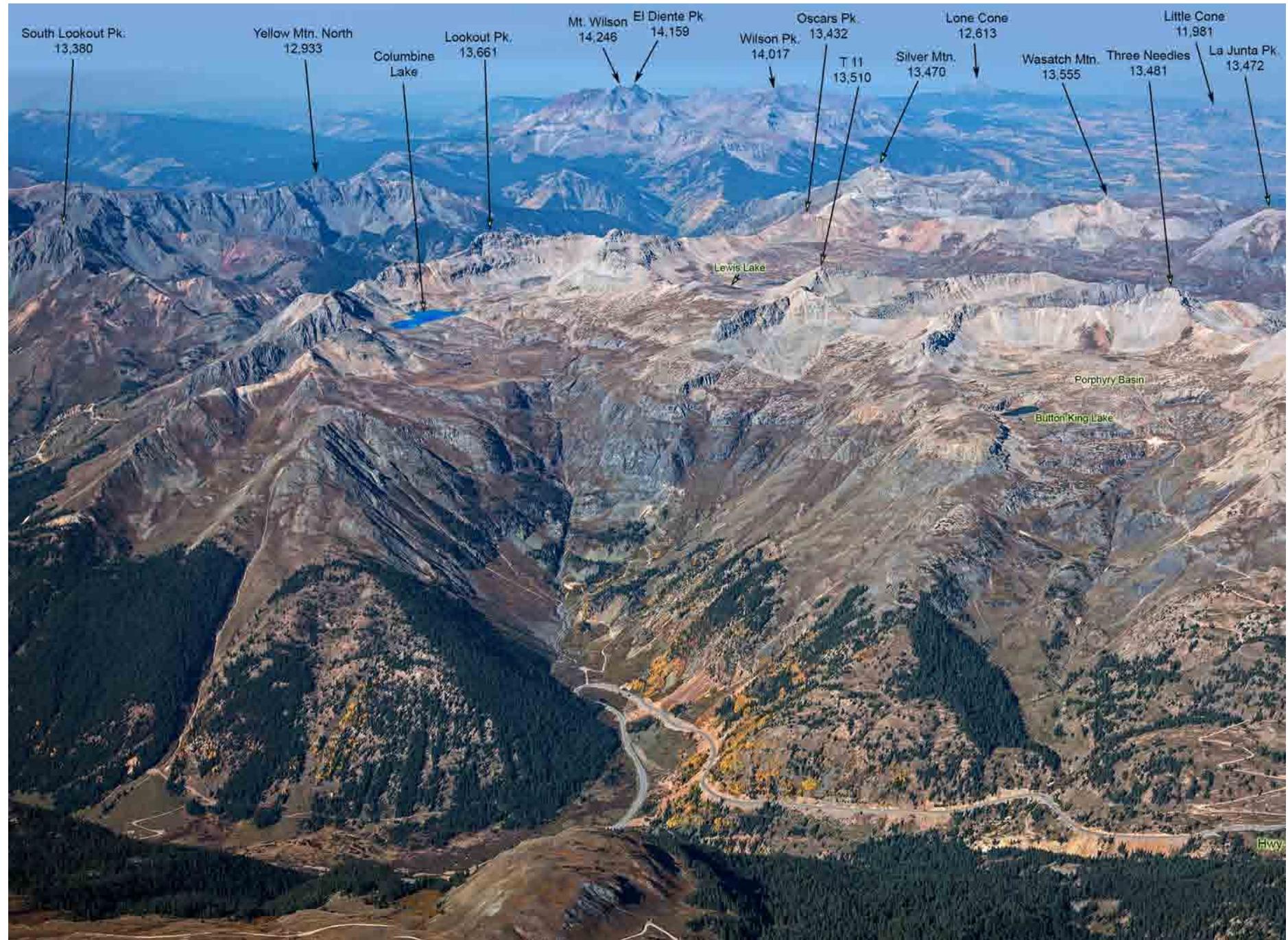


Photo nw27a. A two-page panorama of the mountains from Lookout Peak to Telluride Peak South, part 1.

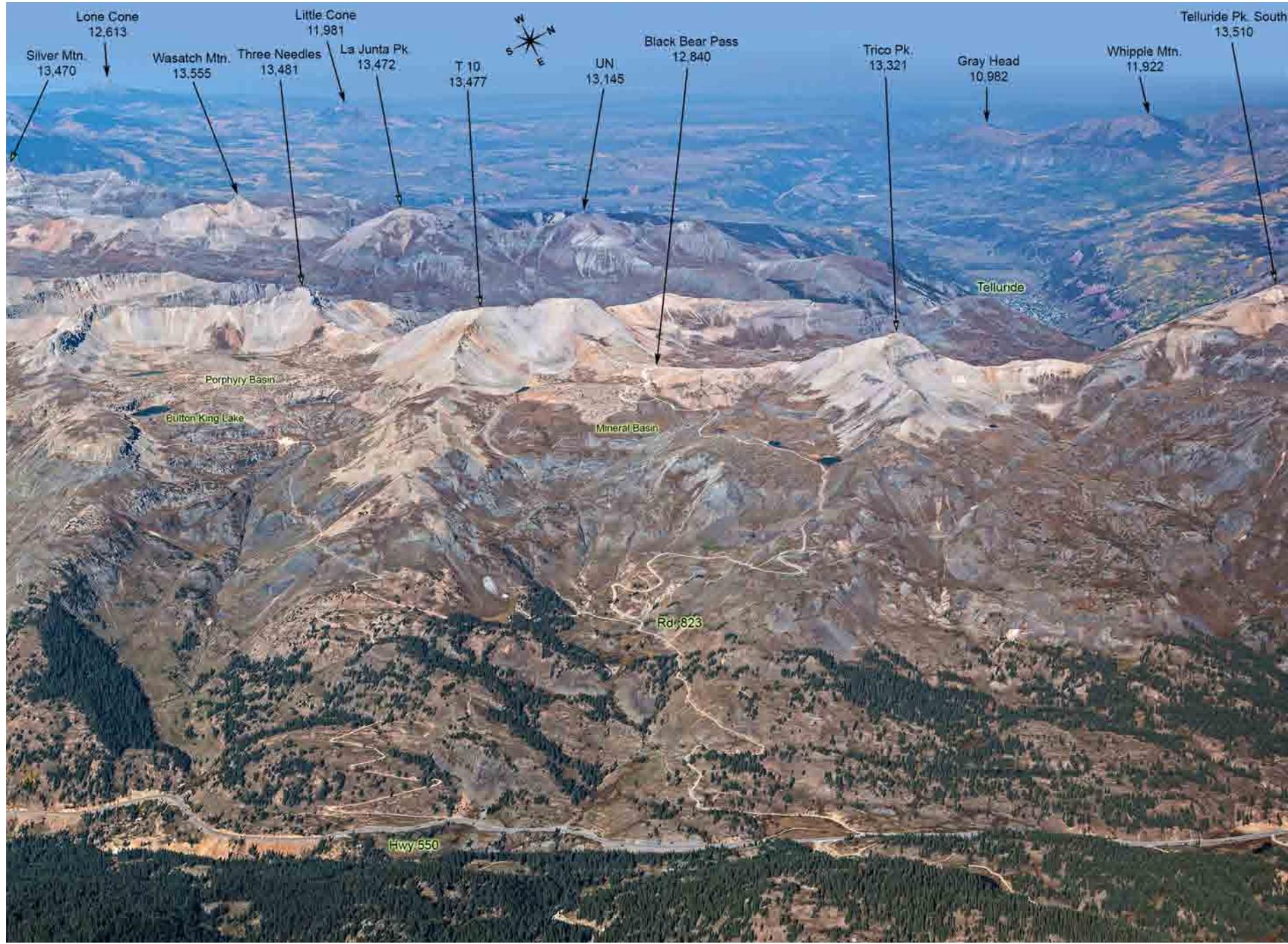


Photo NW27b. A two-page panorama of the mountains from Lookout Peak to Telluride Peak South, part 2.

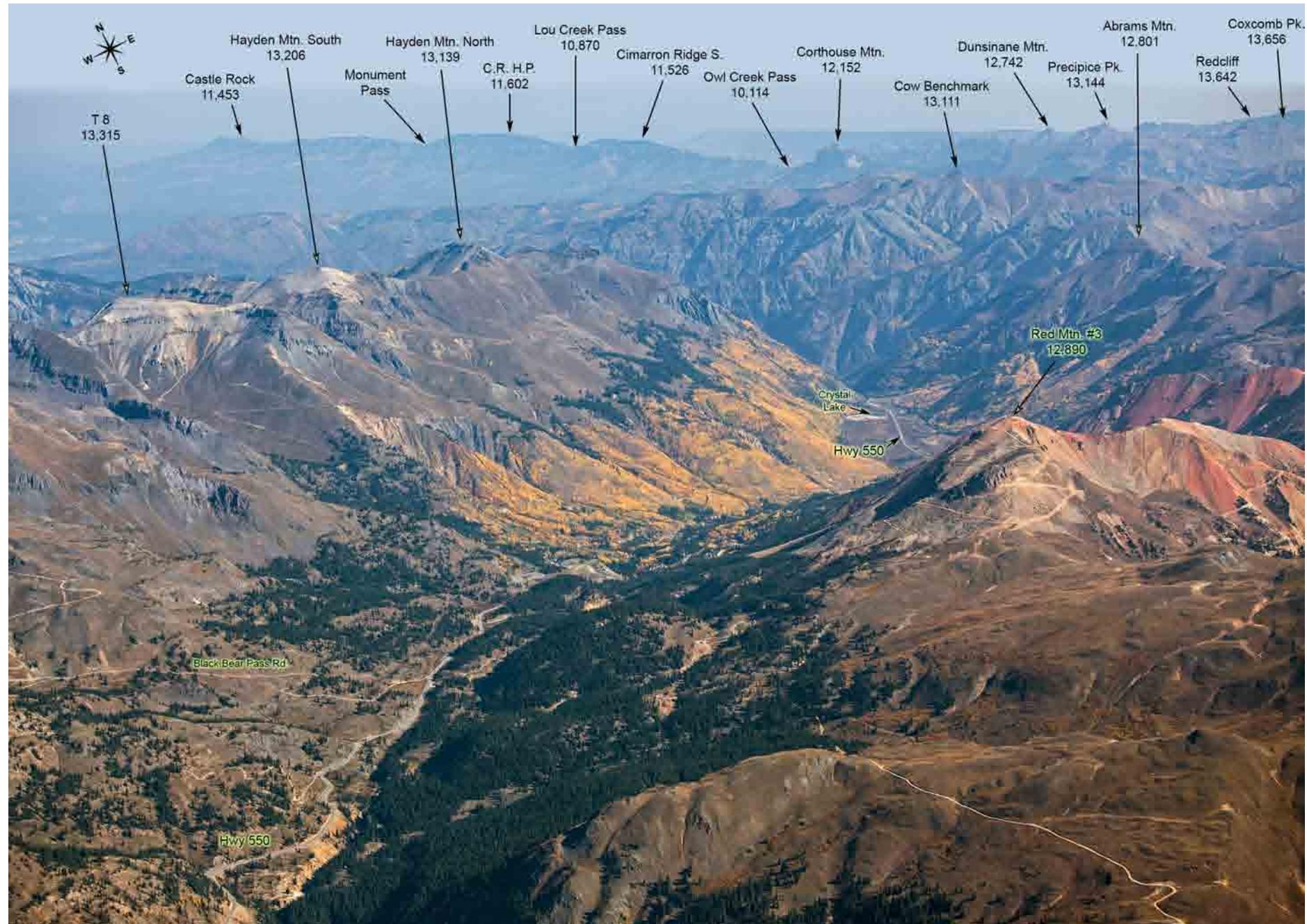


Photo NW28. Continuation of the view presented on the previous photo, from Red Mountain towards northeast. Ouray is only about 5 miles away from Crystal Lake, roughly behind Hayden Mtn. North on this photo, well seen from Abrams Mountain, visible at top right.

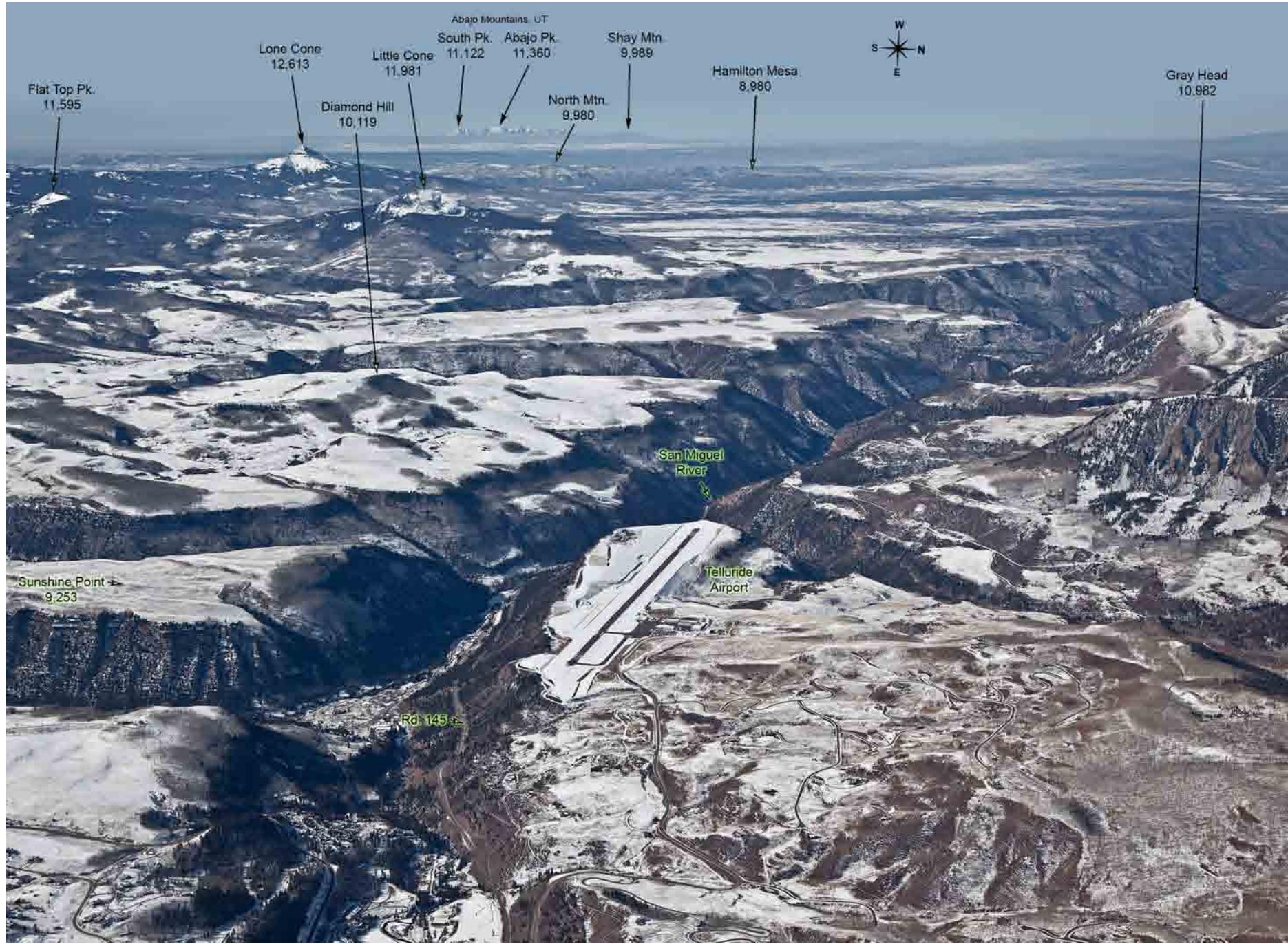
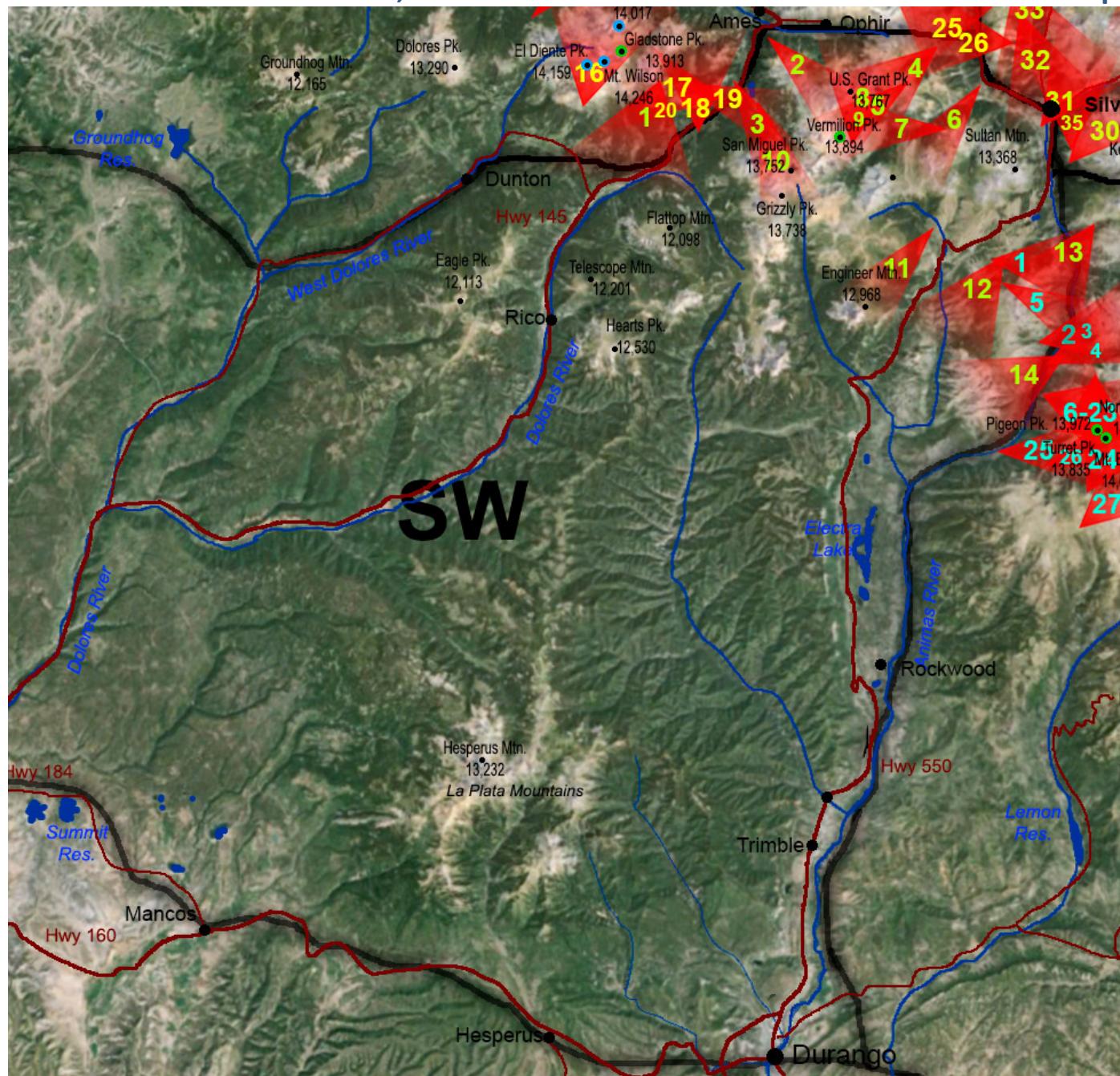


Photo NW29. View from above Telluride towards west.

Section SW: The Southwest, Mountains West of Animas River and South of Ophir



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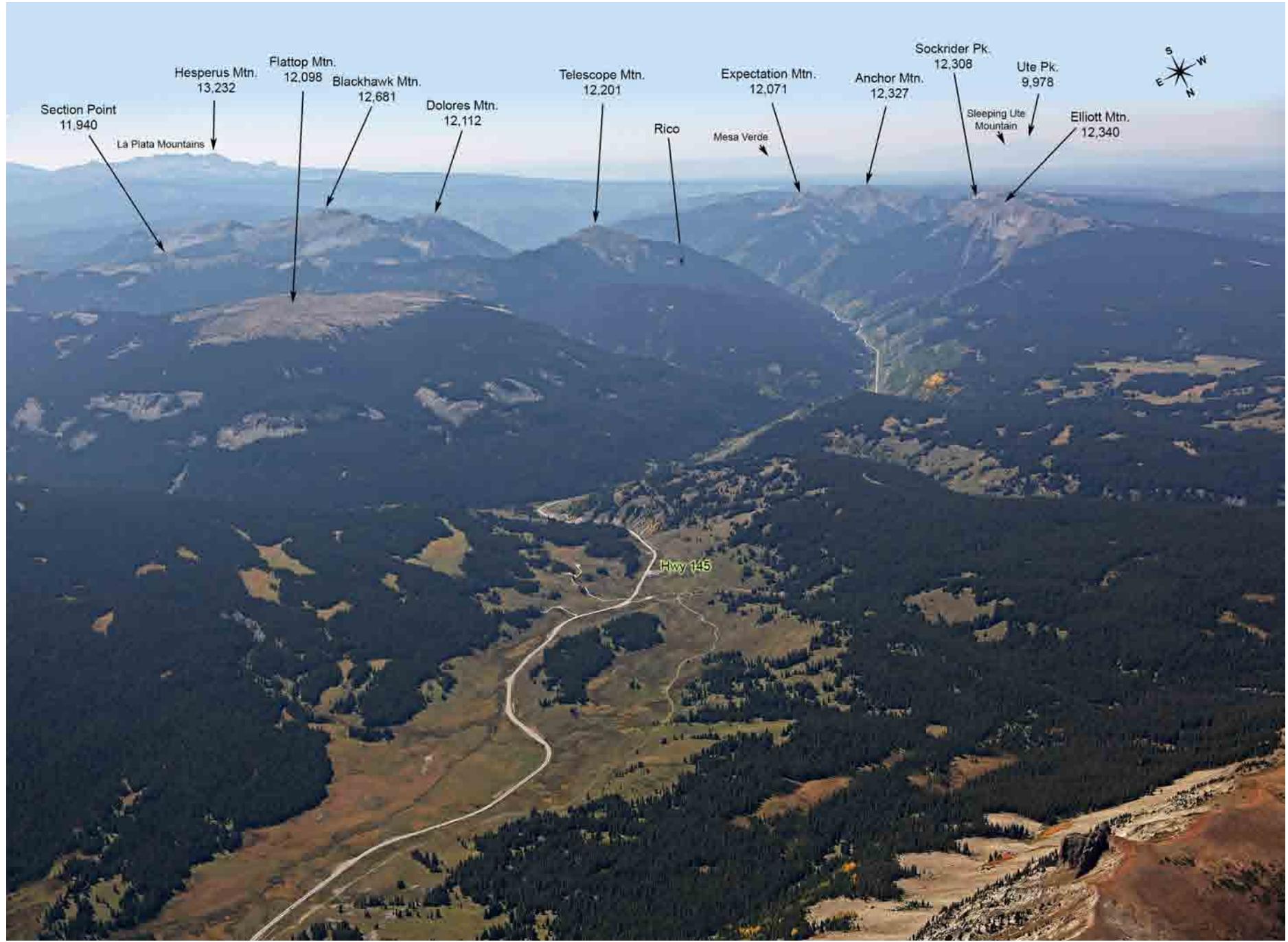


Photo sw1. Highway 145 leading from Telluride to Rico

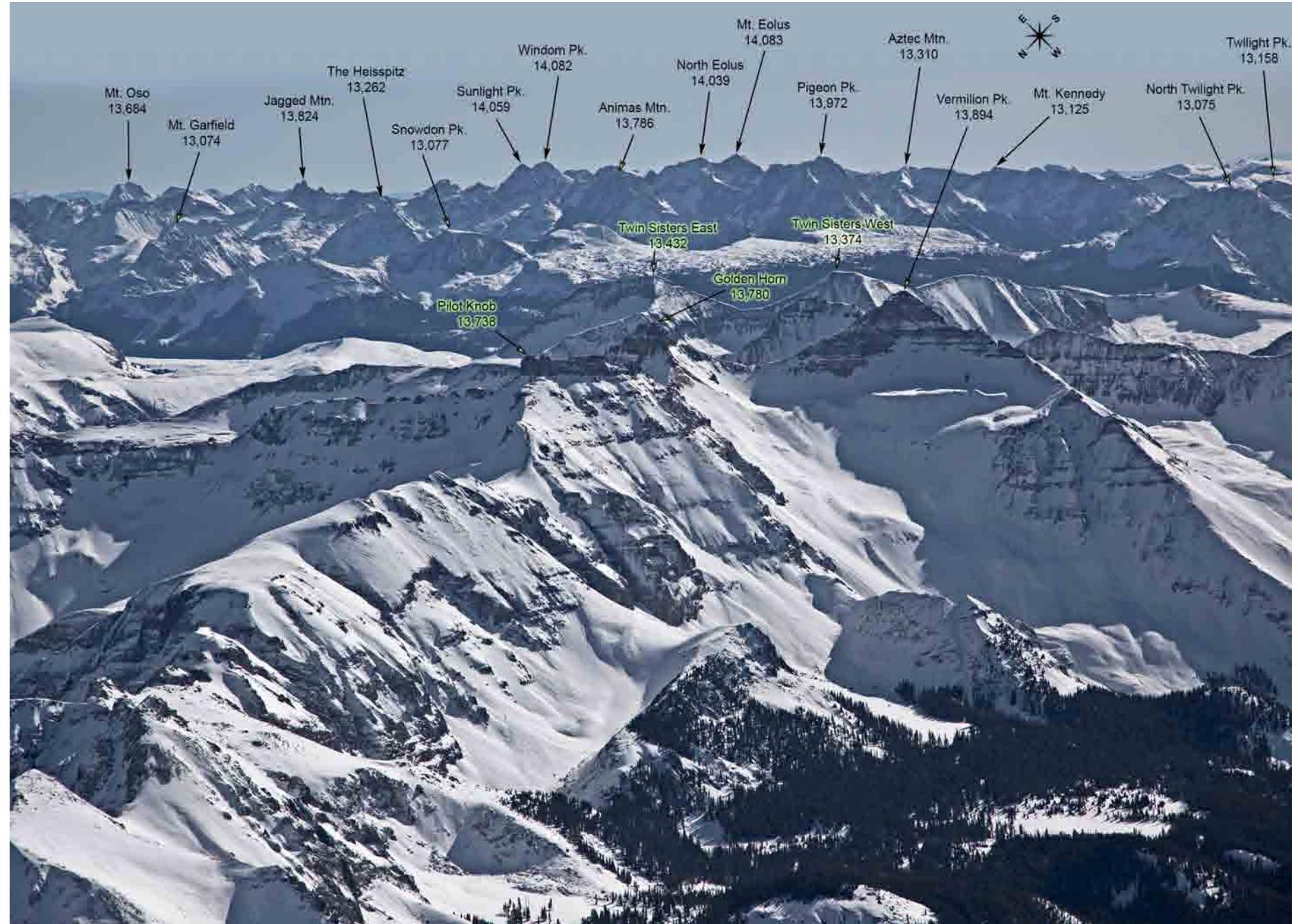


Photo sw2. Pilot Knob and Vermilion Peak viewed from northwest.

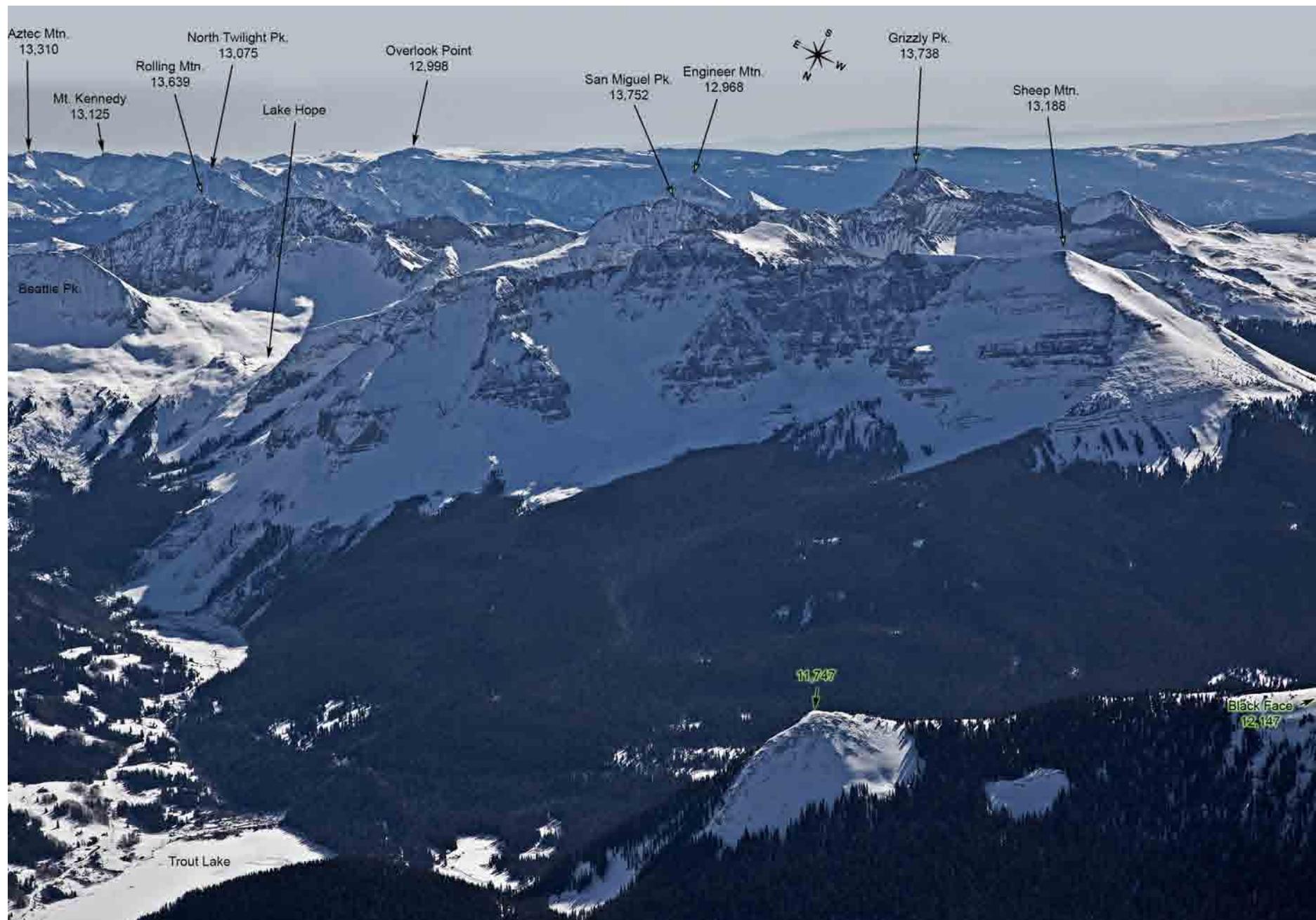


Photo sw3. Sheep Mountain near San Miguel Peak.

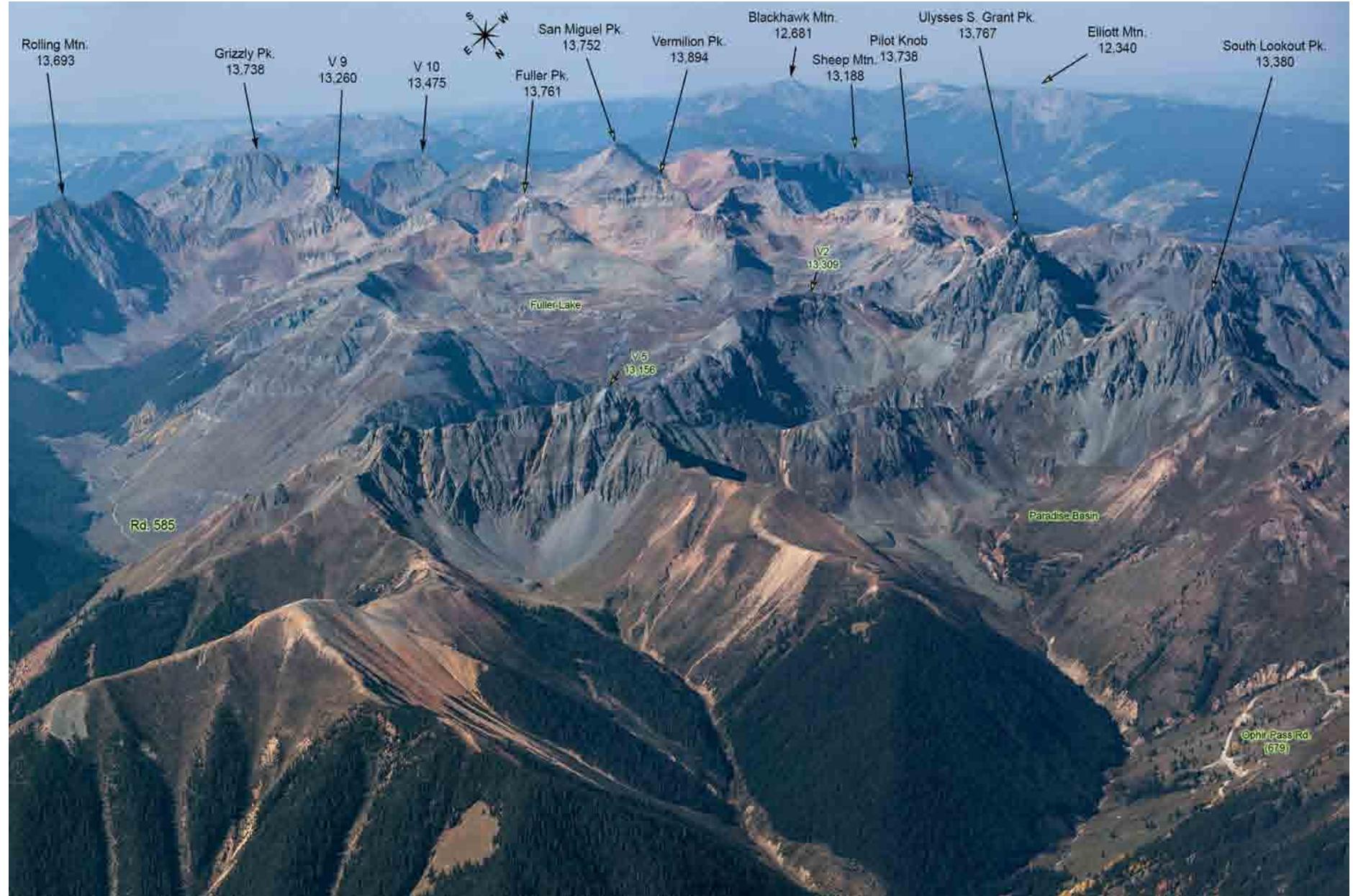


Photo sw4. Mountains near Fuller Lake.

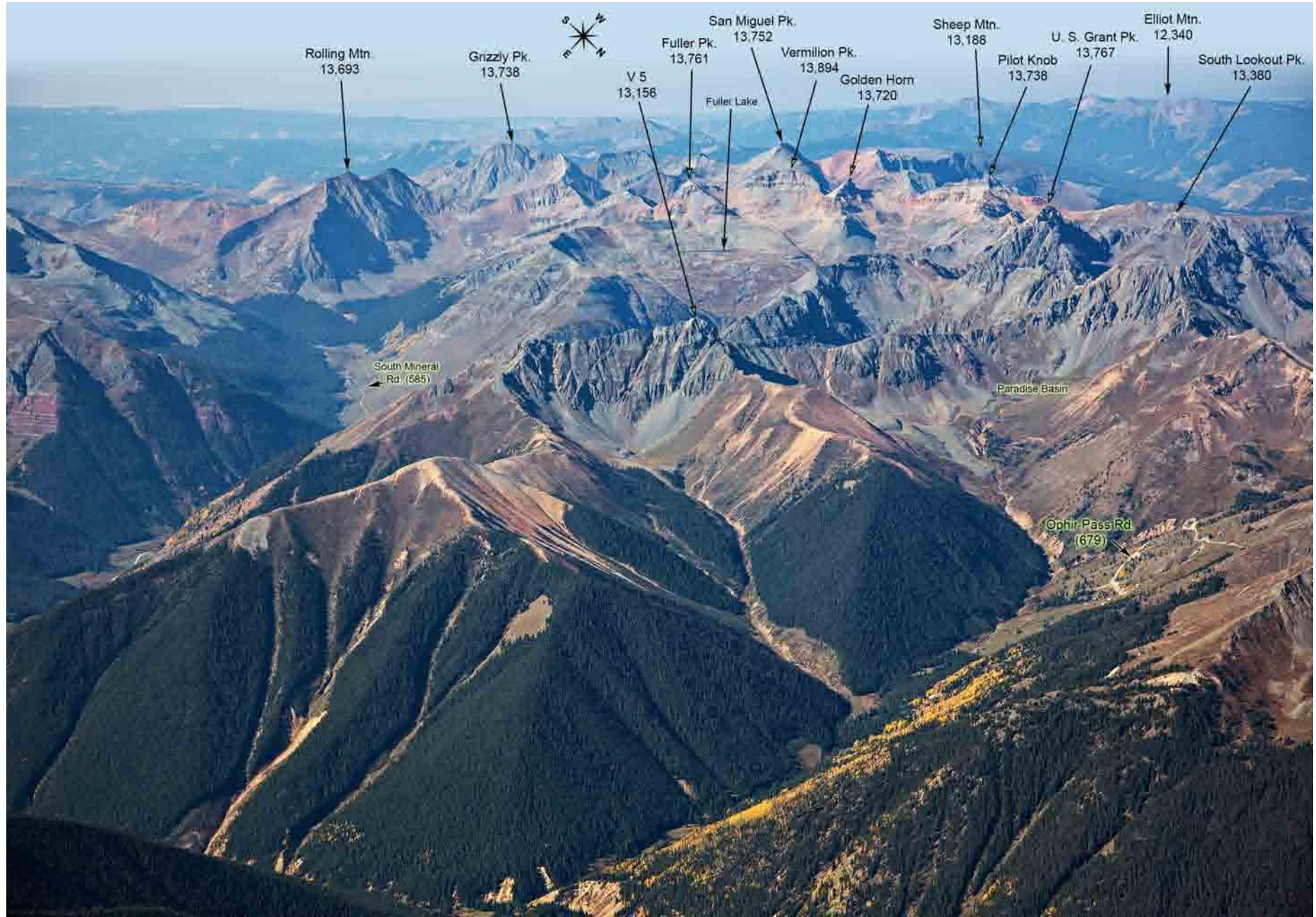


Photo sw5. Similar view to that shown on the previous page except it's made further to the north.

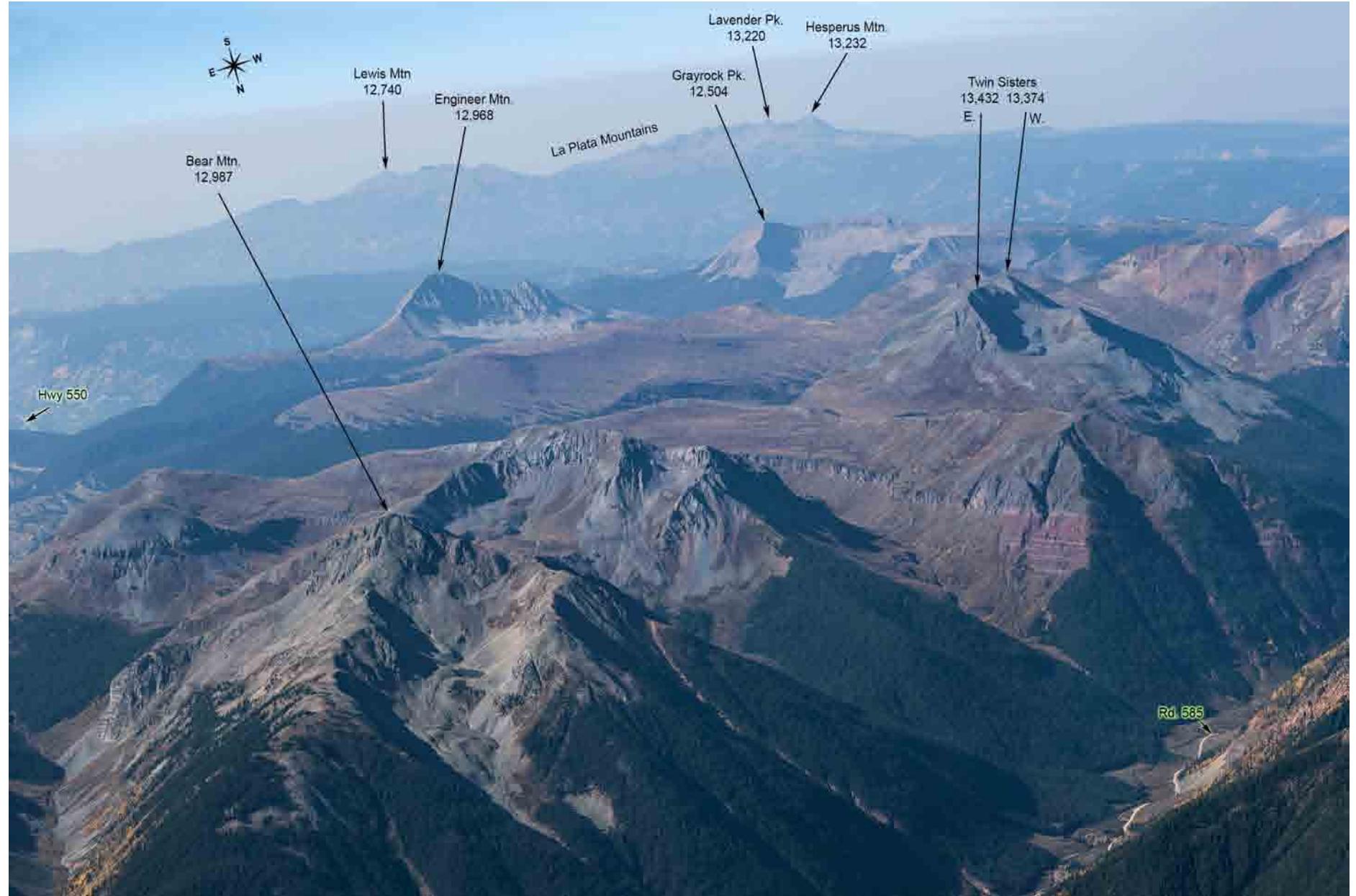


Photo sw6. Bear Mountain and Twin Sisters.

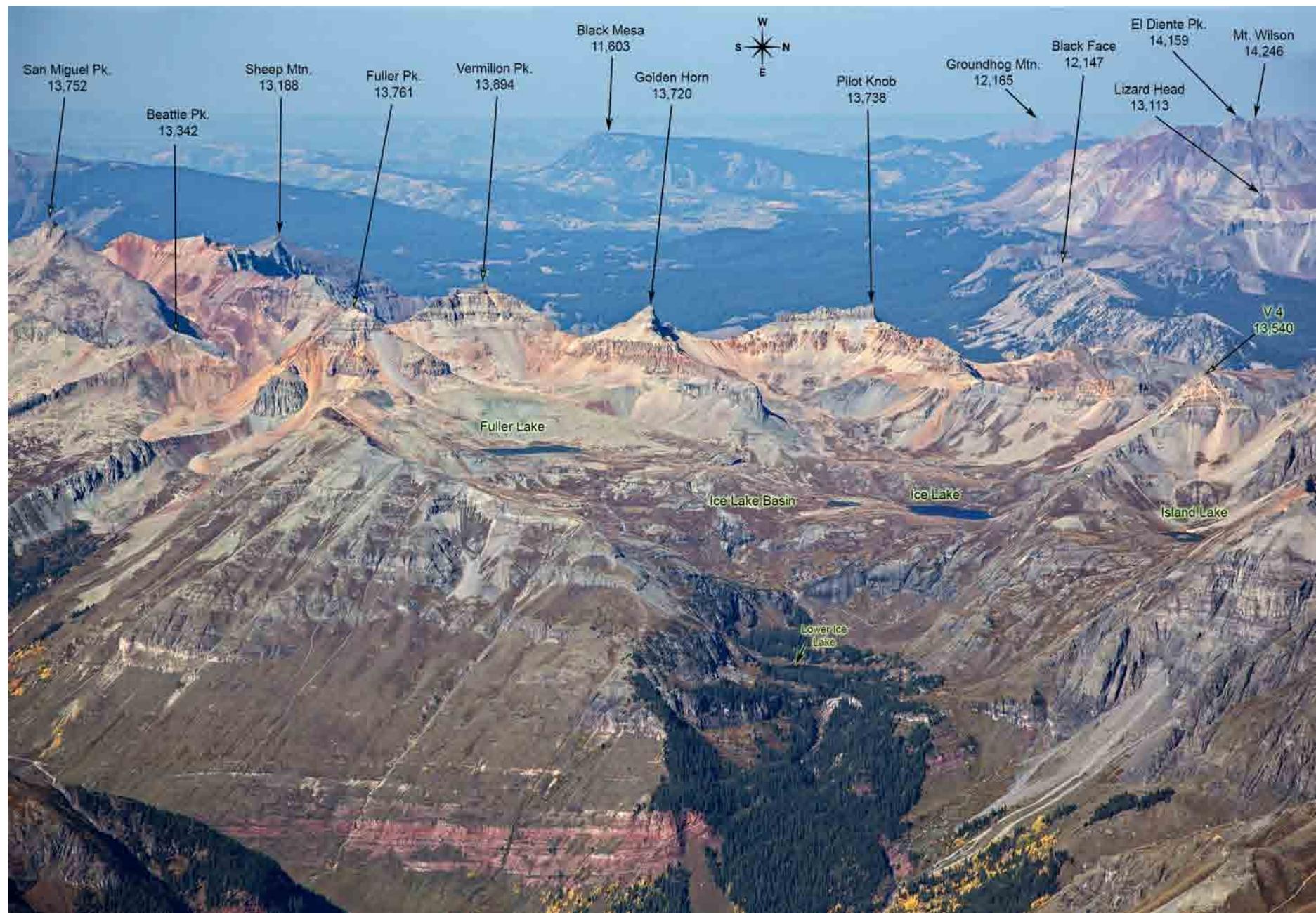


Photo sw7. Ice Lake Basin viewed from east.

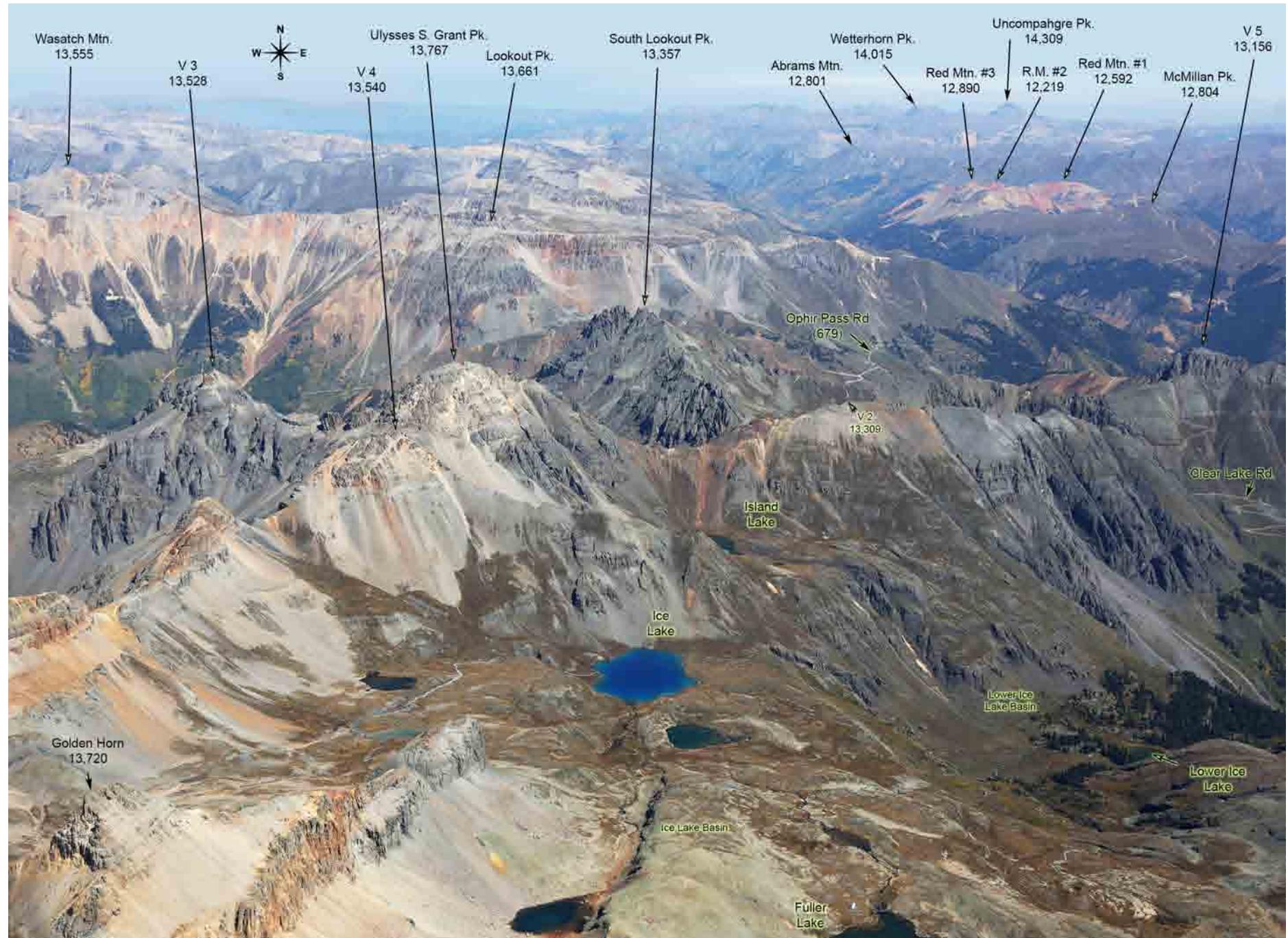


Photo sw8. Ice Lake Basin viewed from south.

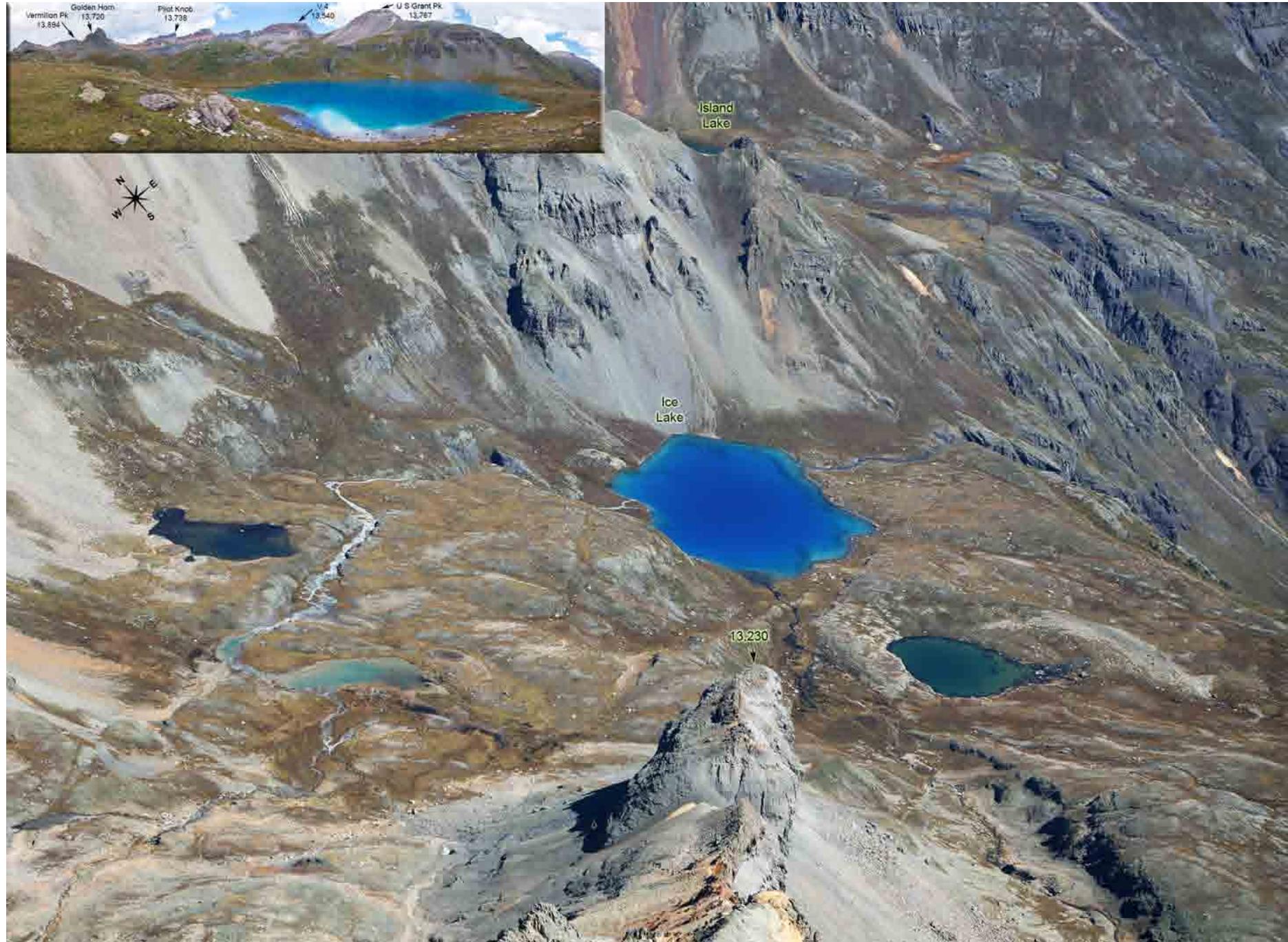


Photo sw9. Various colors of Ice Lake and surrounding lakes. The insert shows Ice Lake panorama made from the ground.

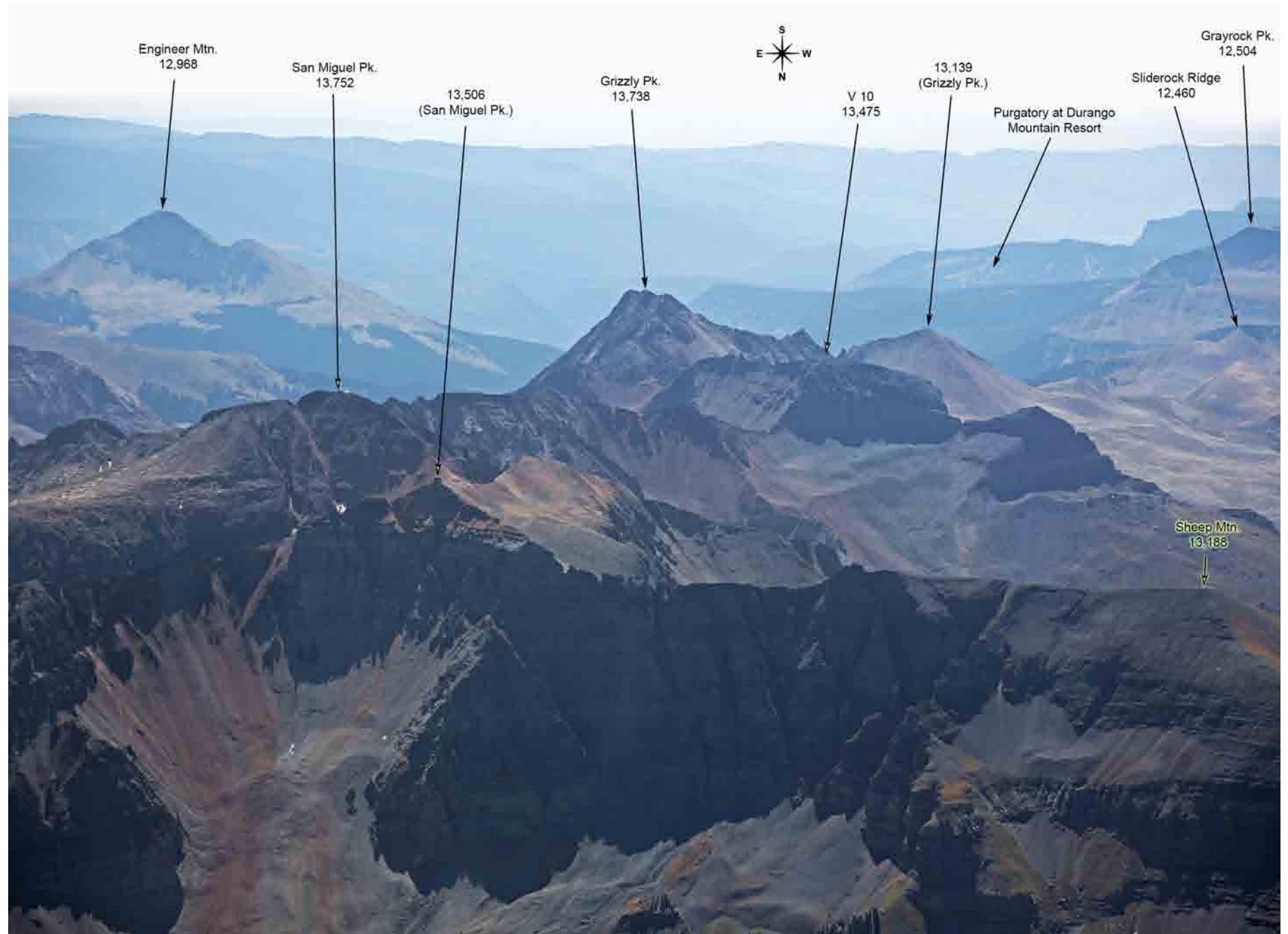


Photo sw10. San Miguel and Grizzly Peaks viewed from north.

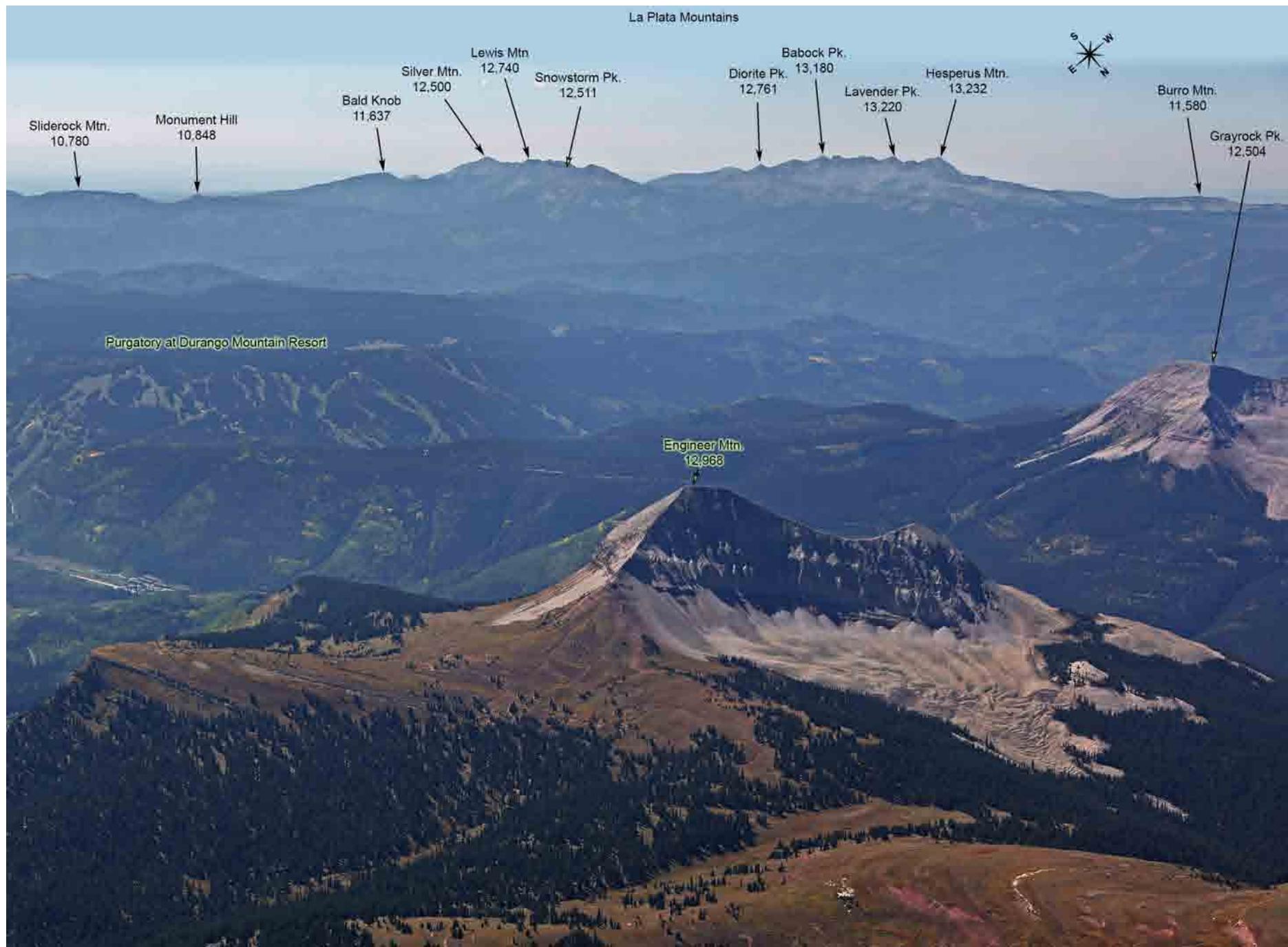


Photo sw11. Engineer Mountain and La Plata Mountains in the background.

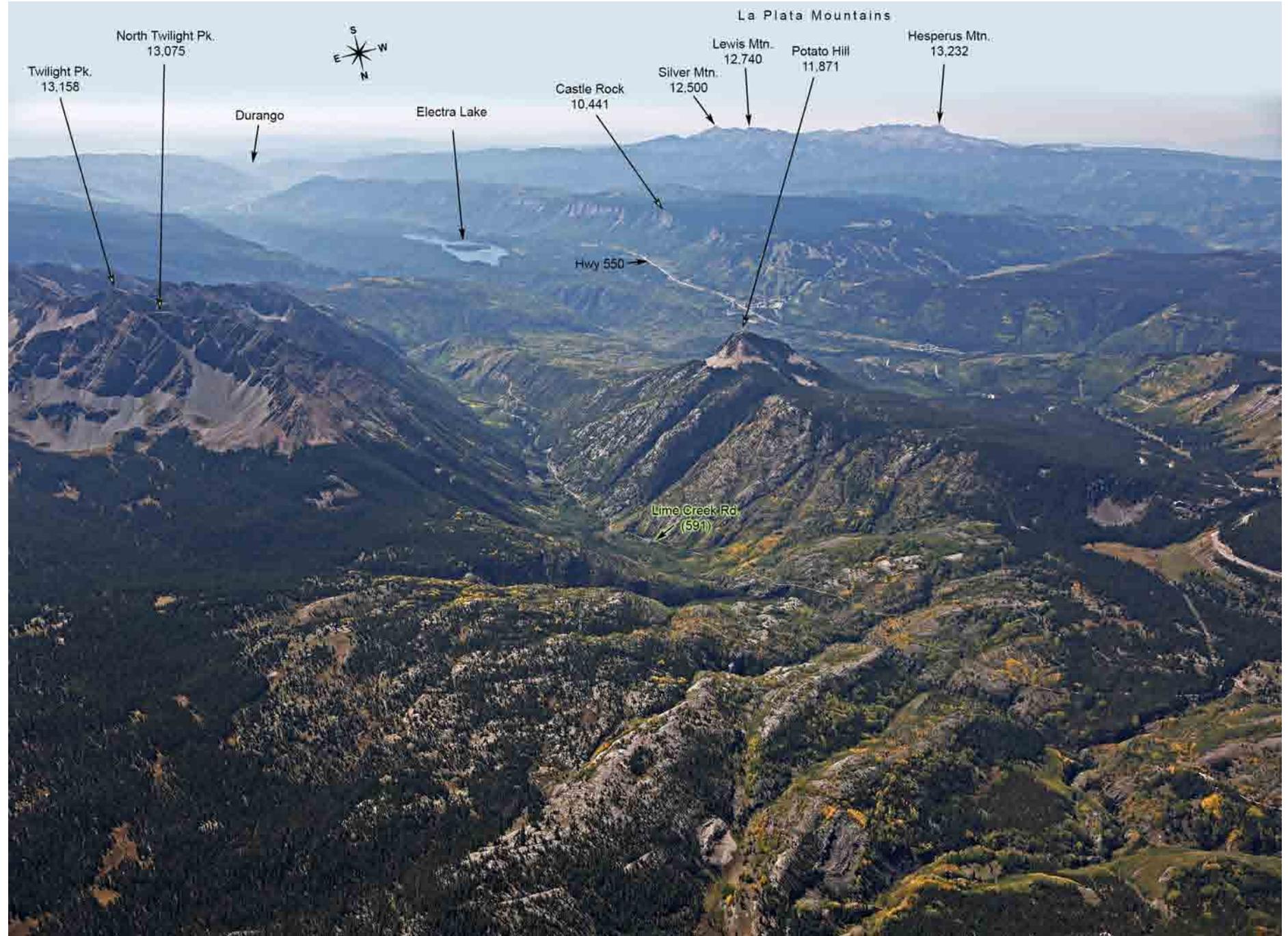


Photo sw12. Twilight Peak and Potato Hill viewed from north.

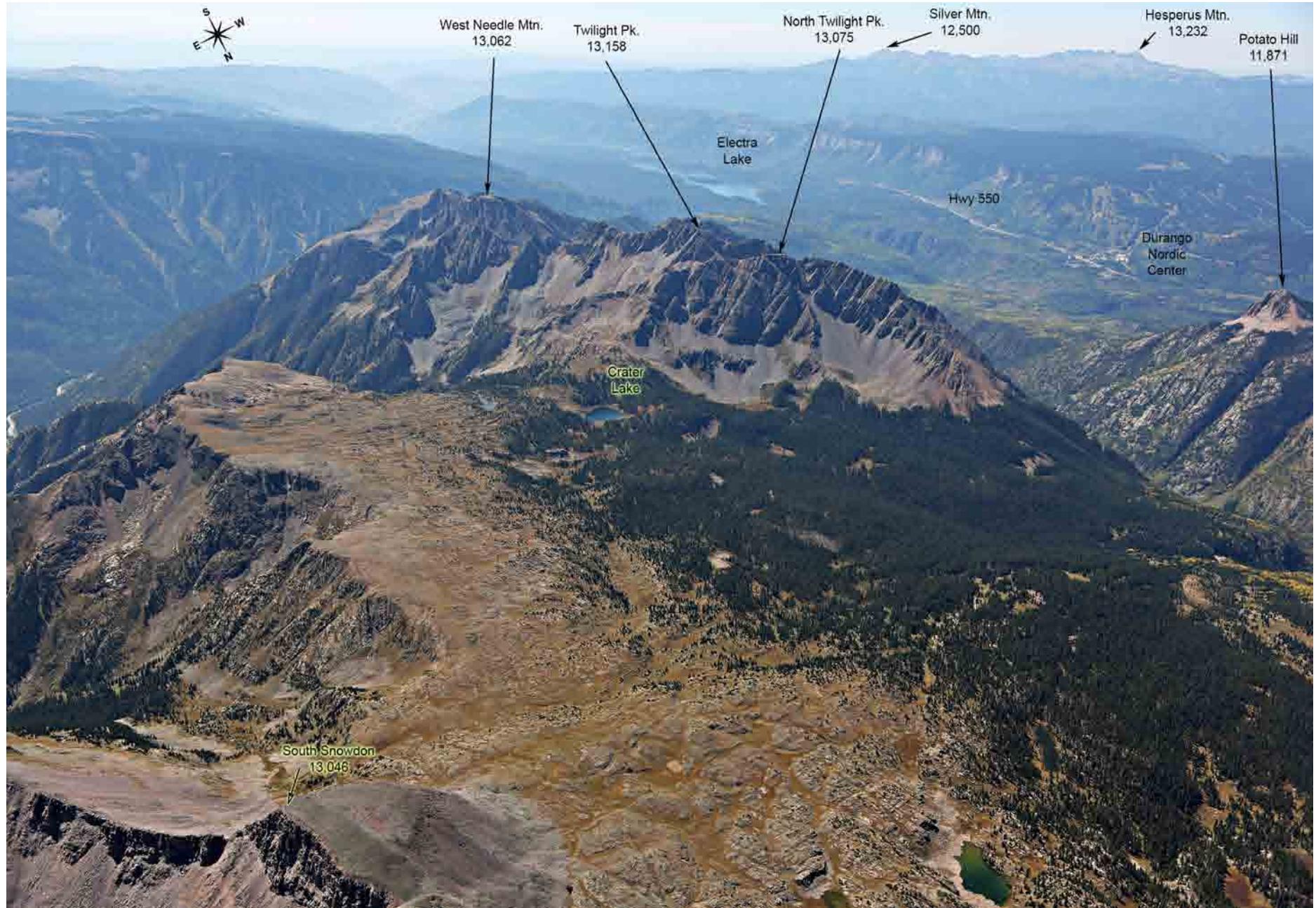


Photo sw13. South West Needle Mountains.

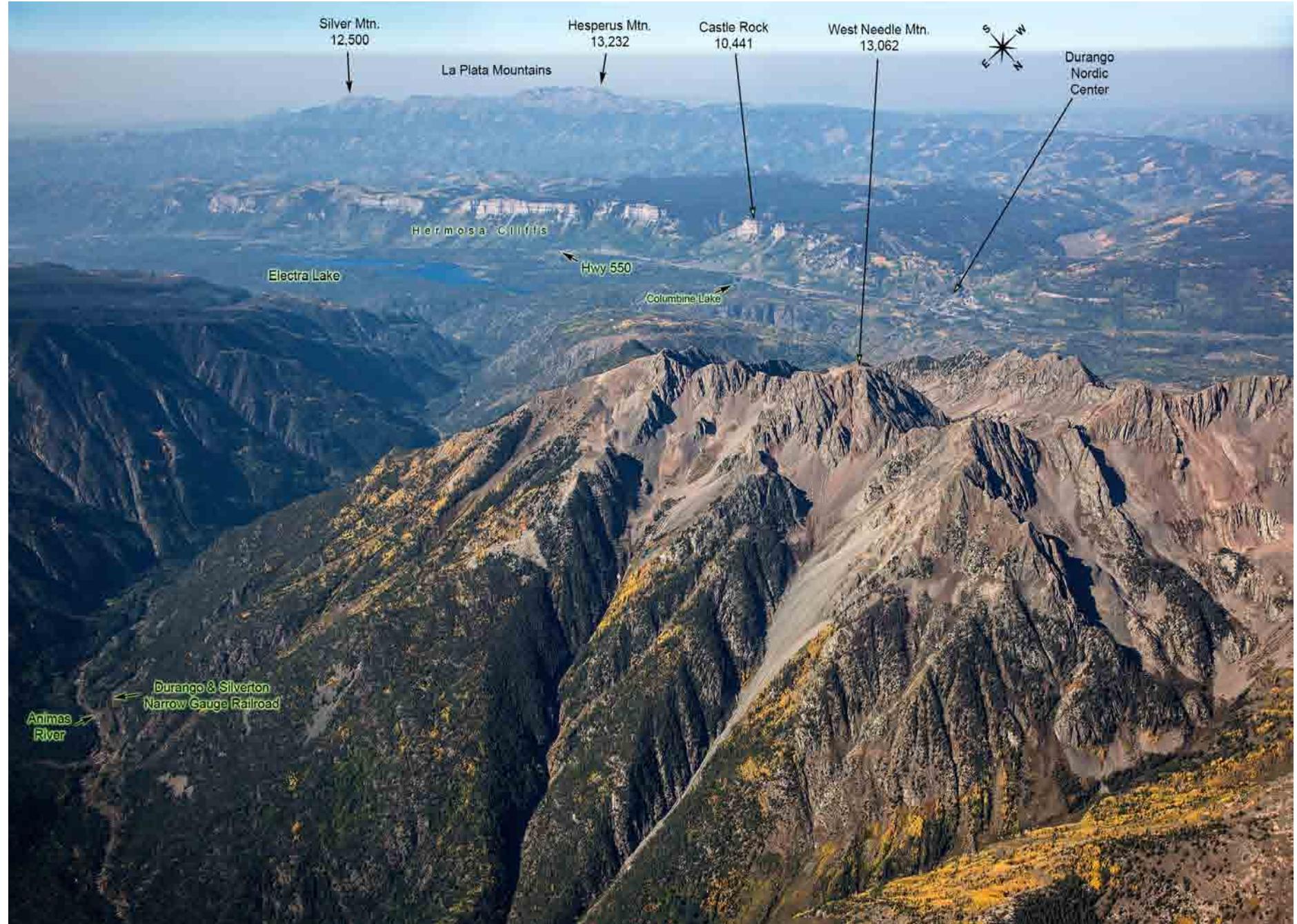
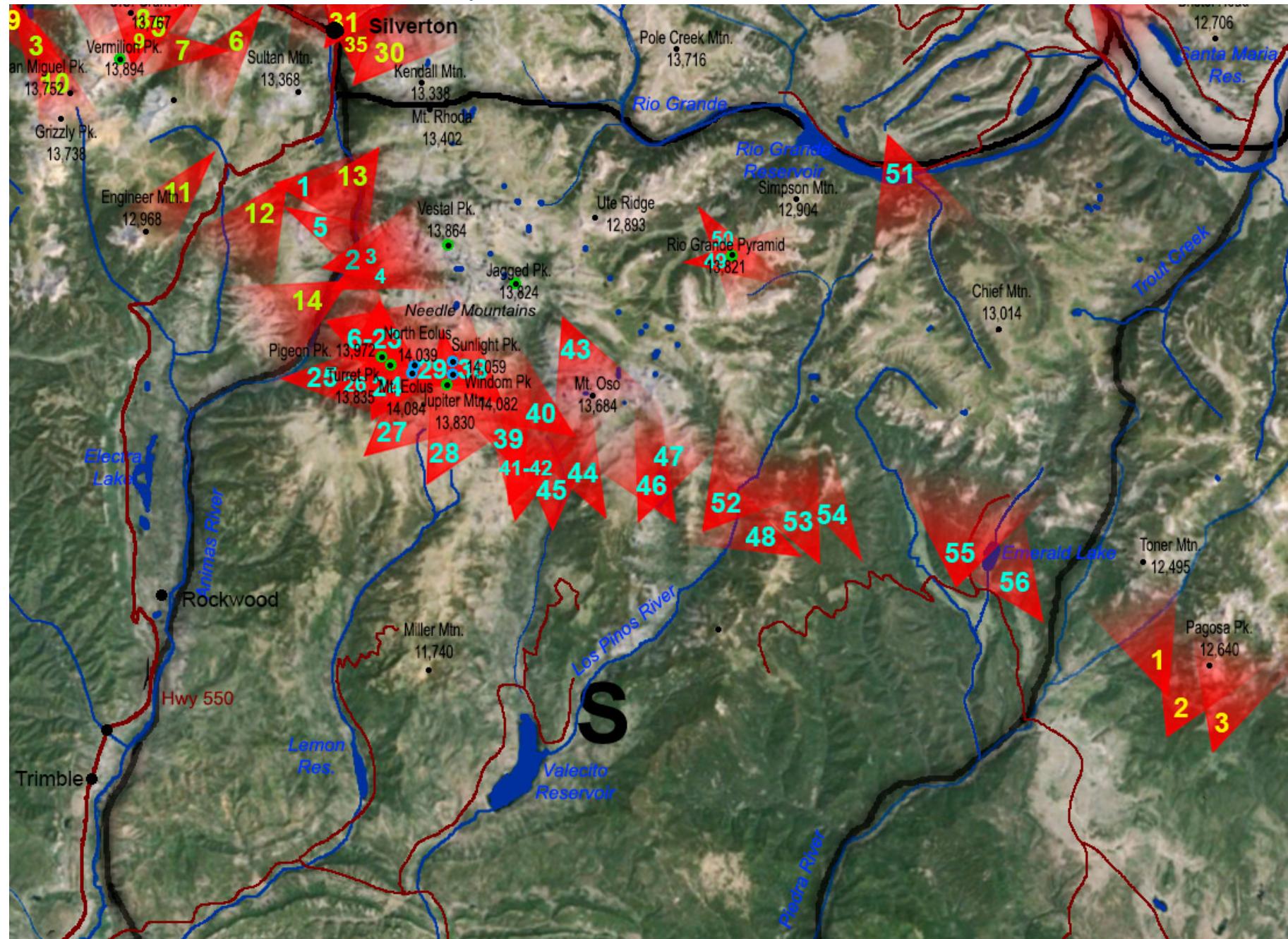


Photo sw14. West Needle Mountain.

Section S: South San Juan Mountains, between Animas and Piedra Rivers



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Photo s1. Grenadier Range viewed from northwest.

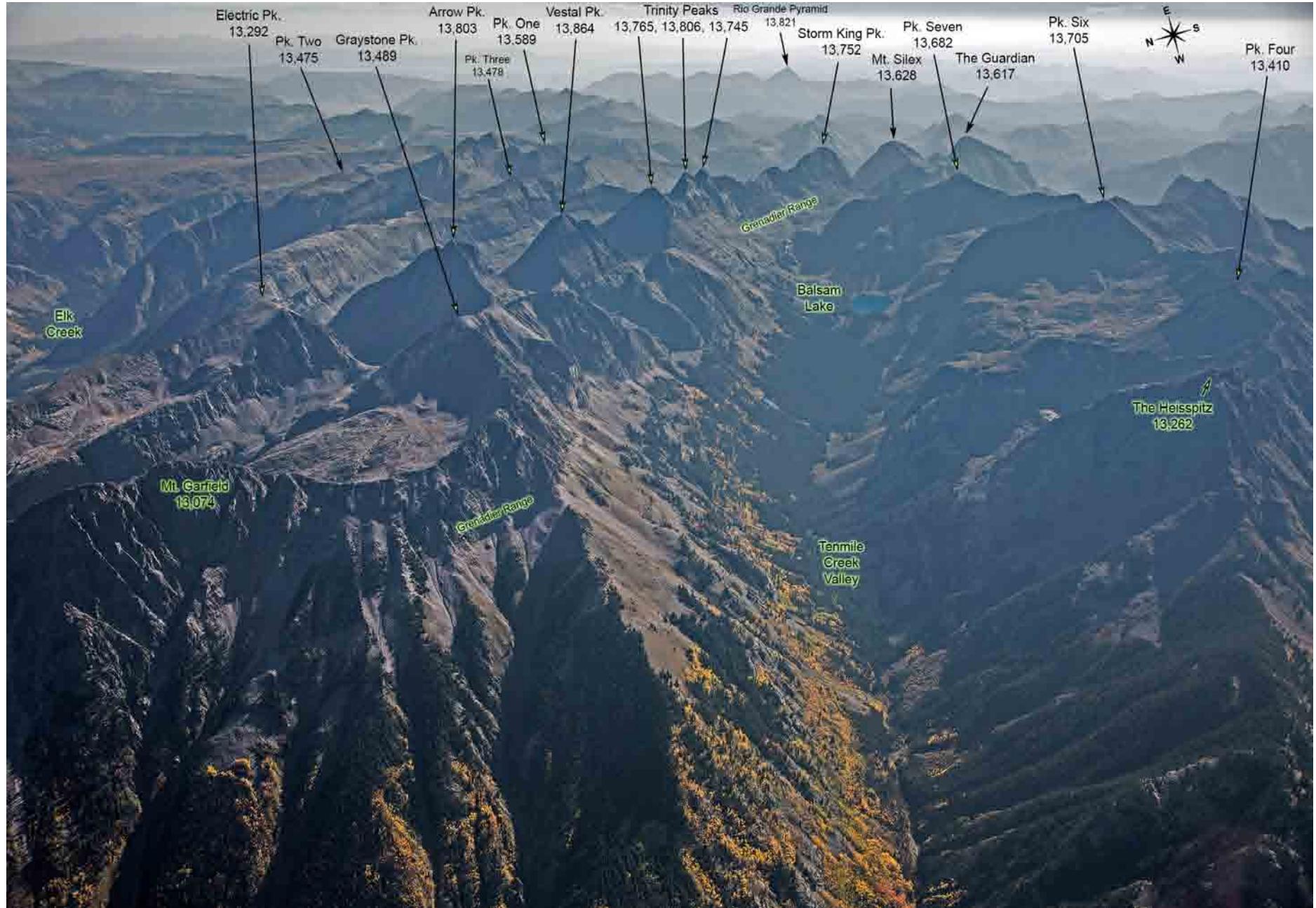


Photo s2. Grenadier Range viewed from west. The tallest mountain in the Range is Vestal Peak, 13,864'.



Photo s3. This and the following photo is the close-up of the western portion Grenadier Range viewed from south. This view covers mountains from Mount Garfield to Electric Peak.



Photo s4. The second part of the panorama from Arrow Peak to Trinity Peaks. Jagged Mountain, in the foreground, is one of the most difficult centennial 13ers to climb (class 5.3).

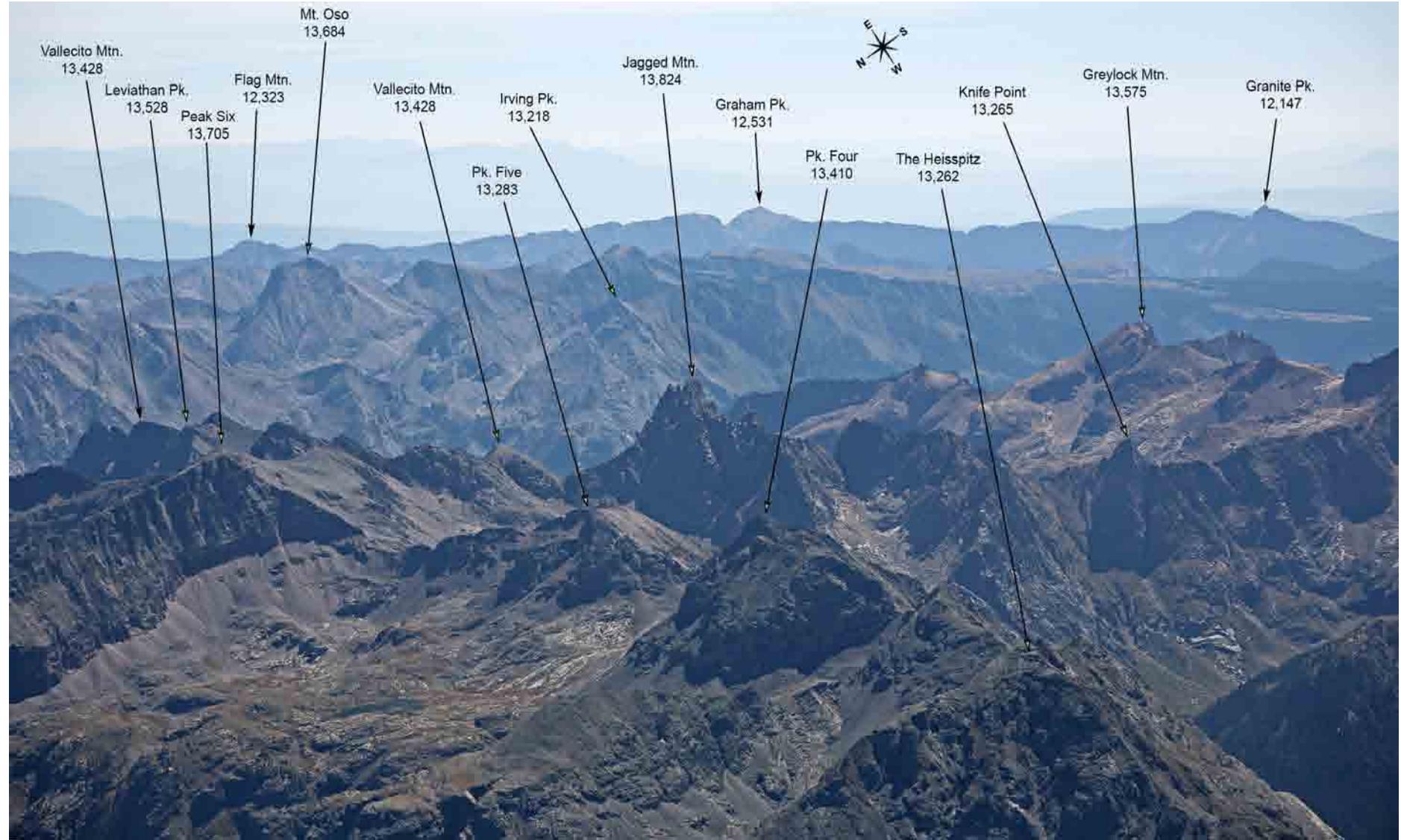


Photo s5. Northwest view of Peak Six, Peak Four and The Heisspitz.

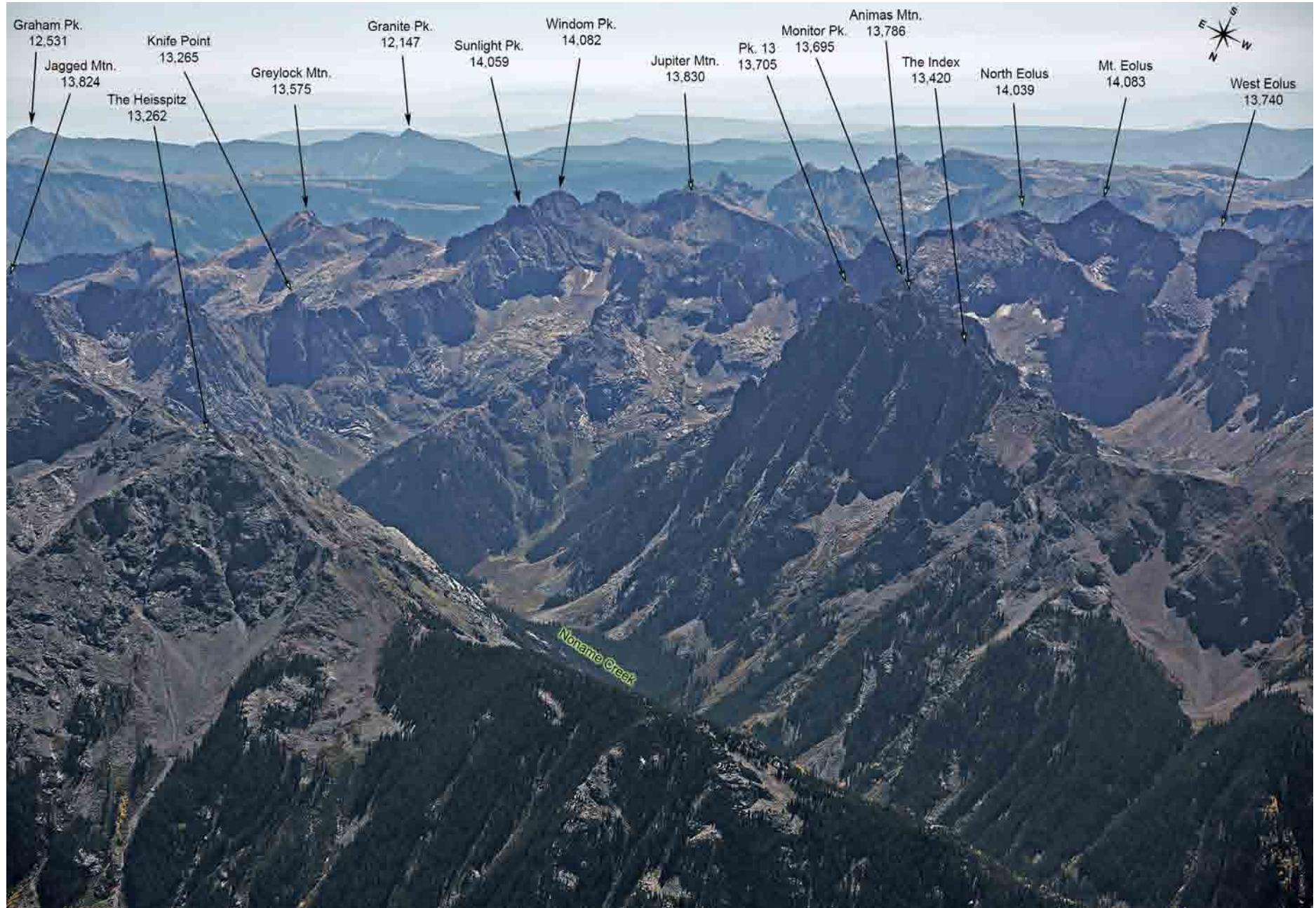


Photo s6. Northwest view of The Heisspitz and Animas Mountain.

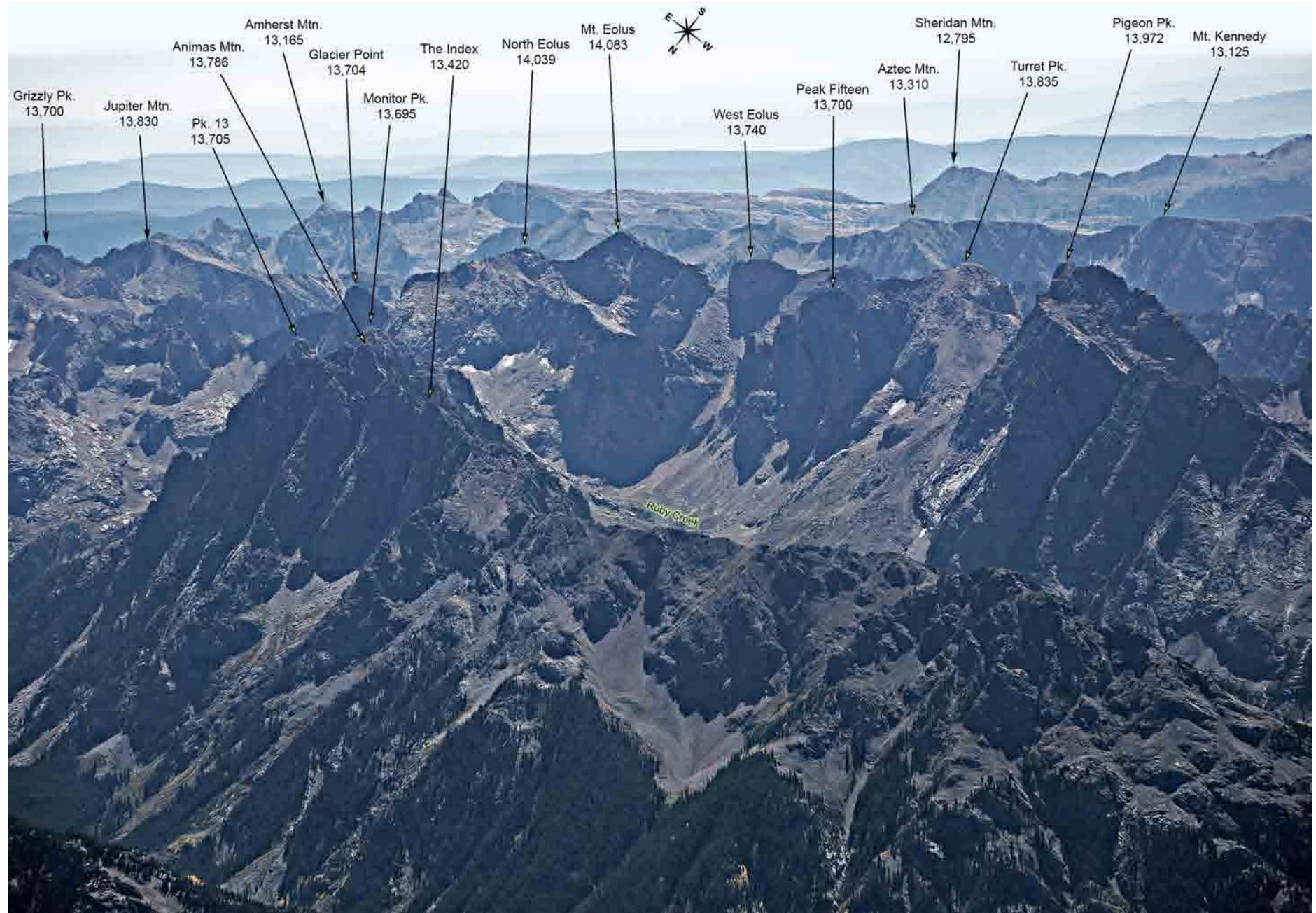


Photo s7. Northwest view of Animas Mountain and Pigeon Peak.



Photo s8. Pigeon and Turret Peaks viewed from north.

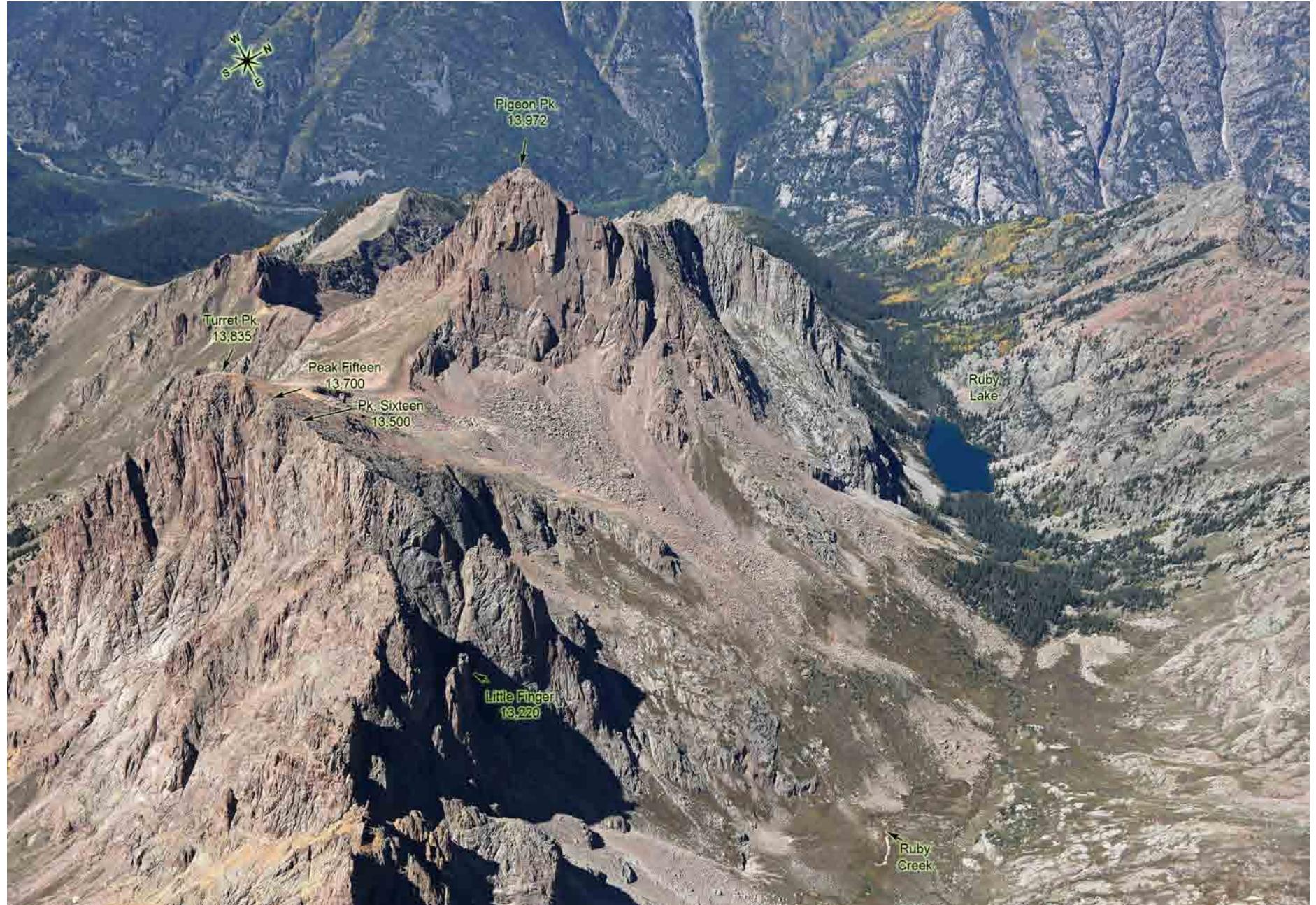


Photo s9. Pigeon and Turret Peaks viewed from southeast.

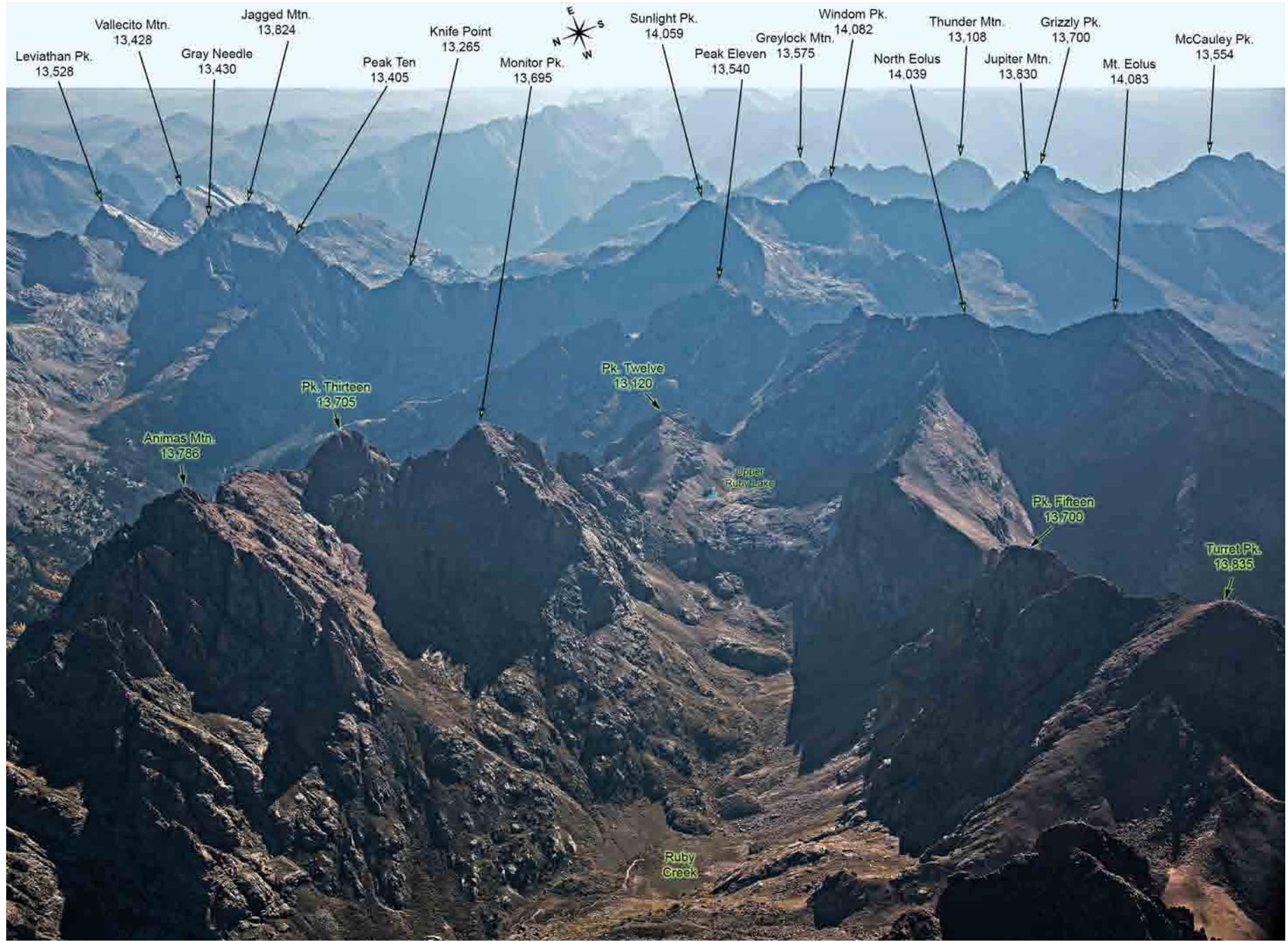


Photo s10. Mountains around Ruby Creek drainage.

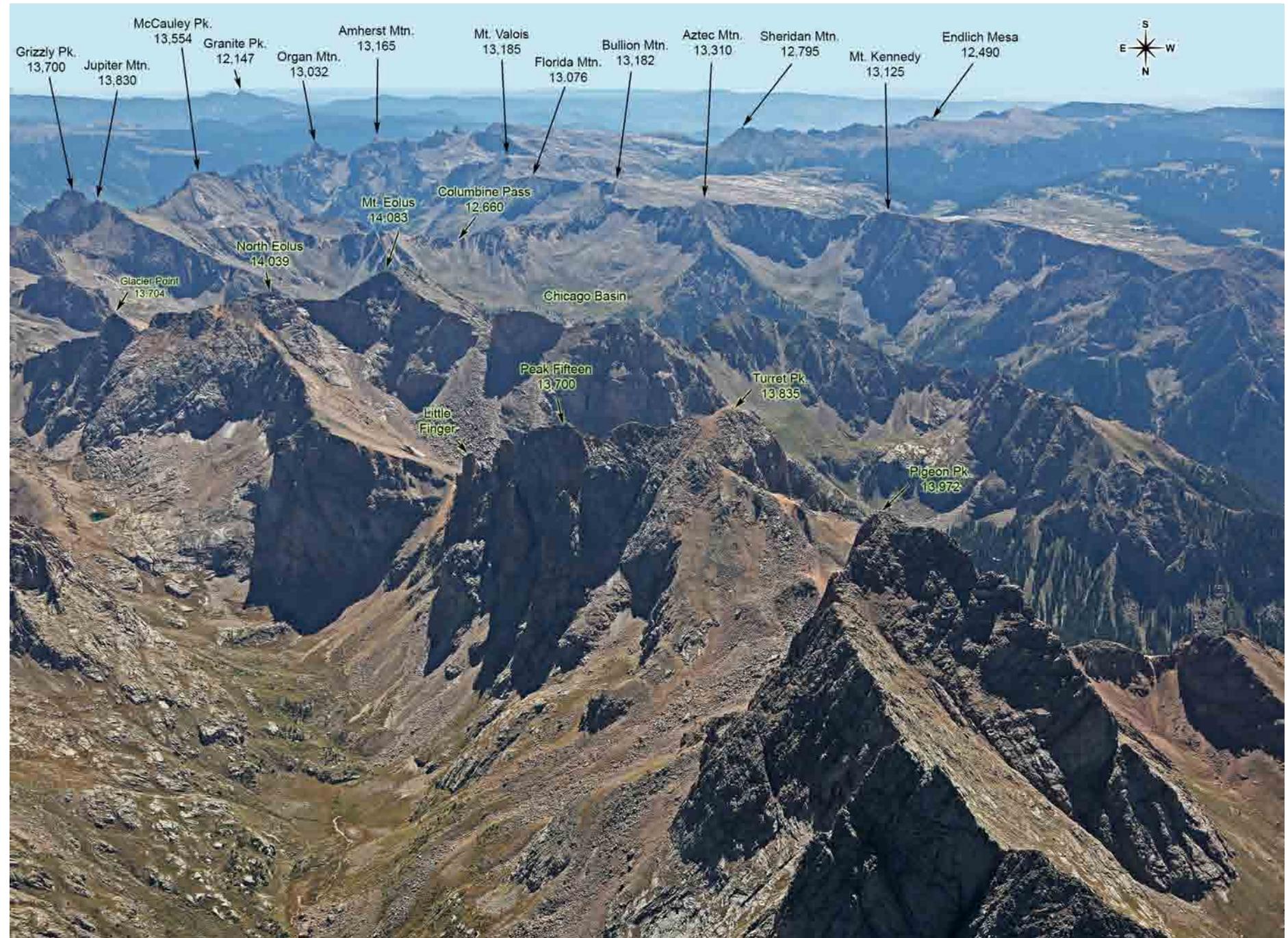


Photo s11. The summit of Pigeon Peak with Mount Eolus in the background, viewed from north.

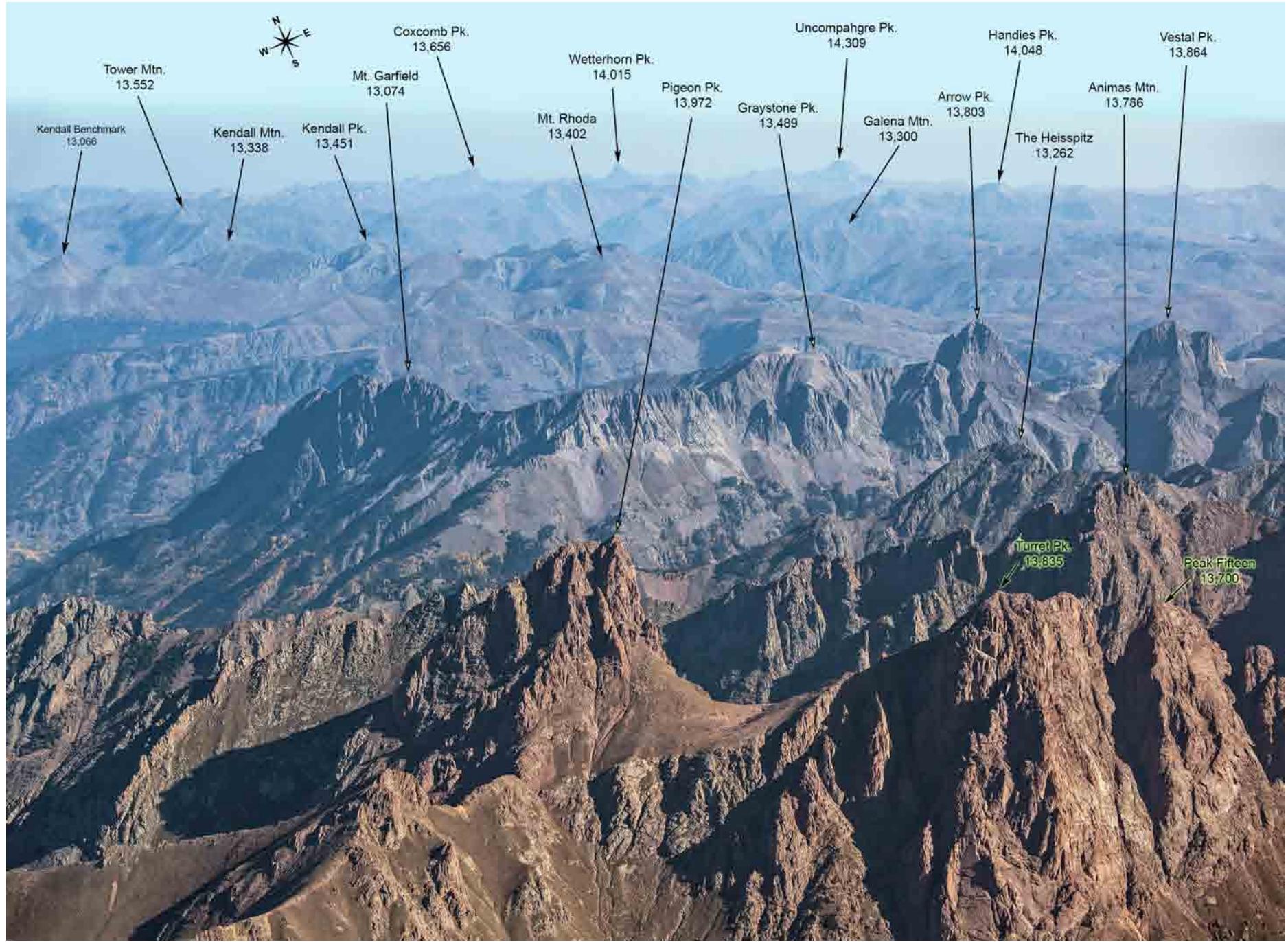


Photo s12. Pigeon – Turret Peaks saddle viewed from south-southwest.

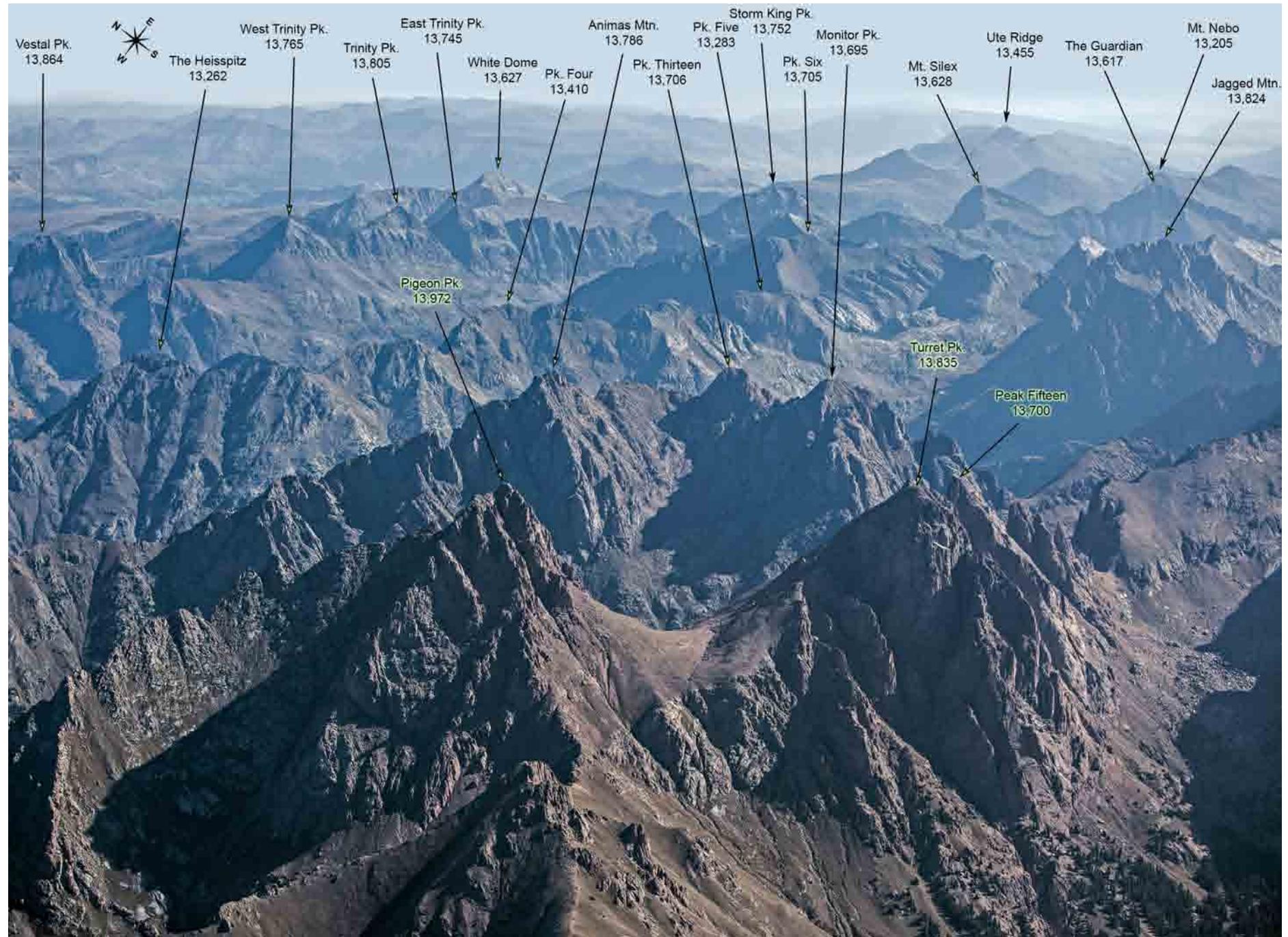


Photo s13. Pigeon – Turret Peaks saddle viewed from southwest.

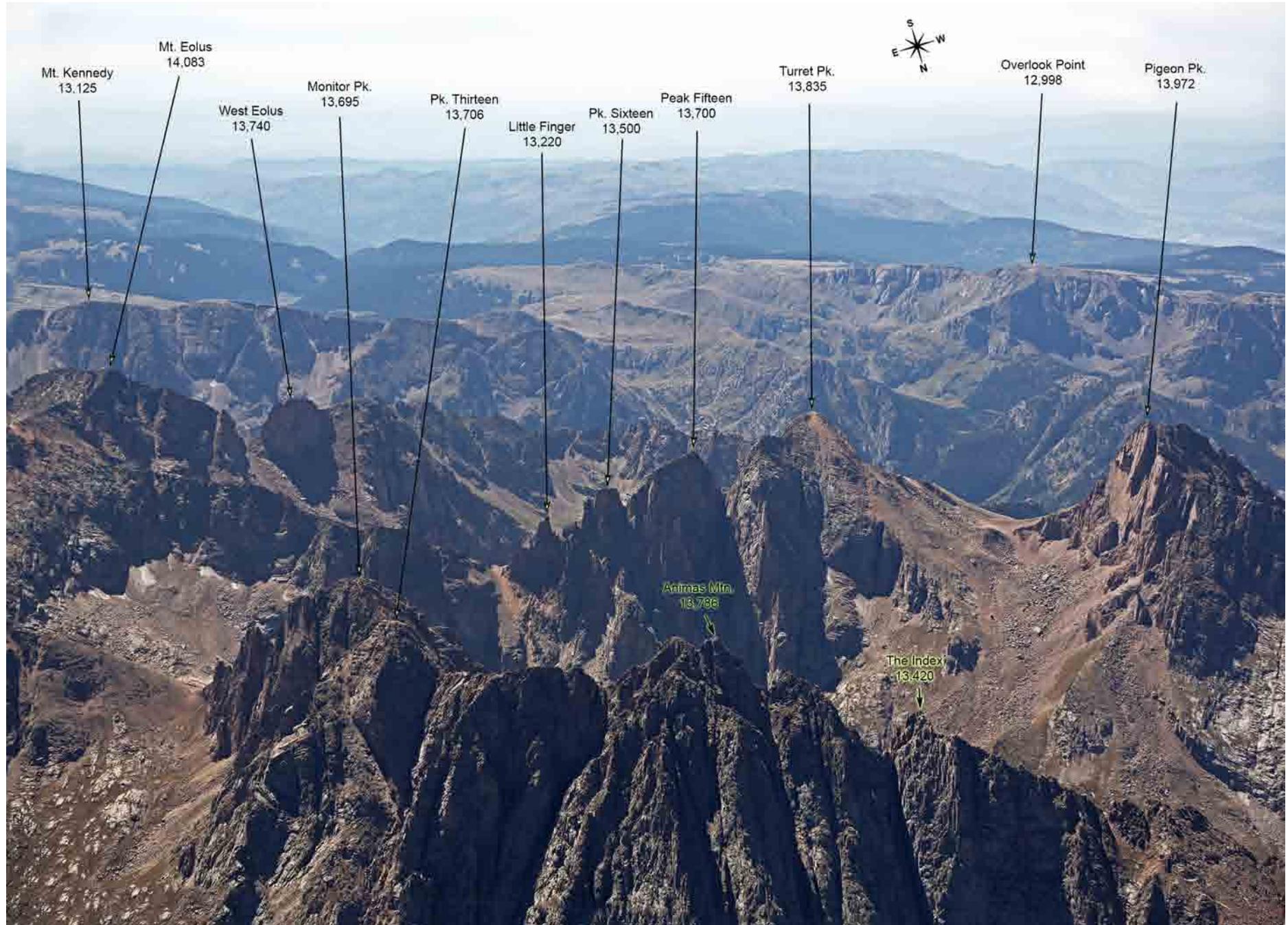


Photo s14. Summit of the Animas Mountain and the Turret – Pigeon Peaks saddle.

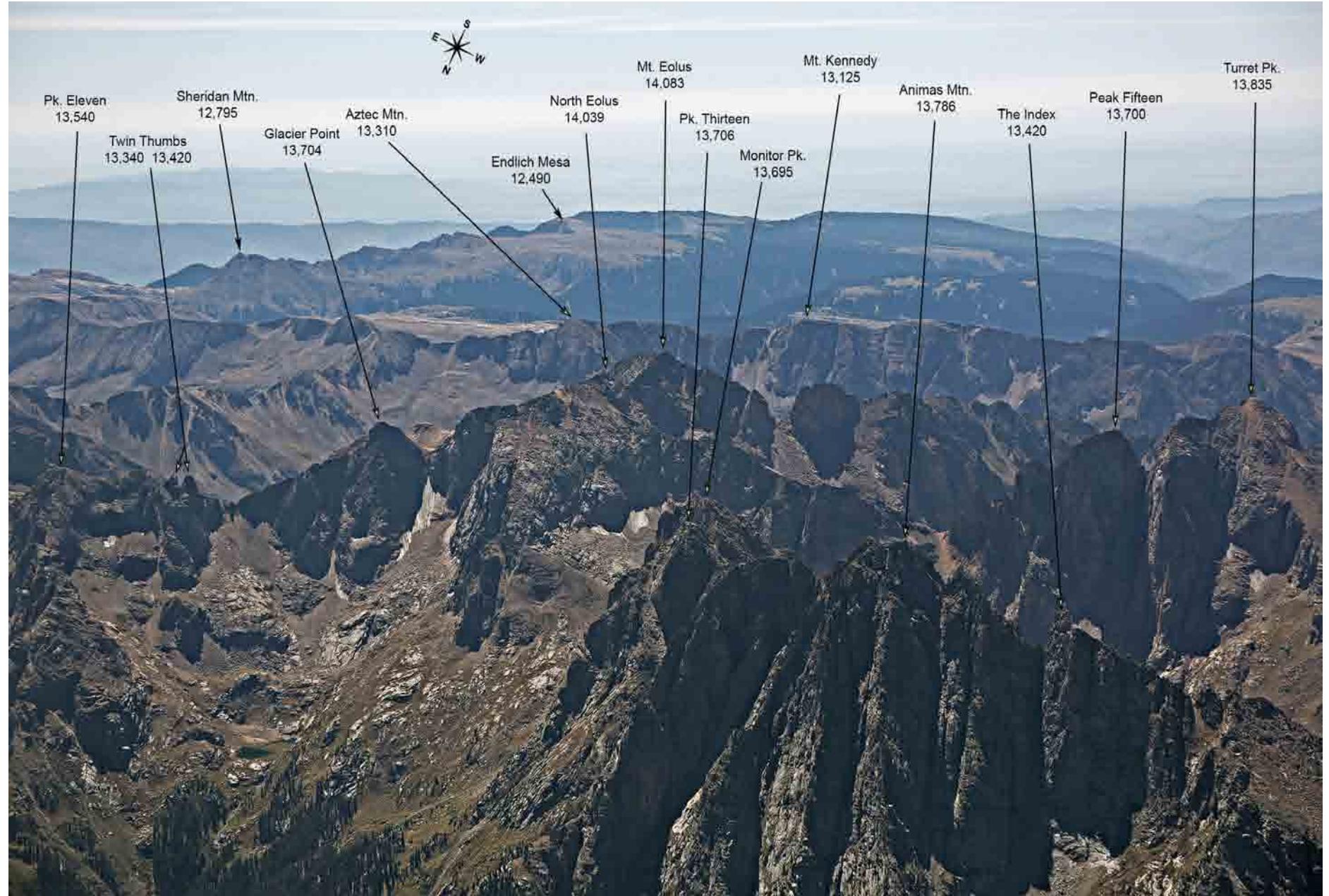


Photo s15. Summit of the Animas Mountain with Mount Eolus in the background.

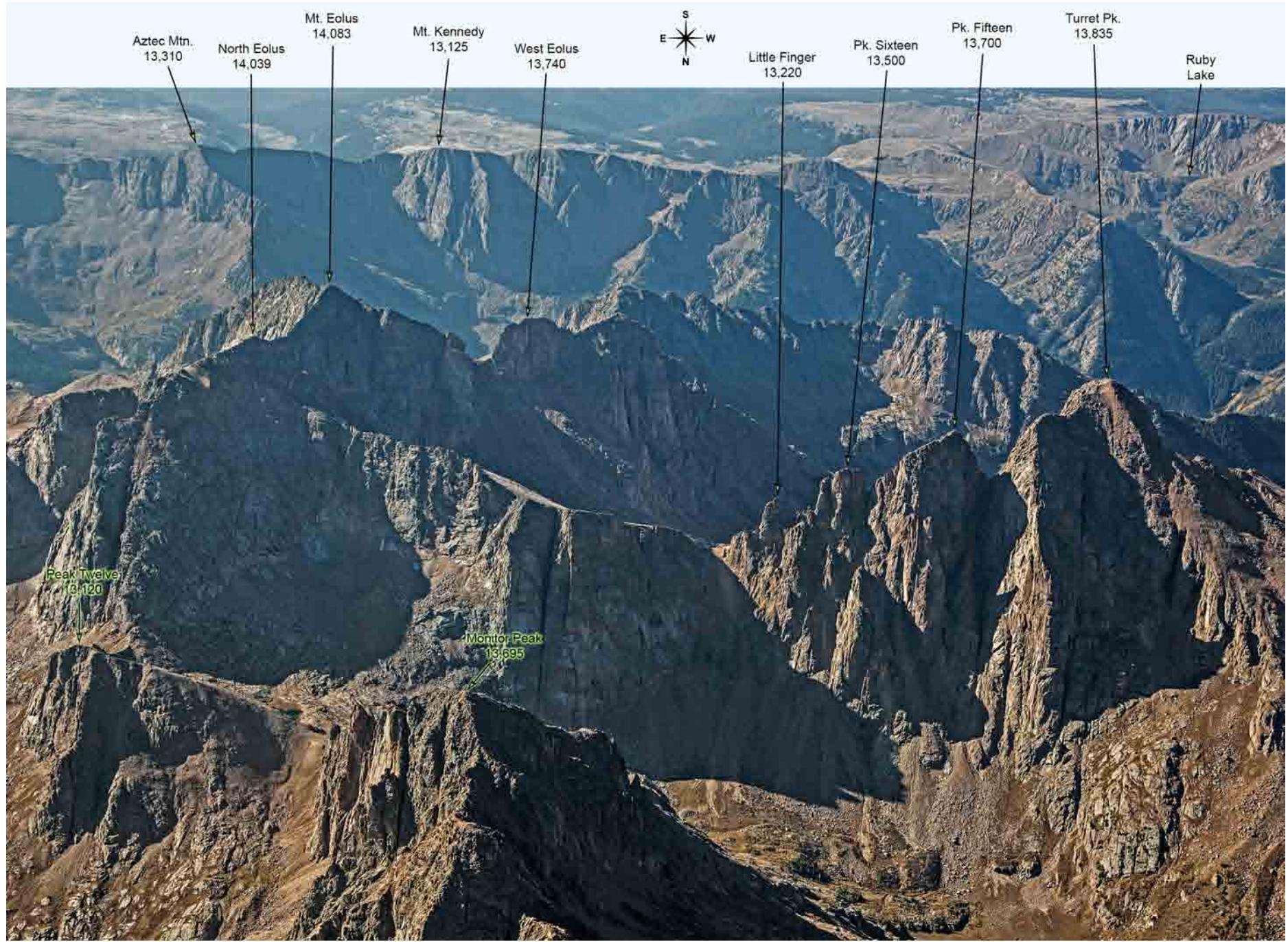


Photo s16. The Ridge from North Eolus to Turret Peaks.

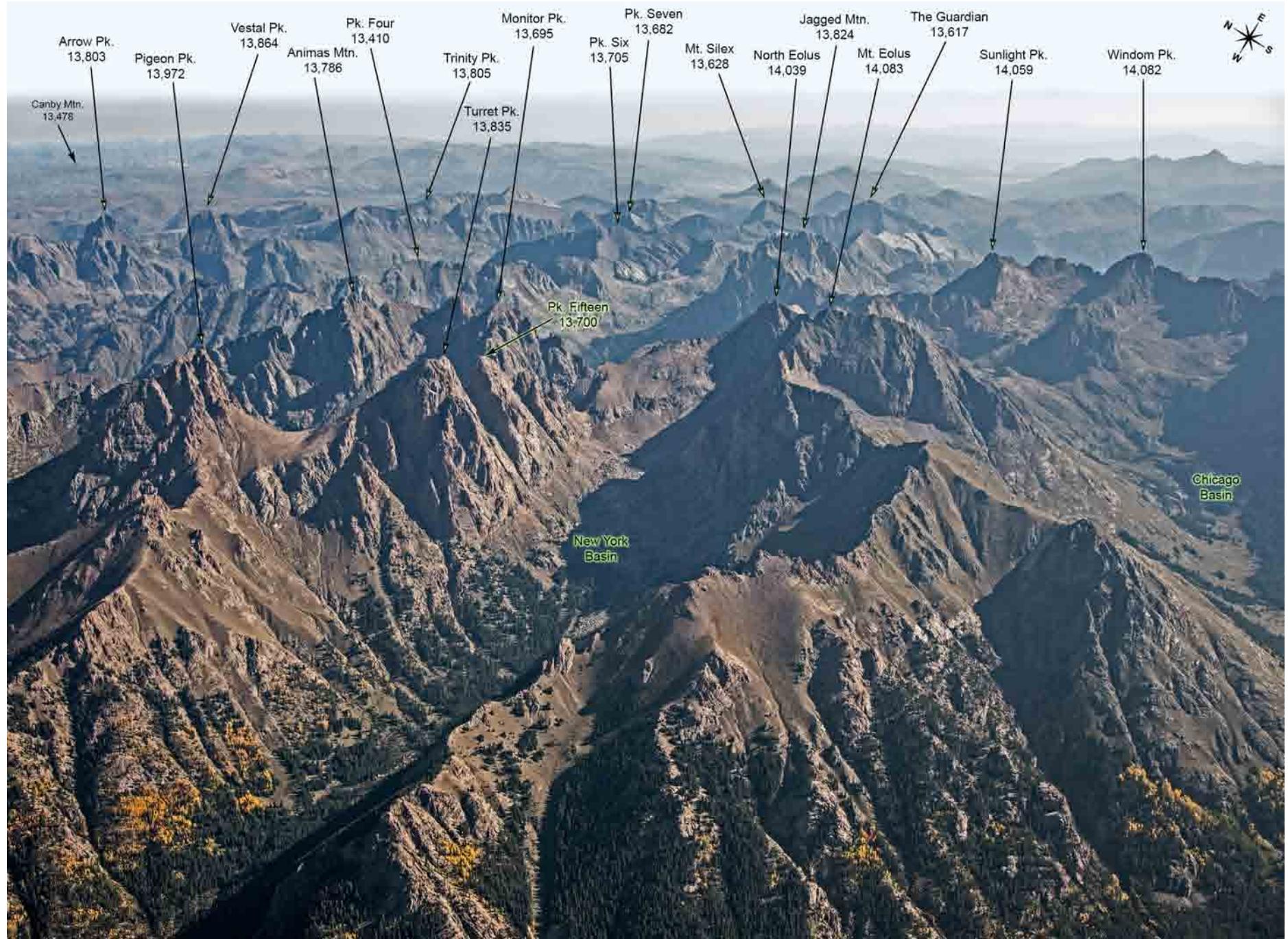


Photo s17. New York Basin and the surrounding mountains.

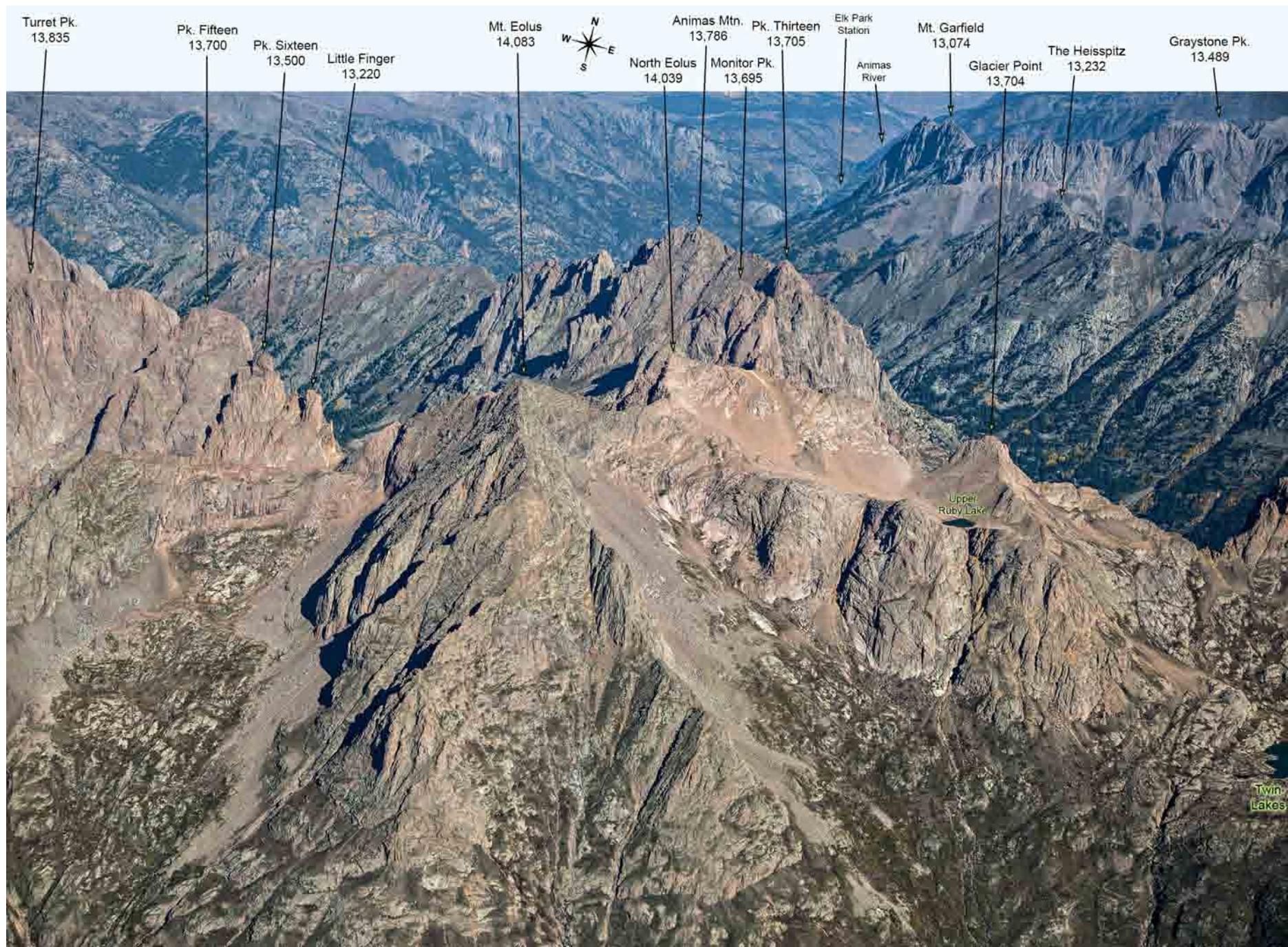


Photo s18. Mount Eolus viewed from southeast.

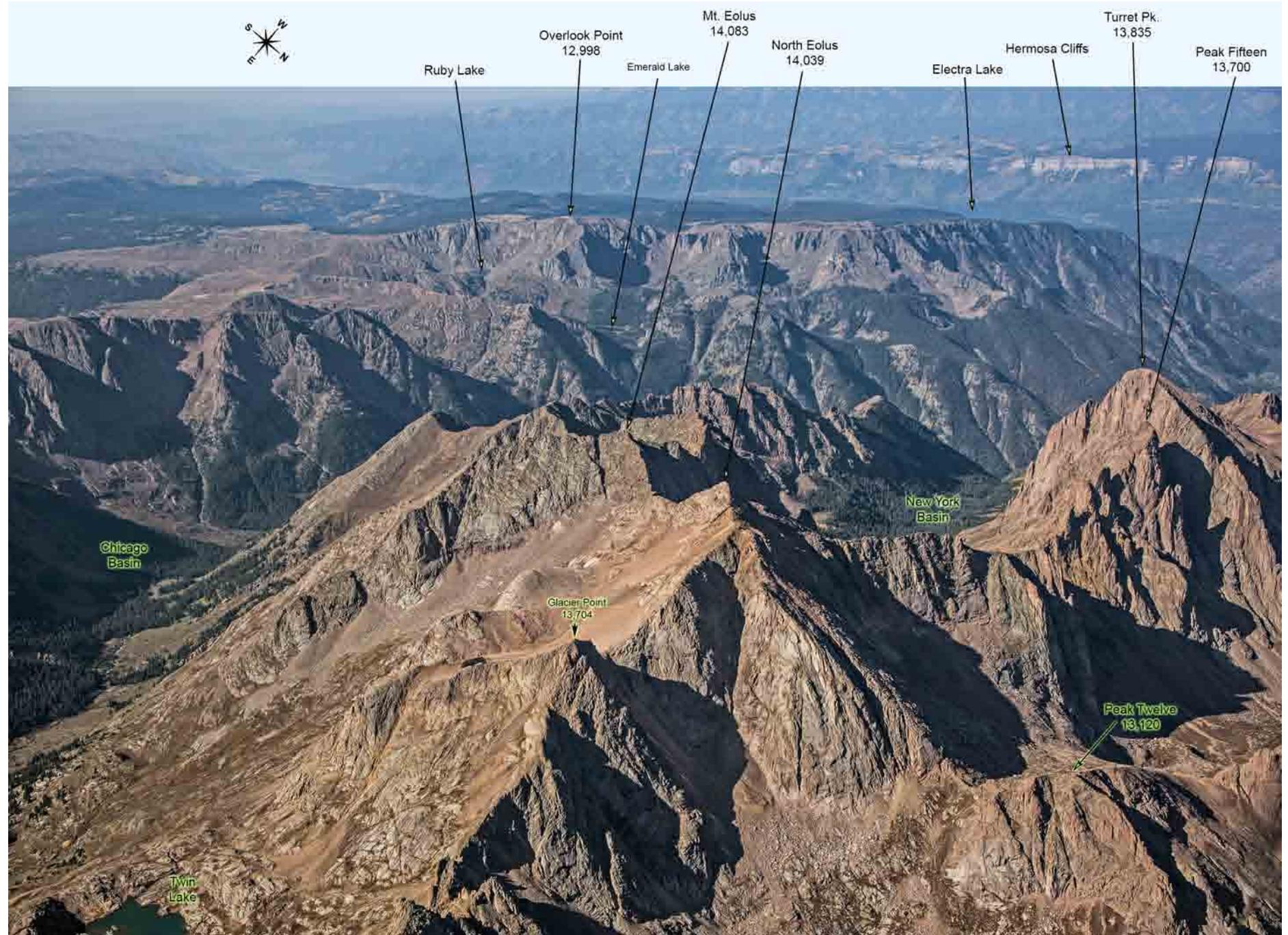


Photo s19. Mount Eolus viewed from northeast.



Photo s20. Mount Eolus viewed from northeast. A close-up.

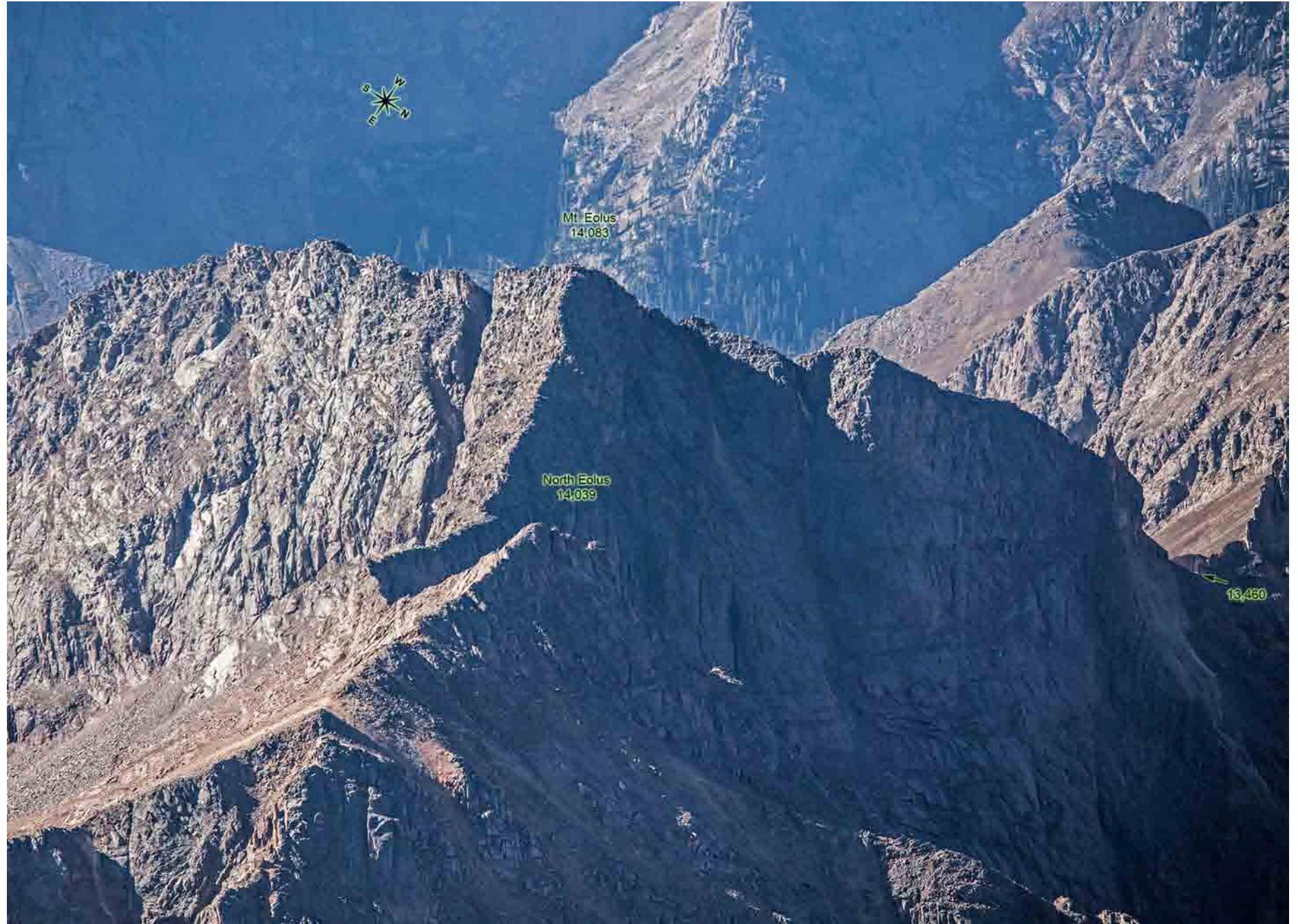


Photo s21. Summits of Mt. Eolus and North Eolus. North Eolus is a non-ranked 14er with only 189' prominence. [Aeolus](#) was the ruler of the winds, according to Greek mythology.



Photo s22. View of Mount Eolus from southwest. West Eolus is an unranked 13er with prominence approximately 280', and 5th class difficulty climbing.

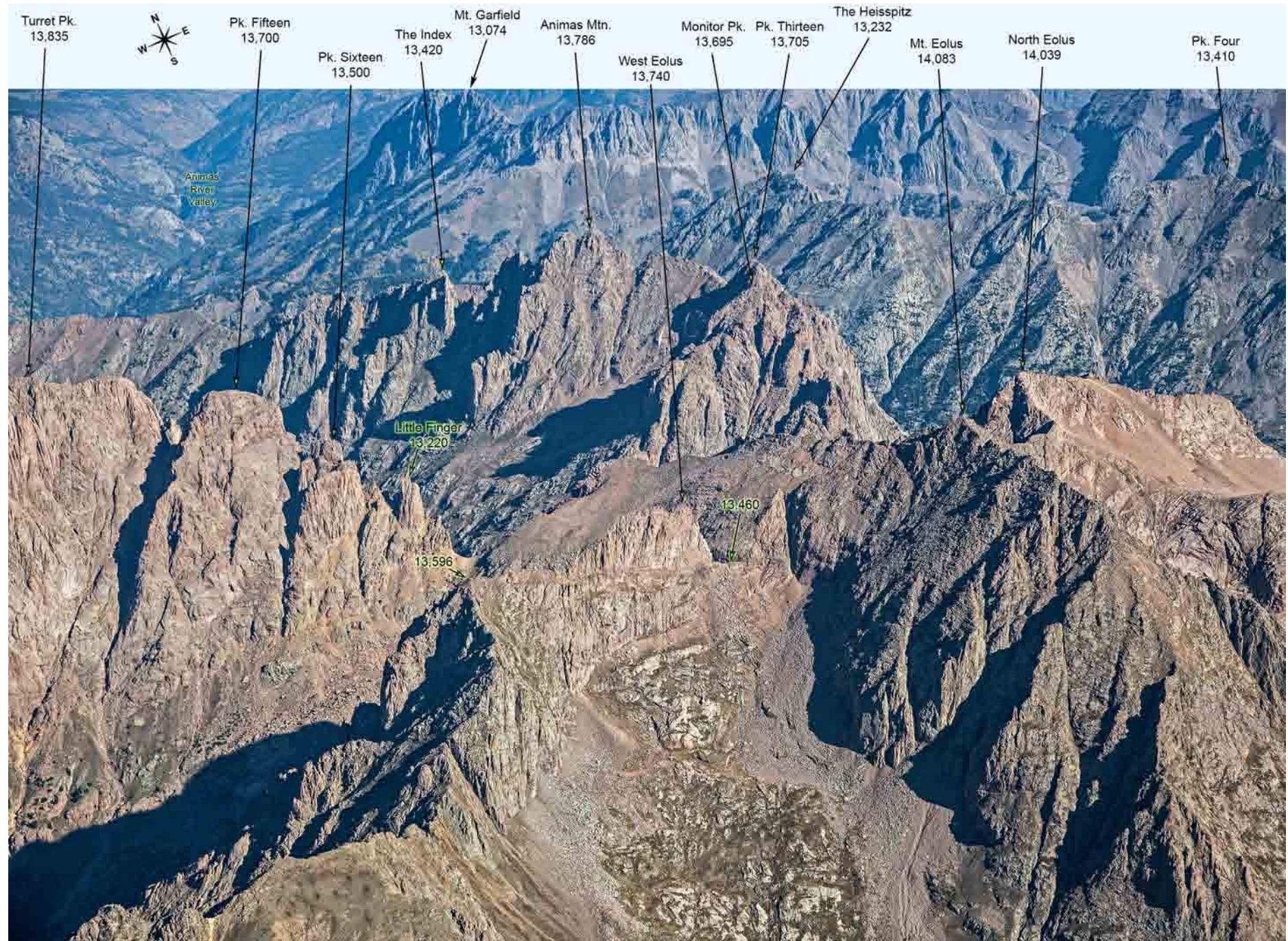


Photo s23. View of Turret Peak through Mount Eolus from southwest.

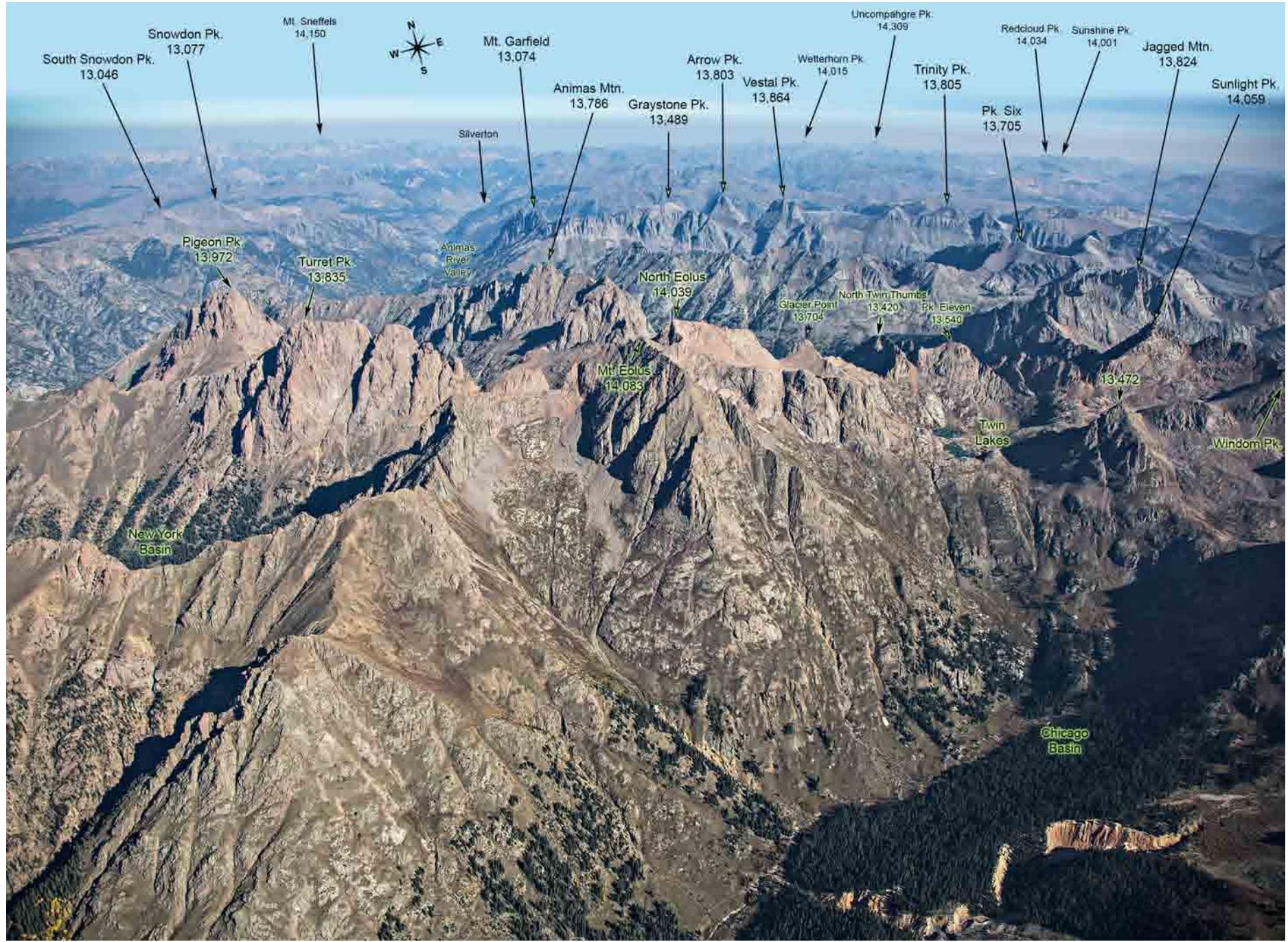


Photo s24. View from south and above Chicago Basin of Mount Eolus mountains group.

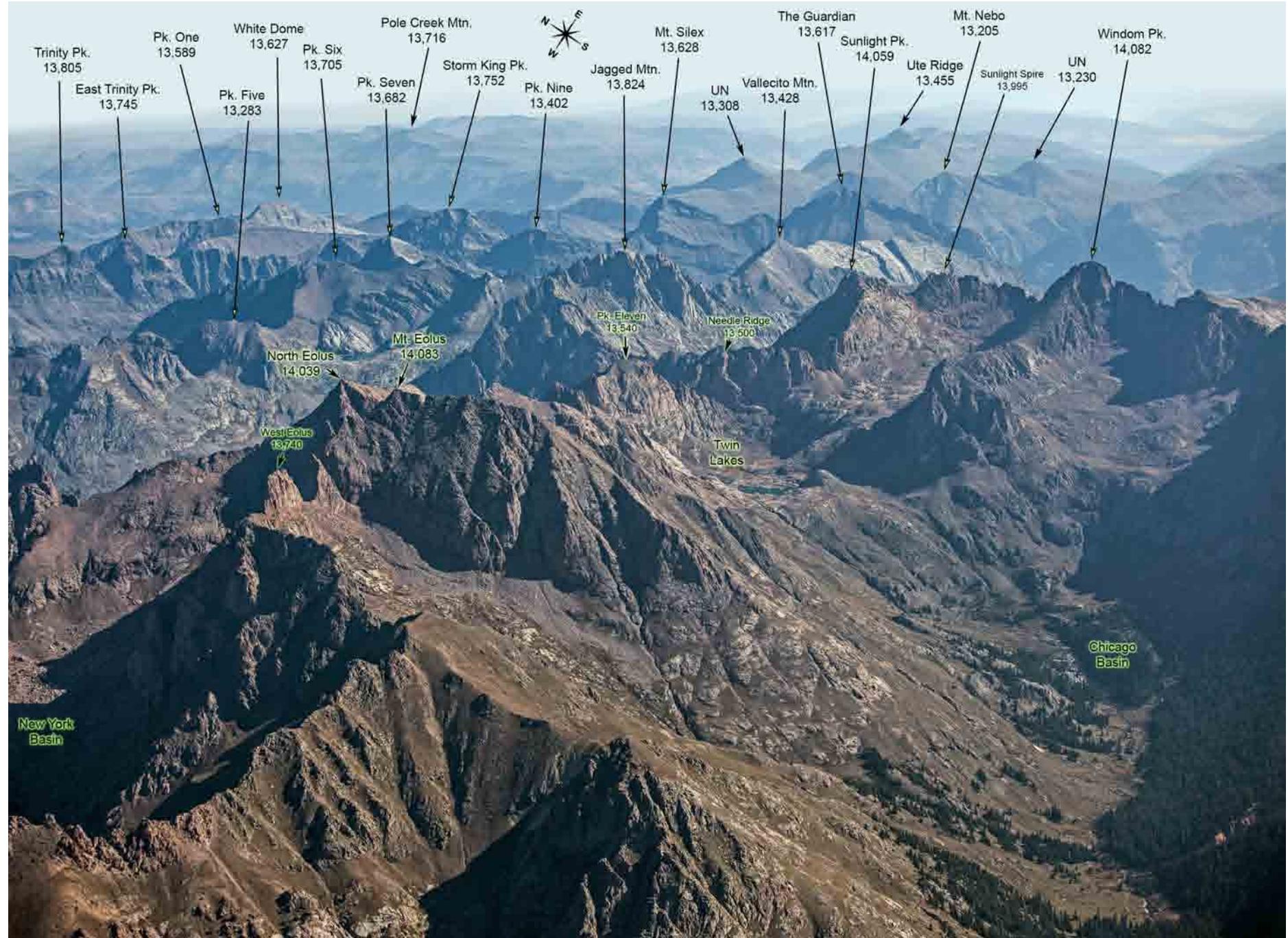


Photo s25. View of all four 14-ers of the Needle Mountains. The 5th 14-er is actually Sunlight Spire, as more accurate measurements placed it among unranked 14-ers with 14,000' and 215' prominence.

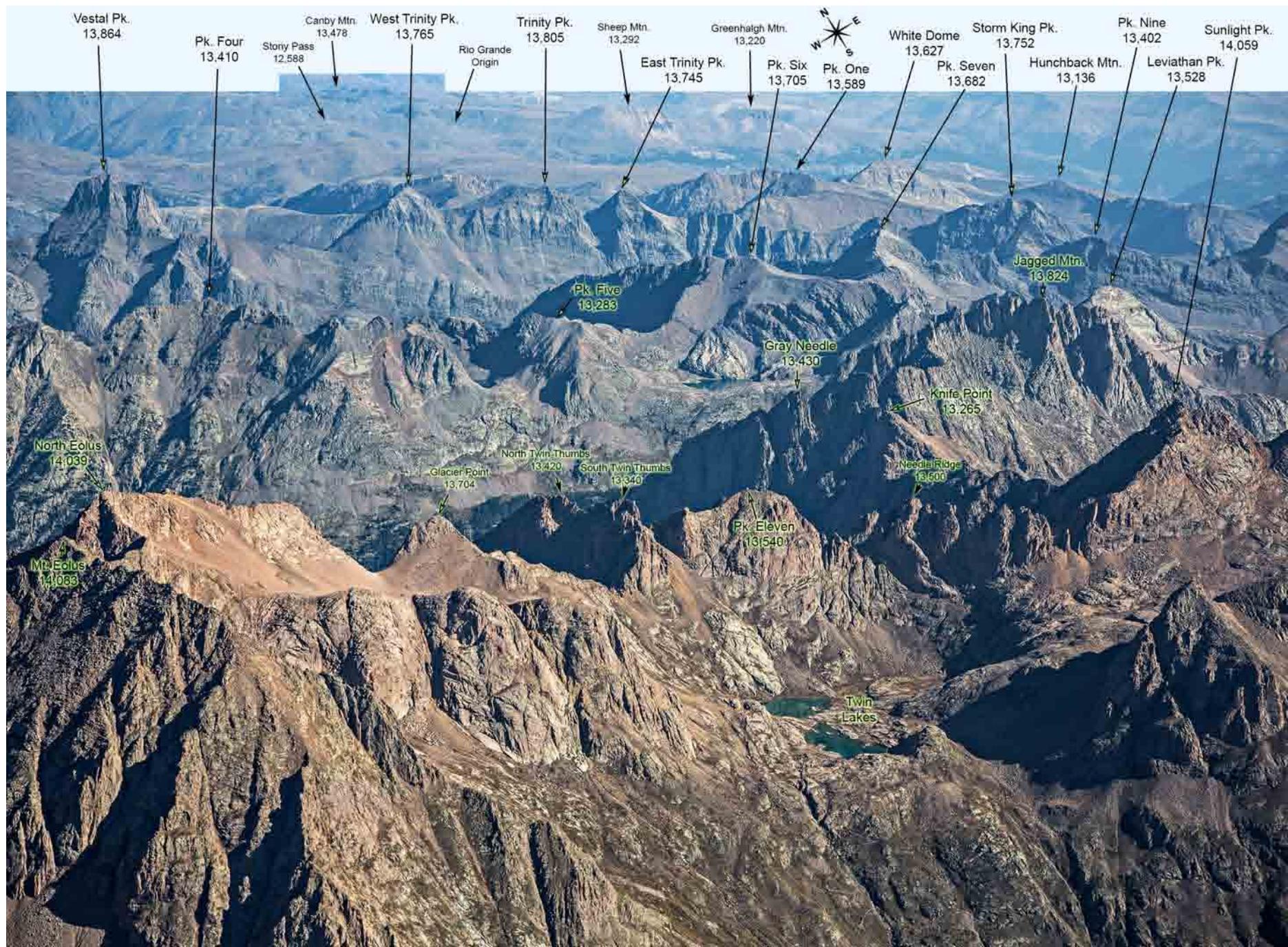


Photo s26. The Twin Lakes area.

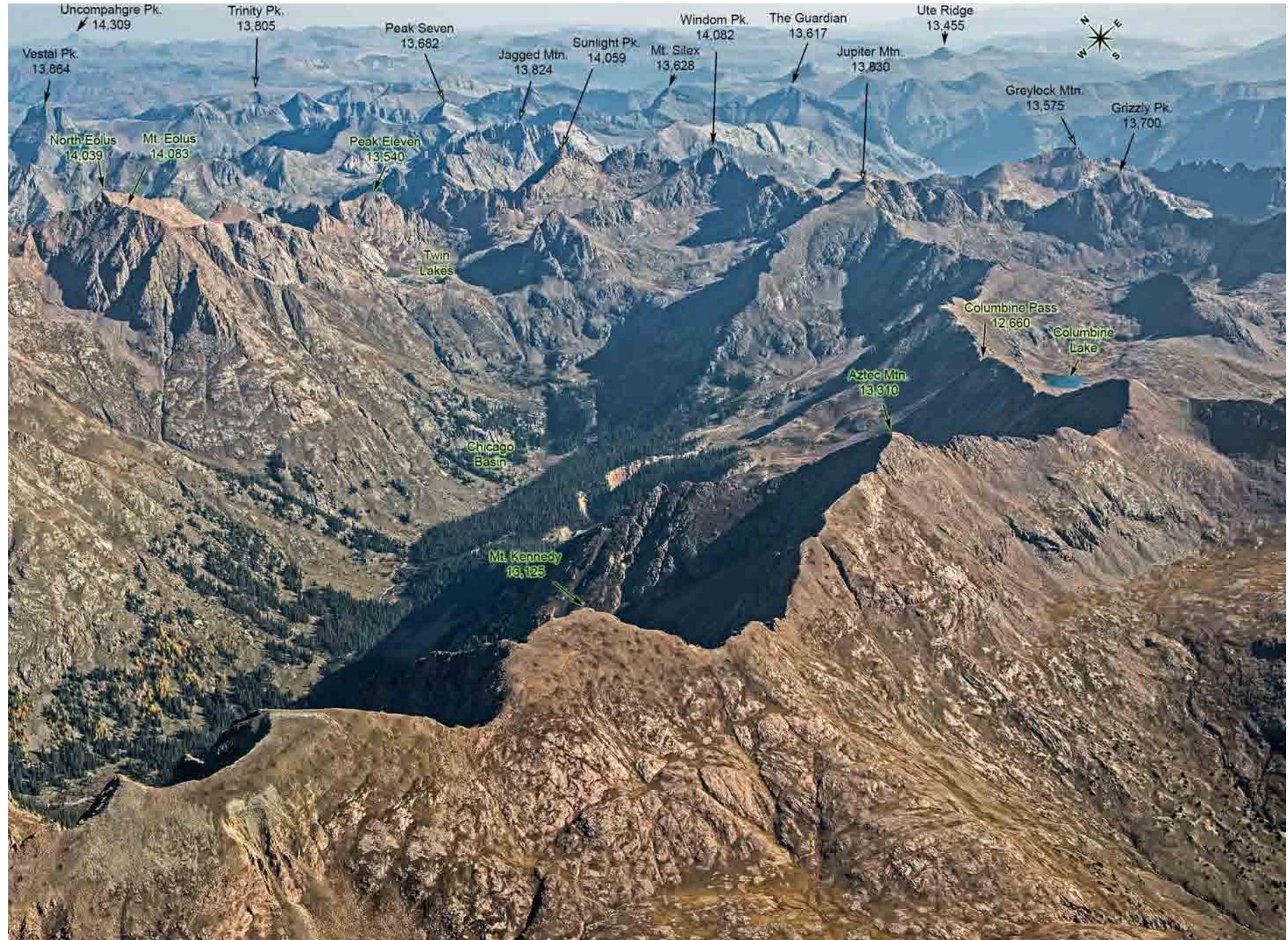


Photo s27. Chicago Basin and the surrounding mountains.

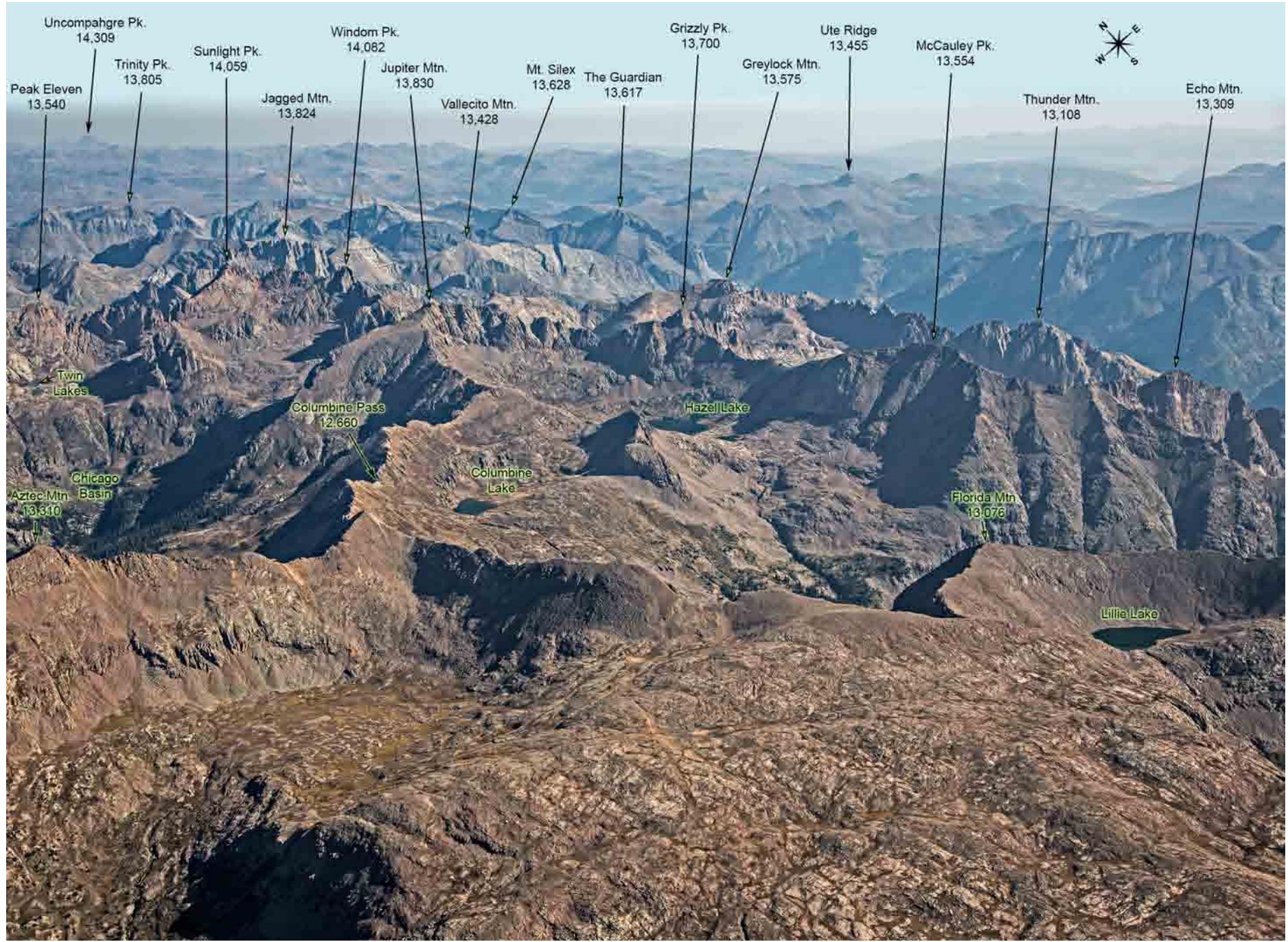


Photo s28. General view of the eastern part of Needle Mountains.



Photo s29. Sunlight Peak to Windom Peak ridge viewed from west. Windom Peak was named after William Windom (1827-1891), congressman, senator, and Secretary of the Treasury under President James Garfield by the U.S. Geological Survey when they mapped the Needles Mountains in 1902.

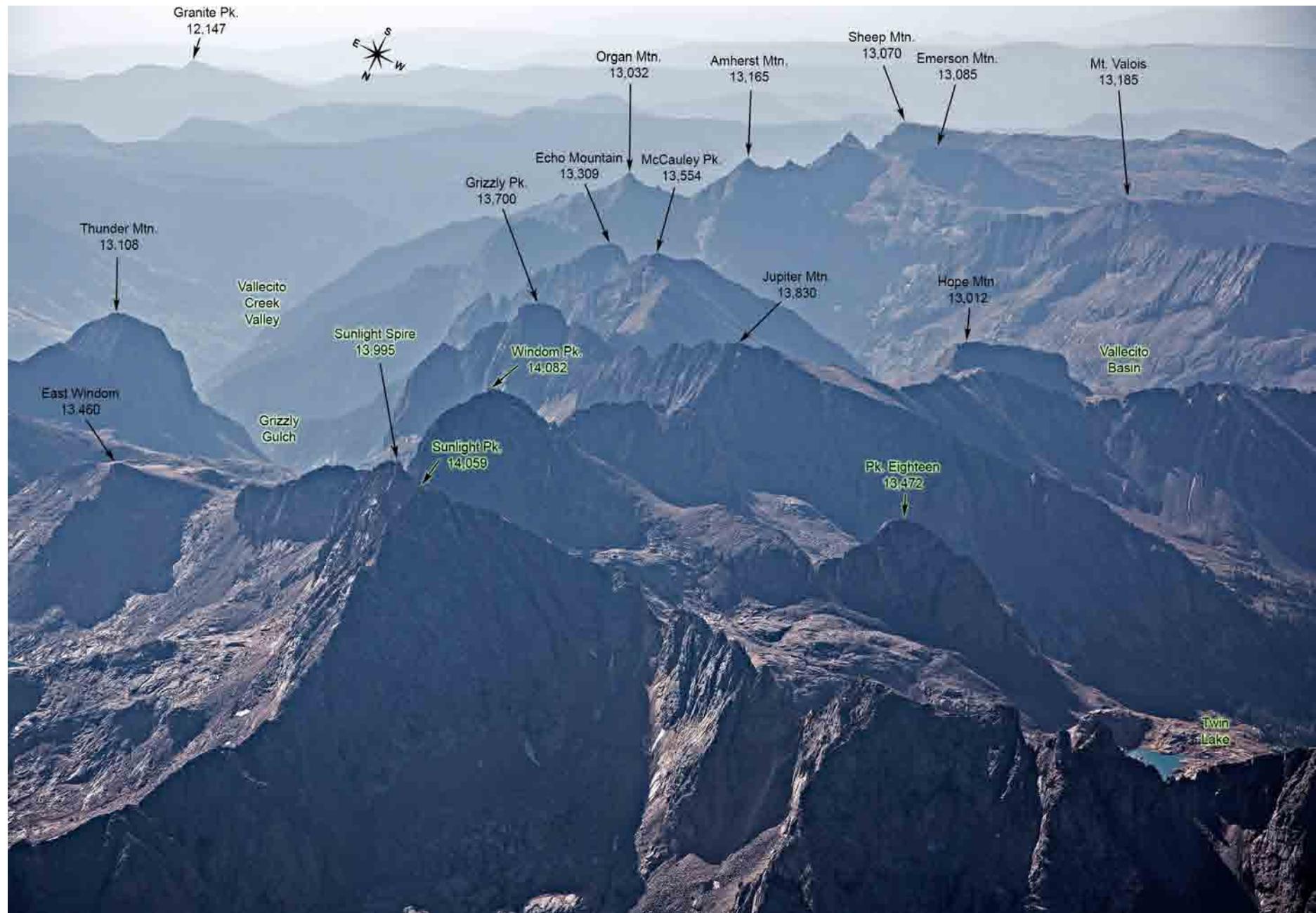


Photo s30. Sunlight Peak to Grizzly Peak ridge viewed from northwest. Recent revisions in the altitude of Colorado Mountains, the Sunlight Spire is now recorded as an even 14,000', and 215' prominence. This makes it the most difficult to reach 14er summit in the contiguous USA, of class 5.10.

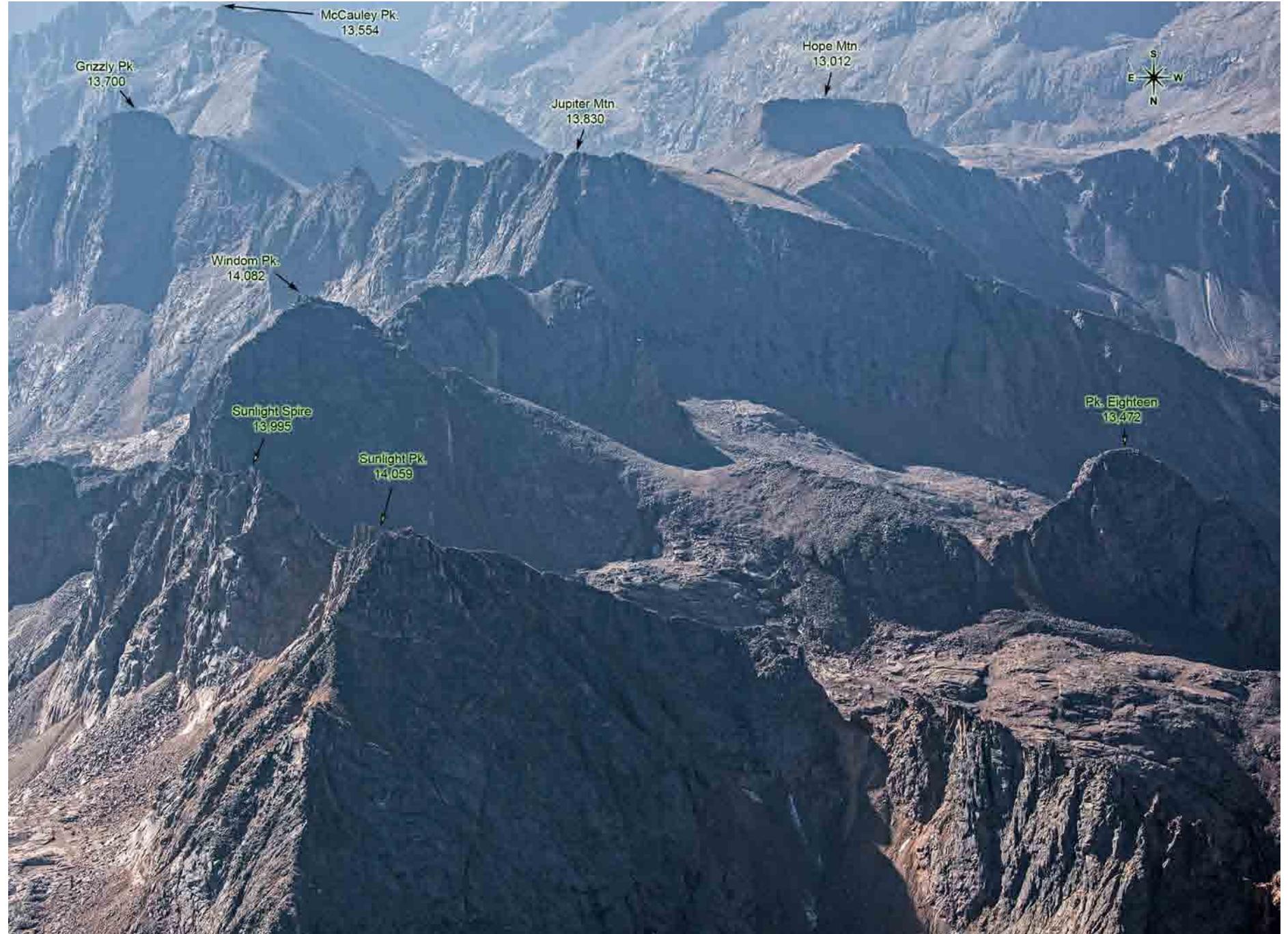


Photo s31. Sunlight Peak to Grizzly Peak ridge viewed from north.

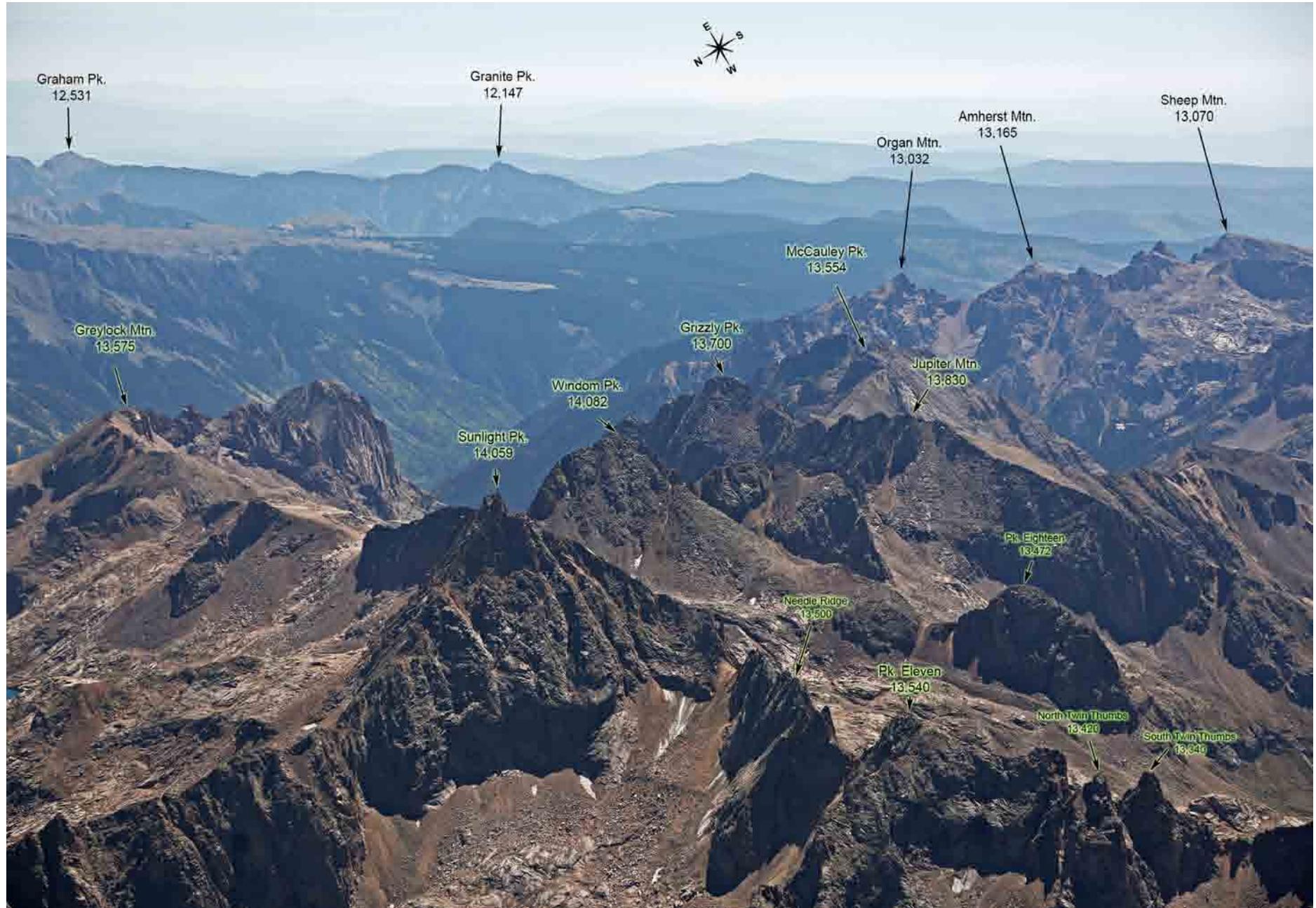


Photo s32. Sunlight Peak to Grizzly Peak ridge viewed from northwest.

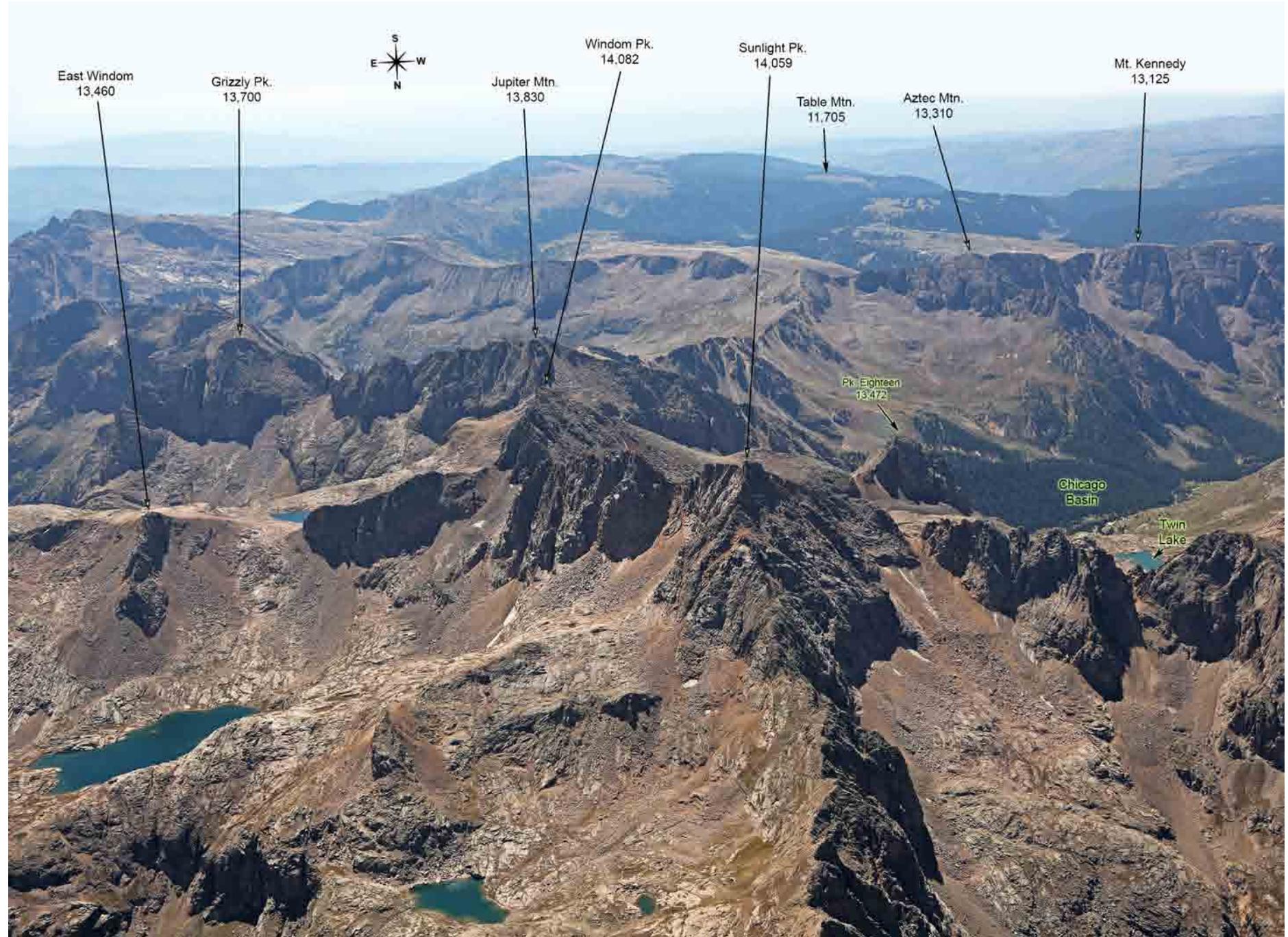


Photo s33. Sunlight and Windom Peaks viewed from north.

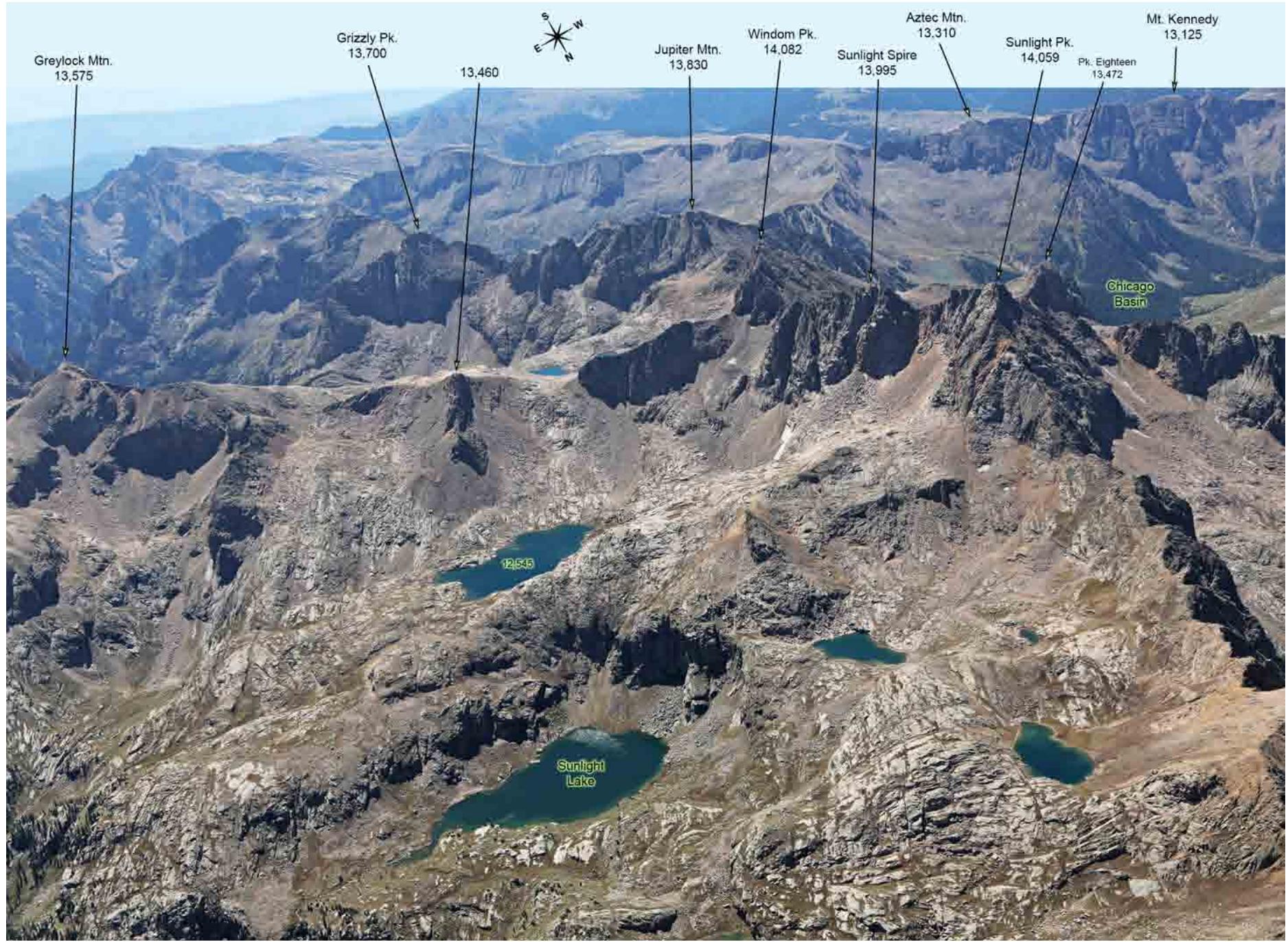


Photo s34. Greylock Mountain to Windom Peak ridge with Sunlight Lake viewed from northeast.

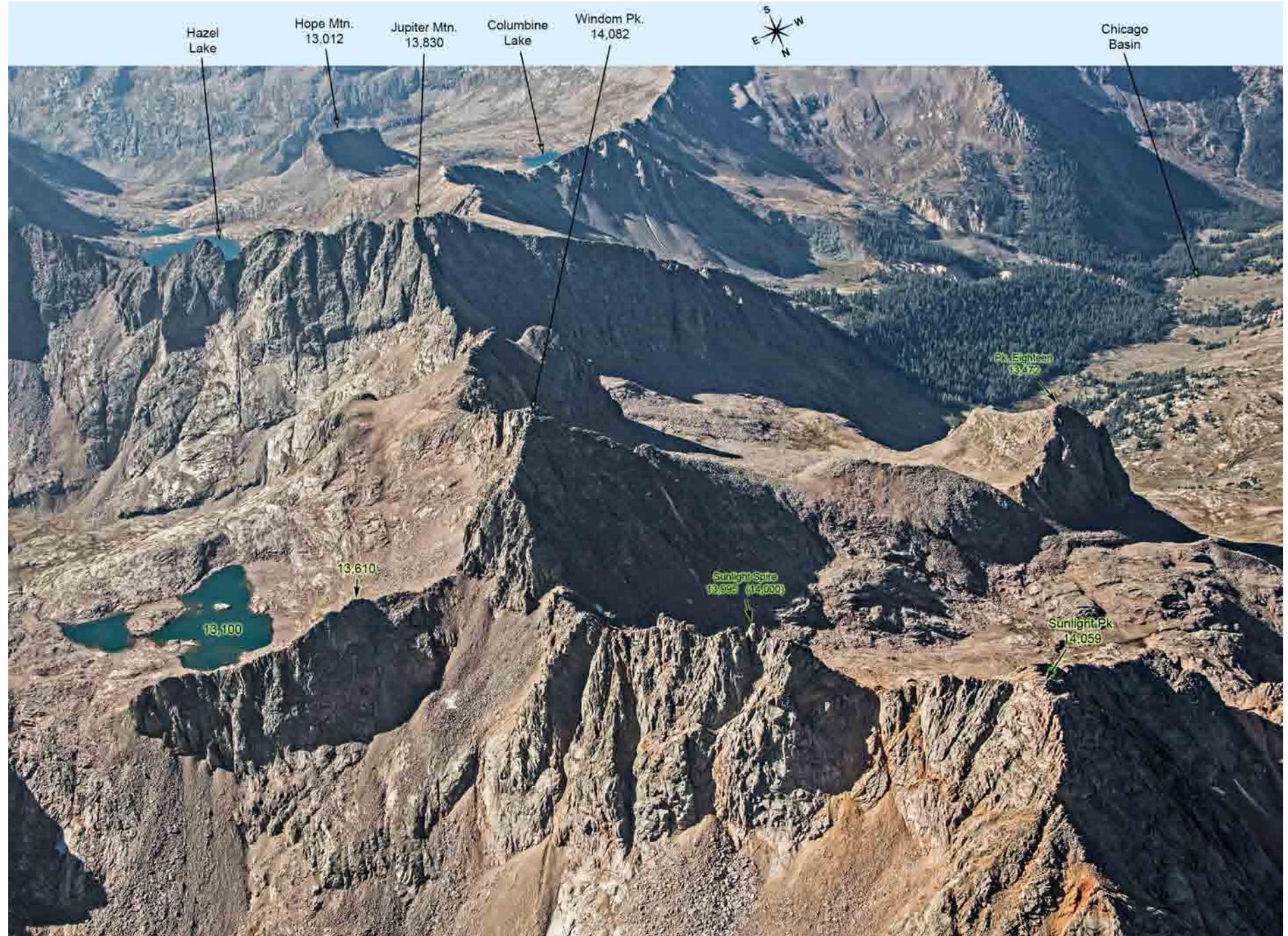


Photo s35. Ridge from Jupiter Mountain to Sunlight Peak. Recent measurements of Sunlight Spire indicated that this peak is even 14,000 feet high.

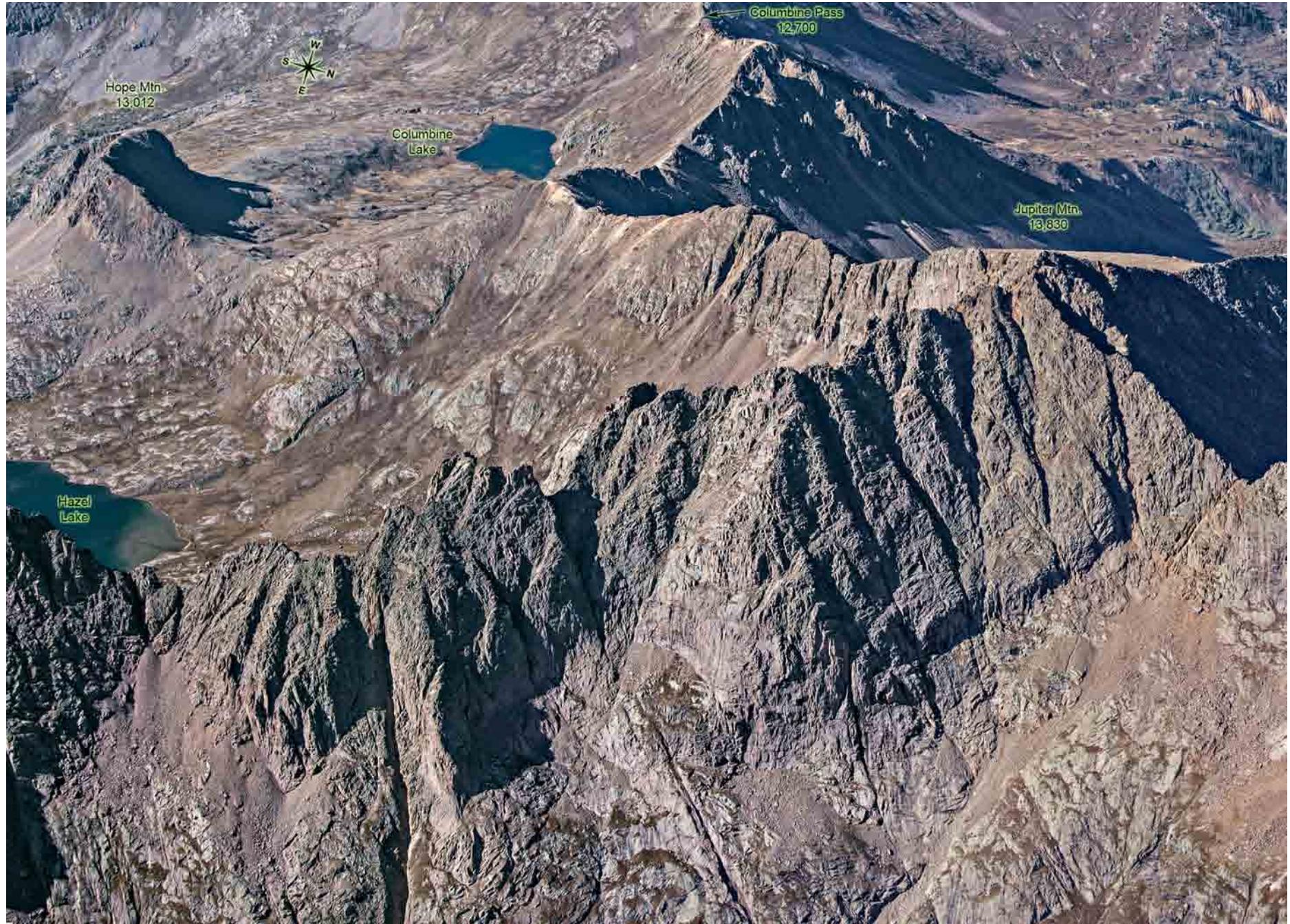


Photo s36. This and the next photo shows a closer view of a ridge from Jupiter Mountain to Windom Peak. Jupiter Mountain.

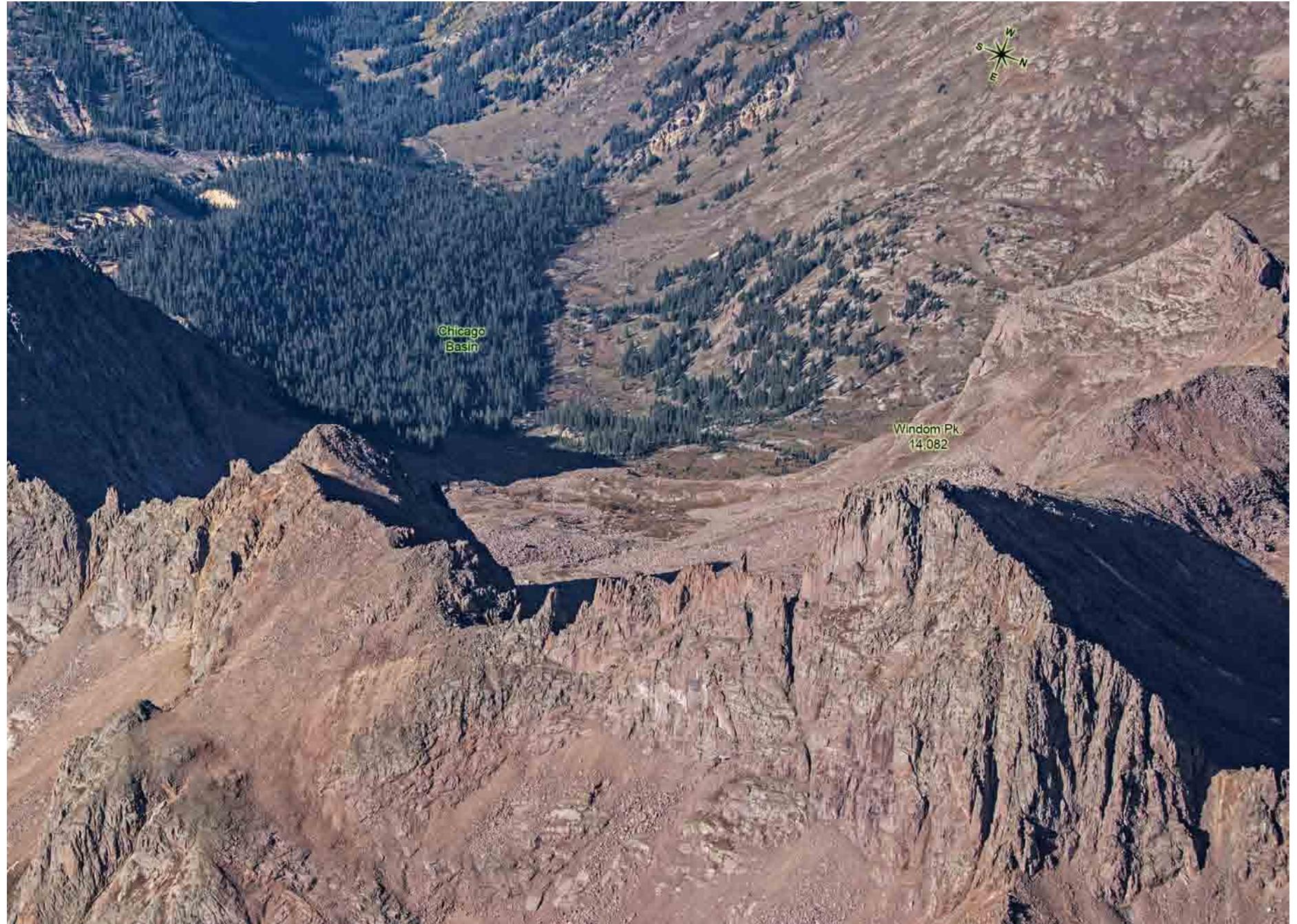


Photo s37. Continuation of the view from the previous page. Windom Peak.

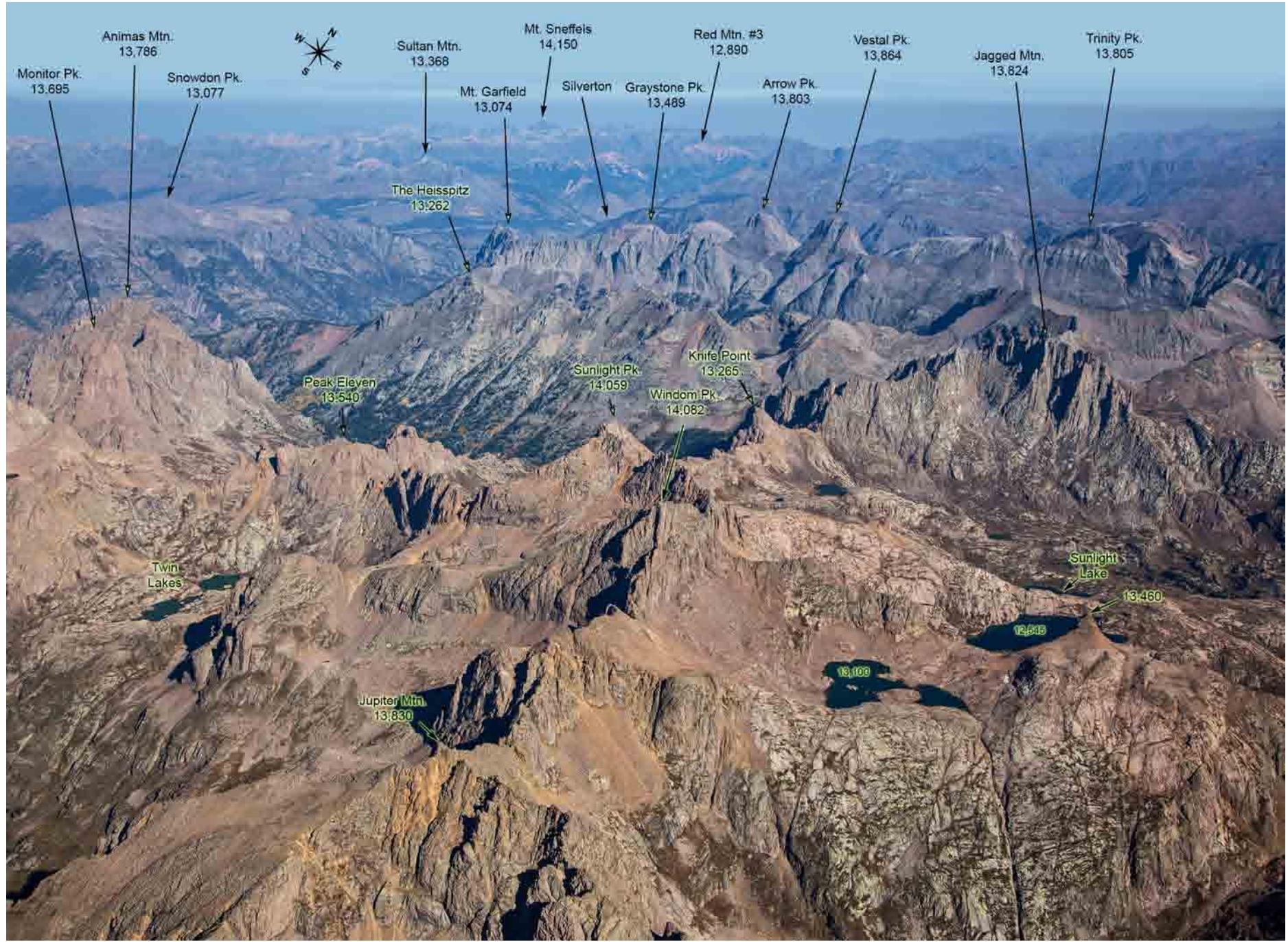


Photo s38. Needle Mountains viewed from southeast.

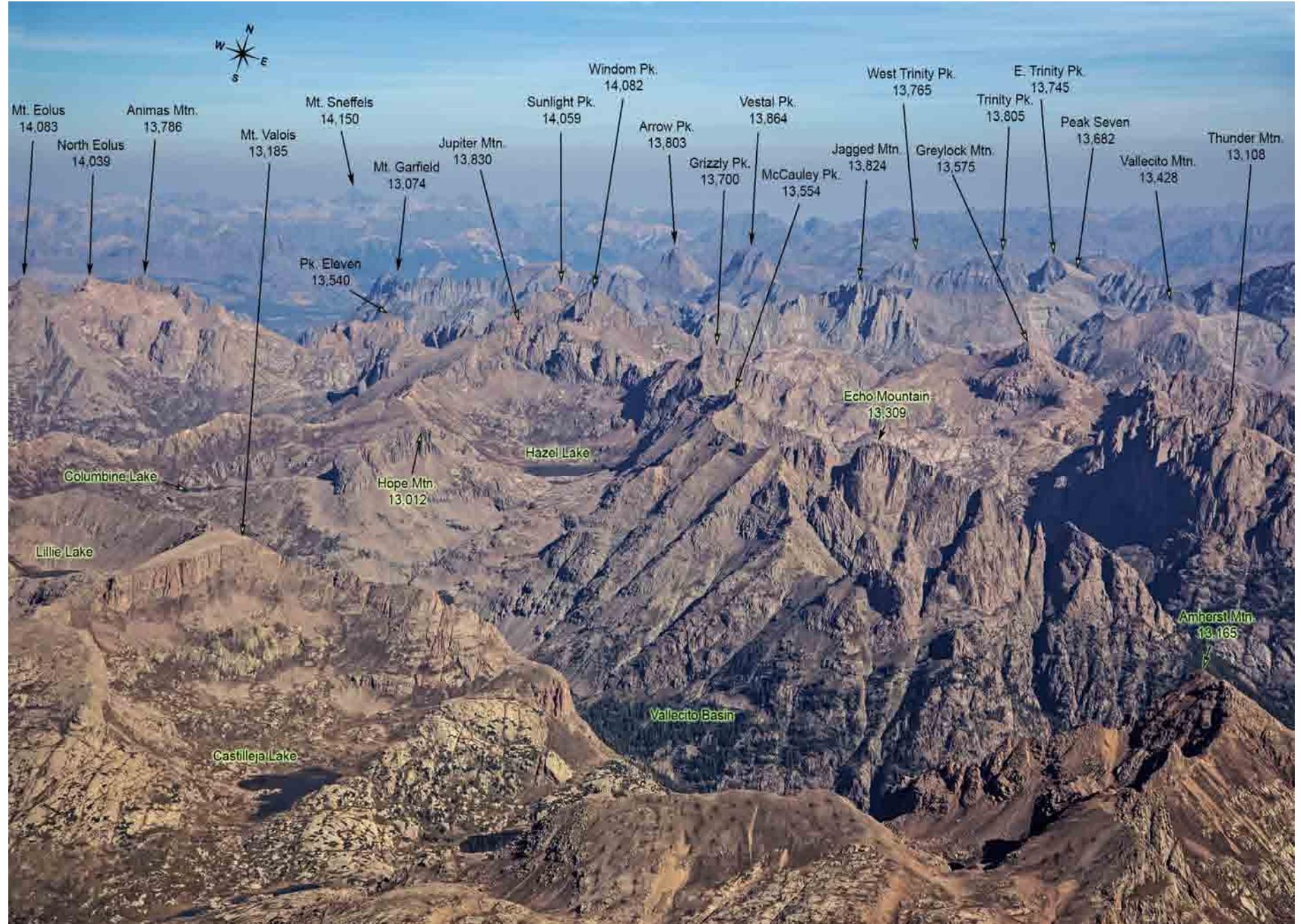


Photo s39. Mount Valois and Amherst Mountain, view from south.

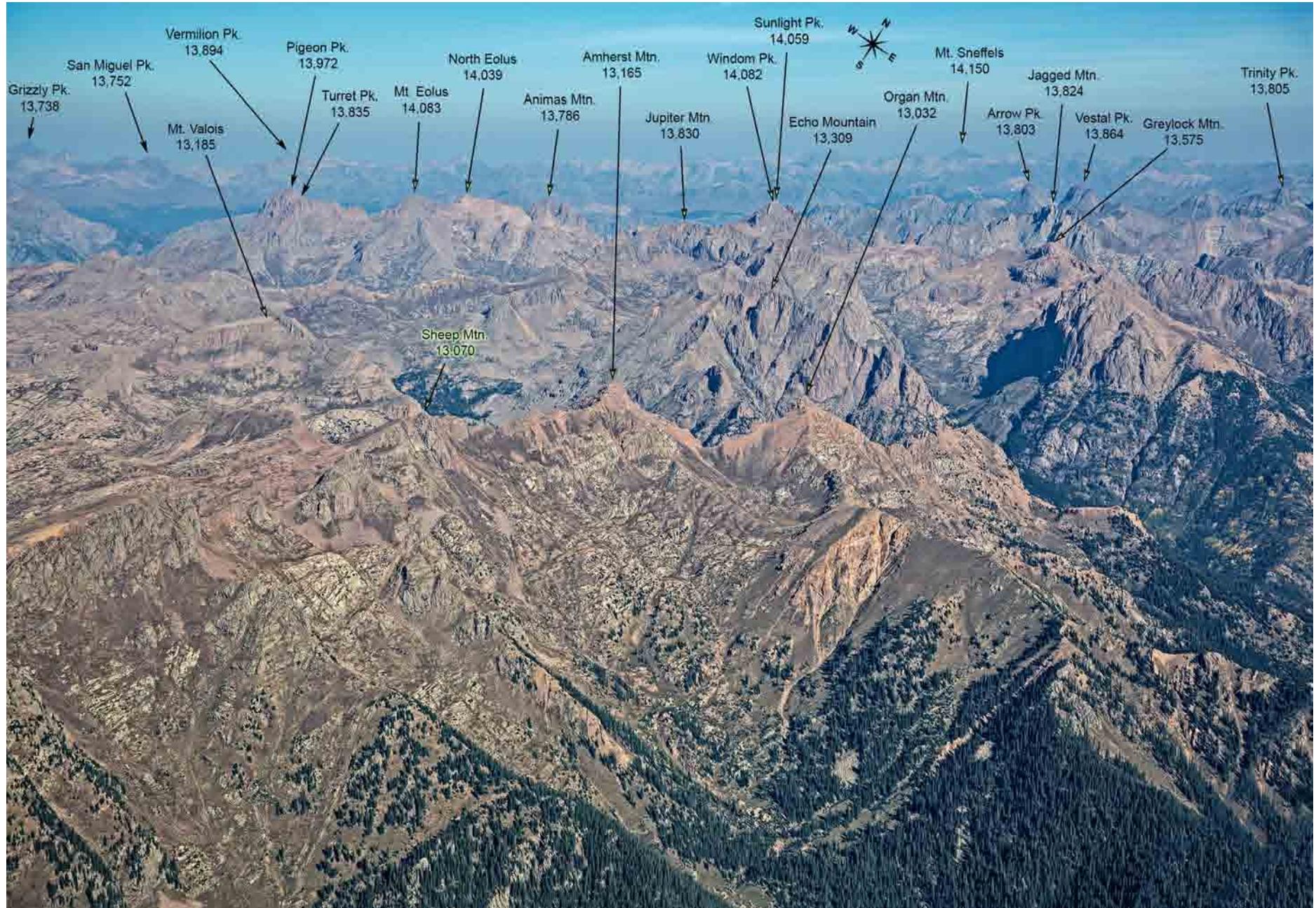


Photo s40. Amherst Mountain and the Needles viewed from southeast.

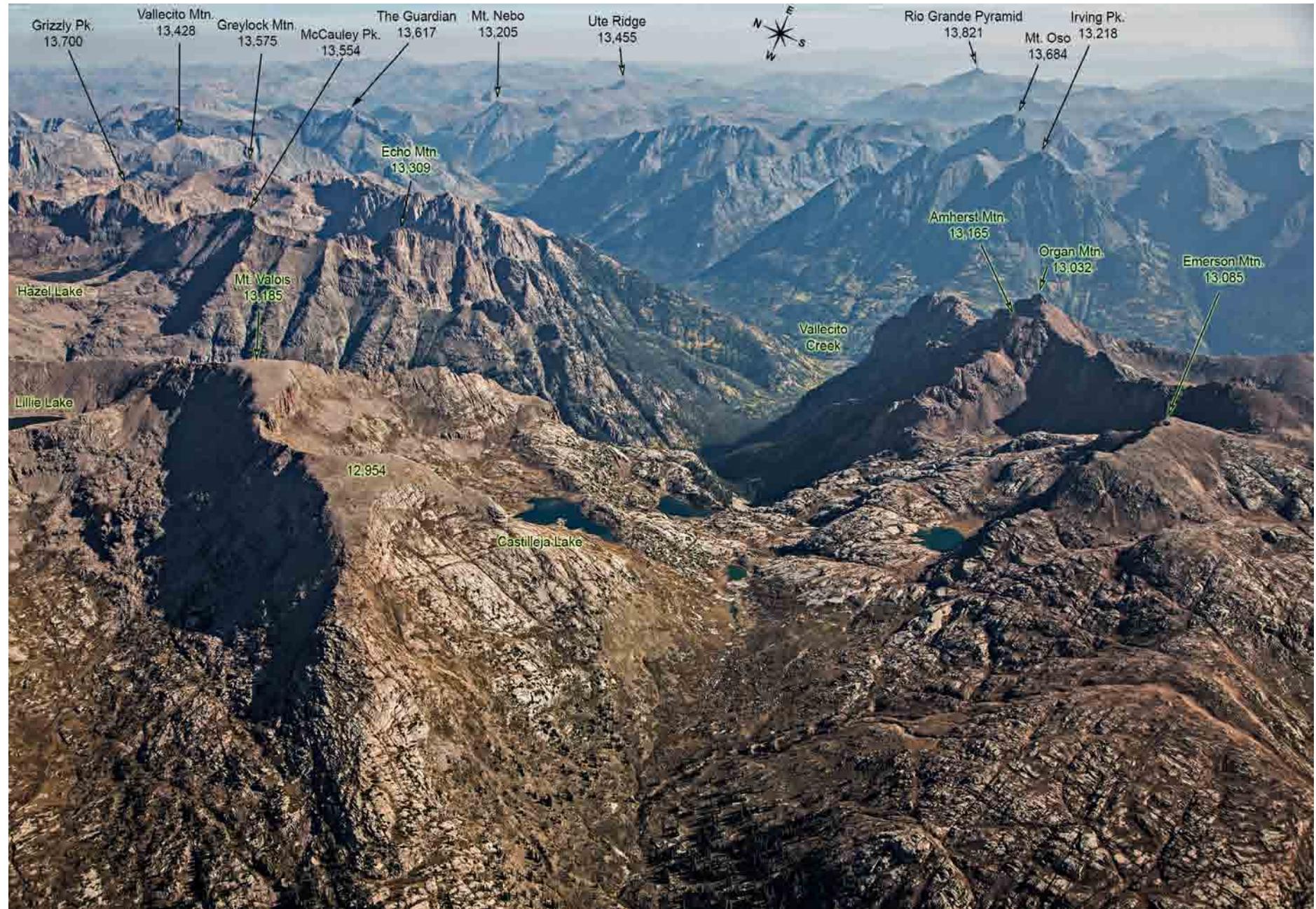


Photo s41. Mount Valois and Emerson Mountain viewed from west.

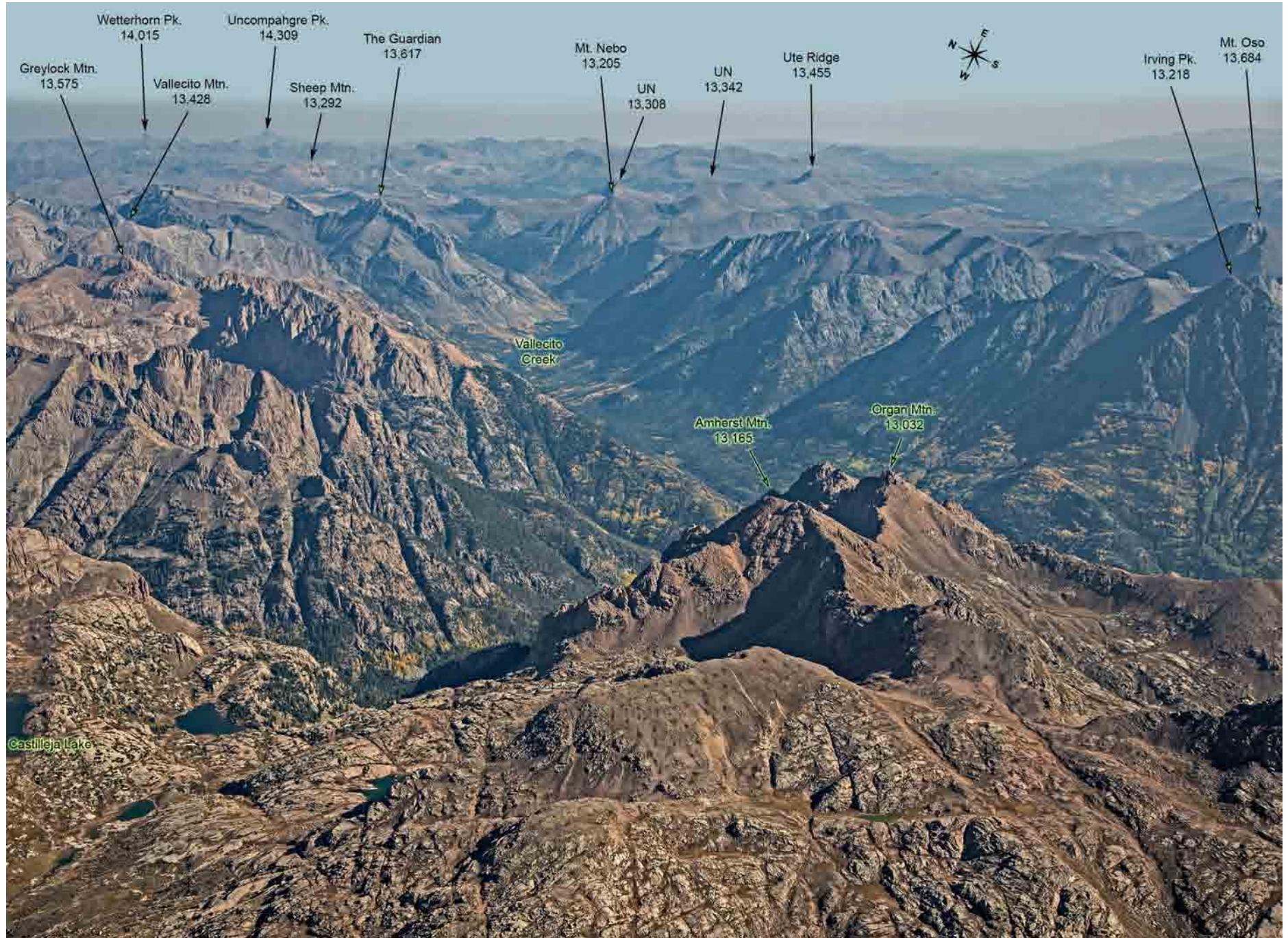


Photo s42. Amherst and Organ Mountain with Vallecito Creek Valley in the background.

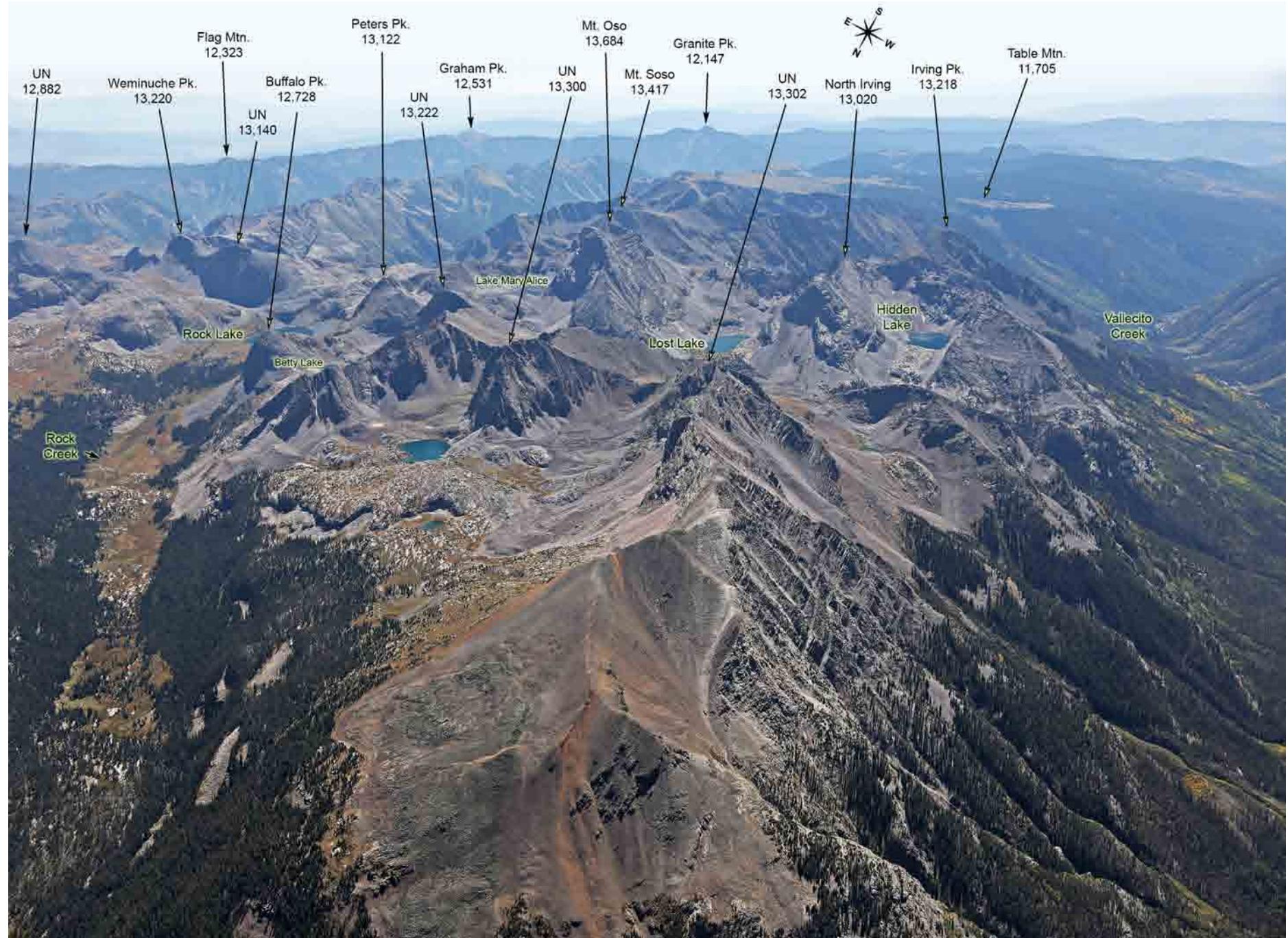


Photo s43. Mount Oso Group of mountains viewed from northwest.

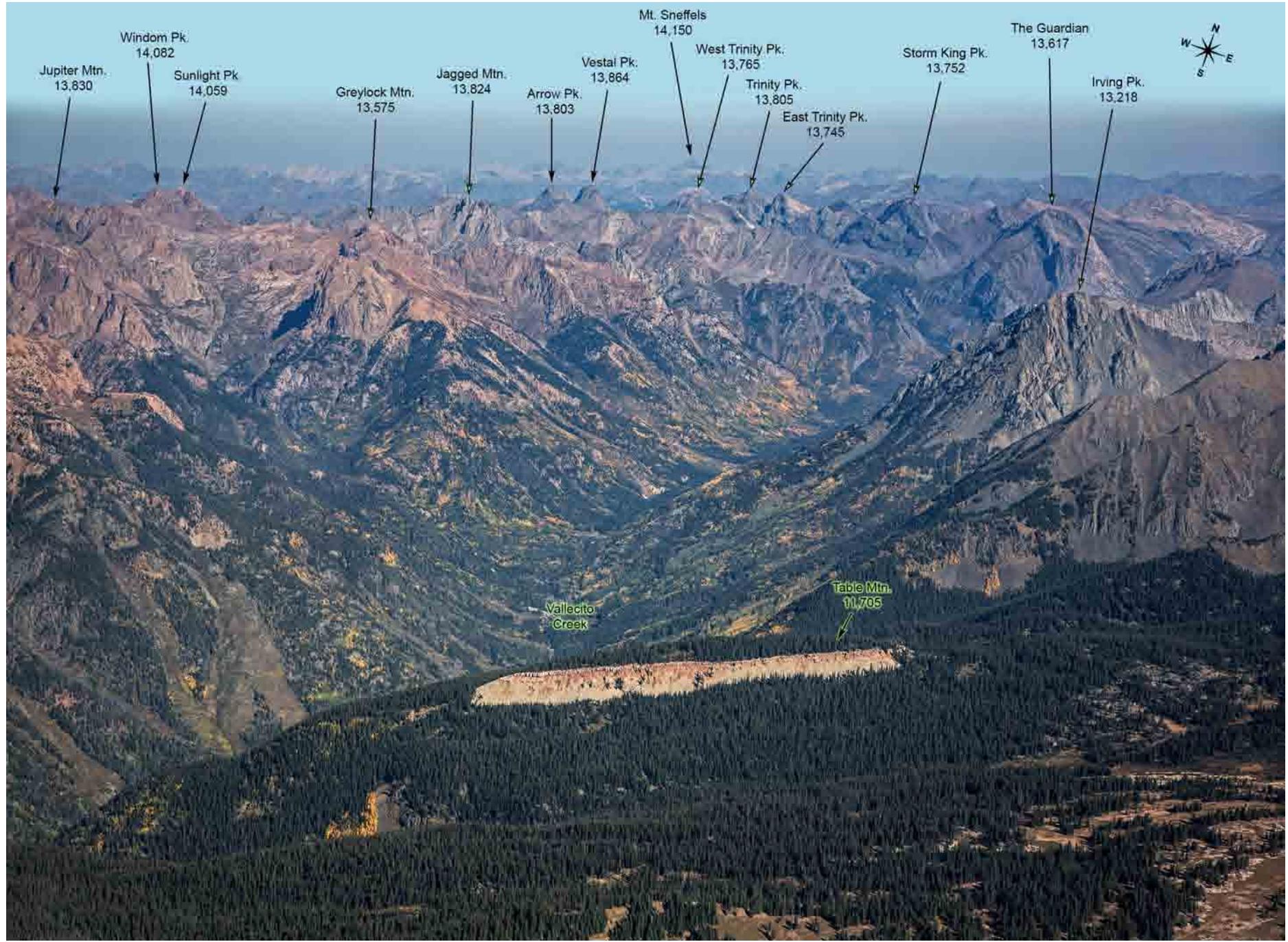


Photo s44. Vallecito Creek Valley viewed from southeast.

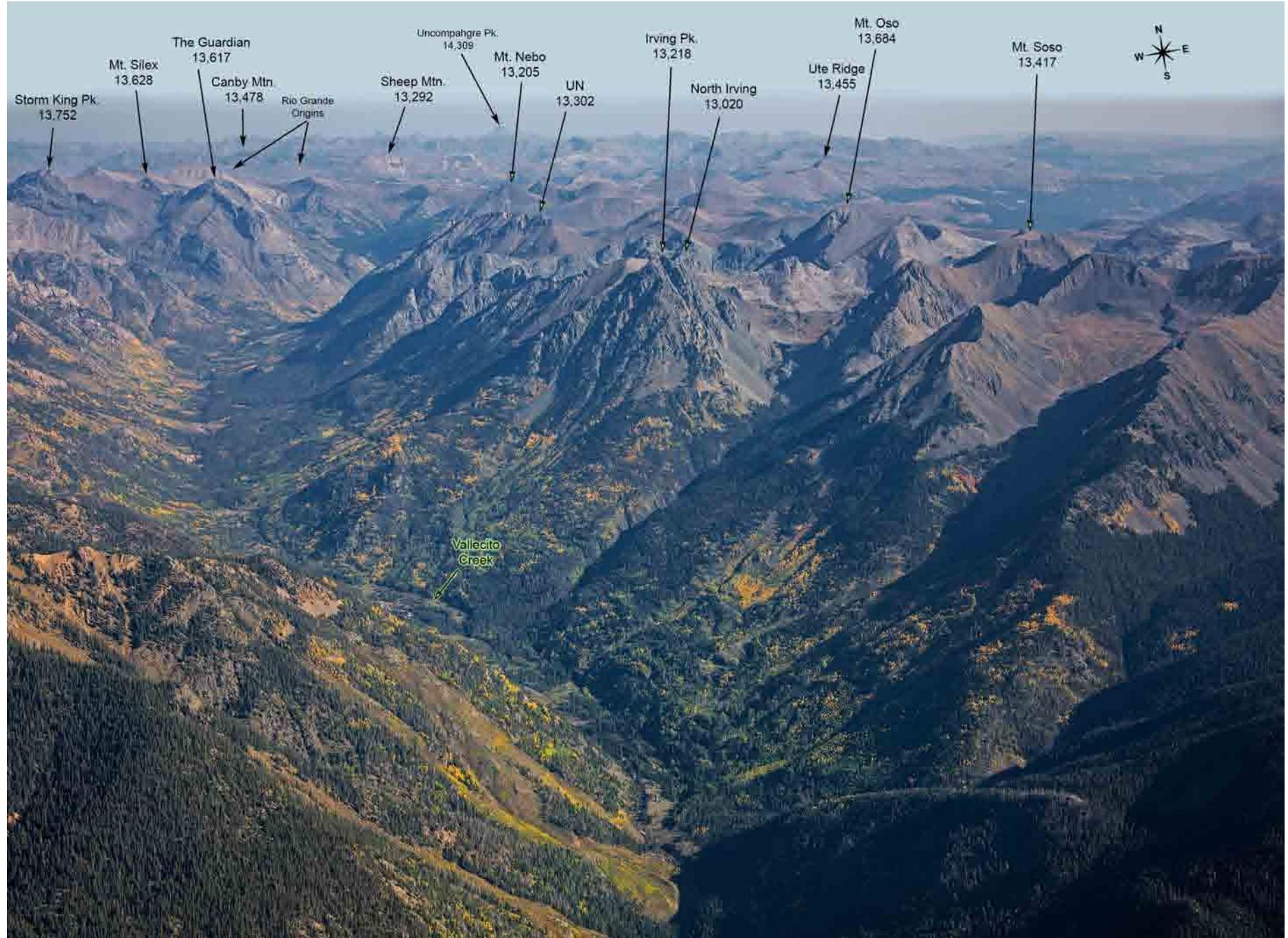


Photo s45. Irving Peak and Vallecito Creek Valley viewed from south.

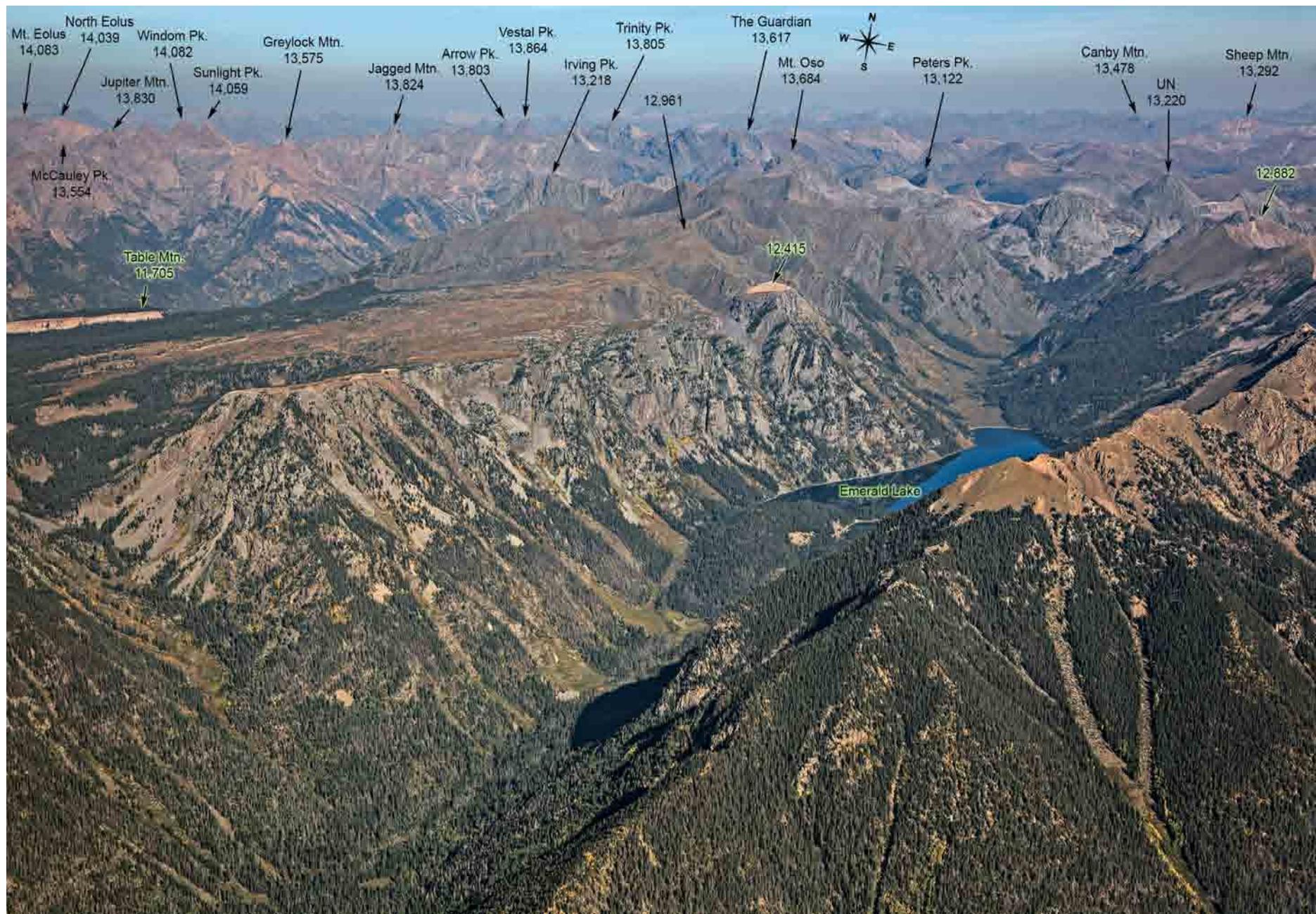


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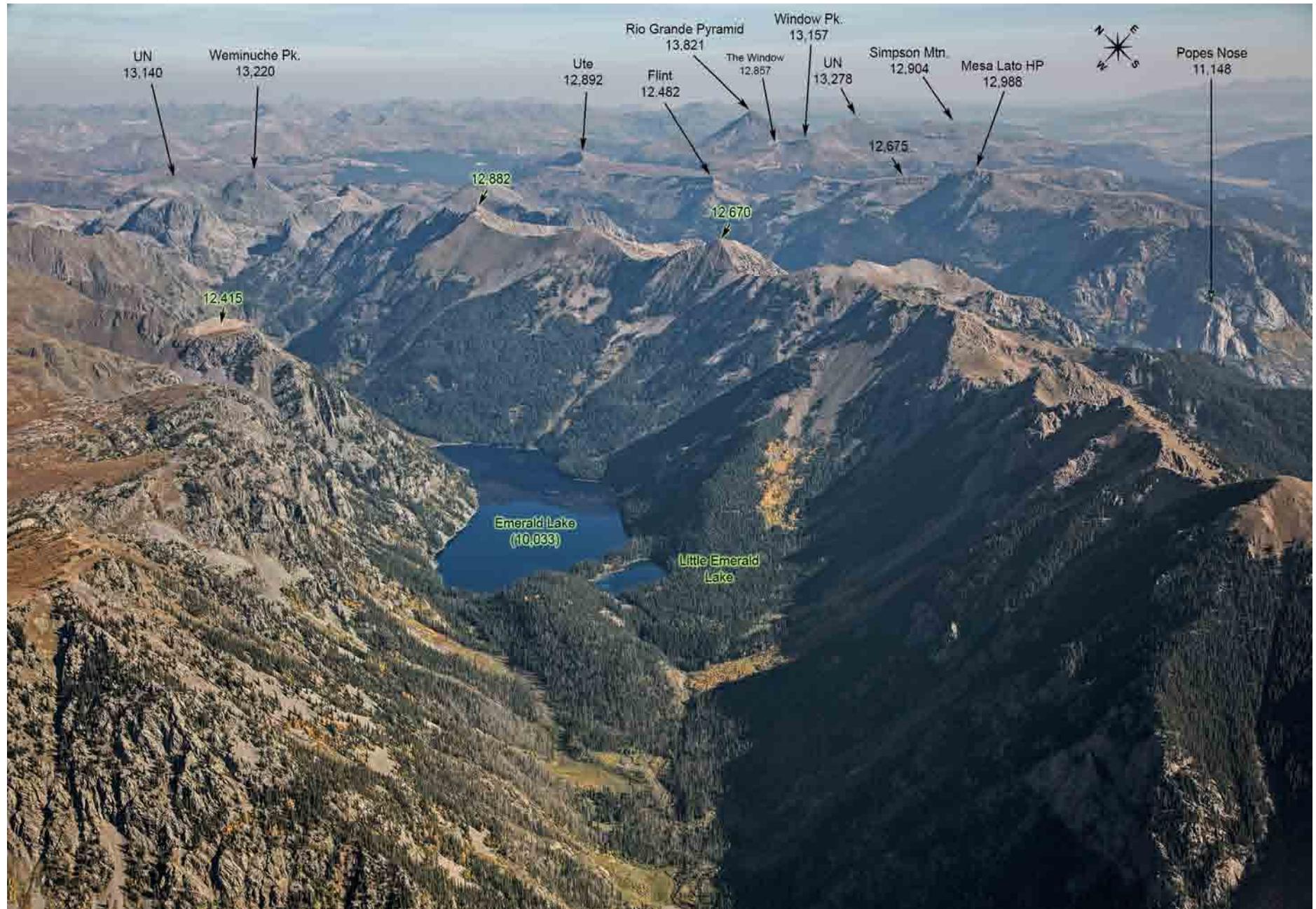


Photo s47. Emerald Lake and the surrounding mountains viewed from southwest.

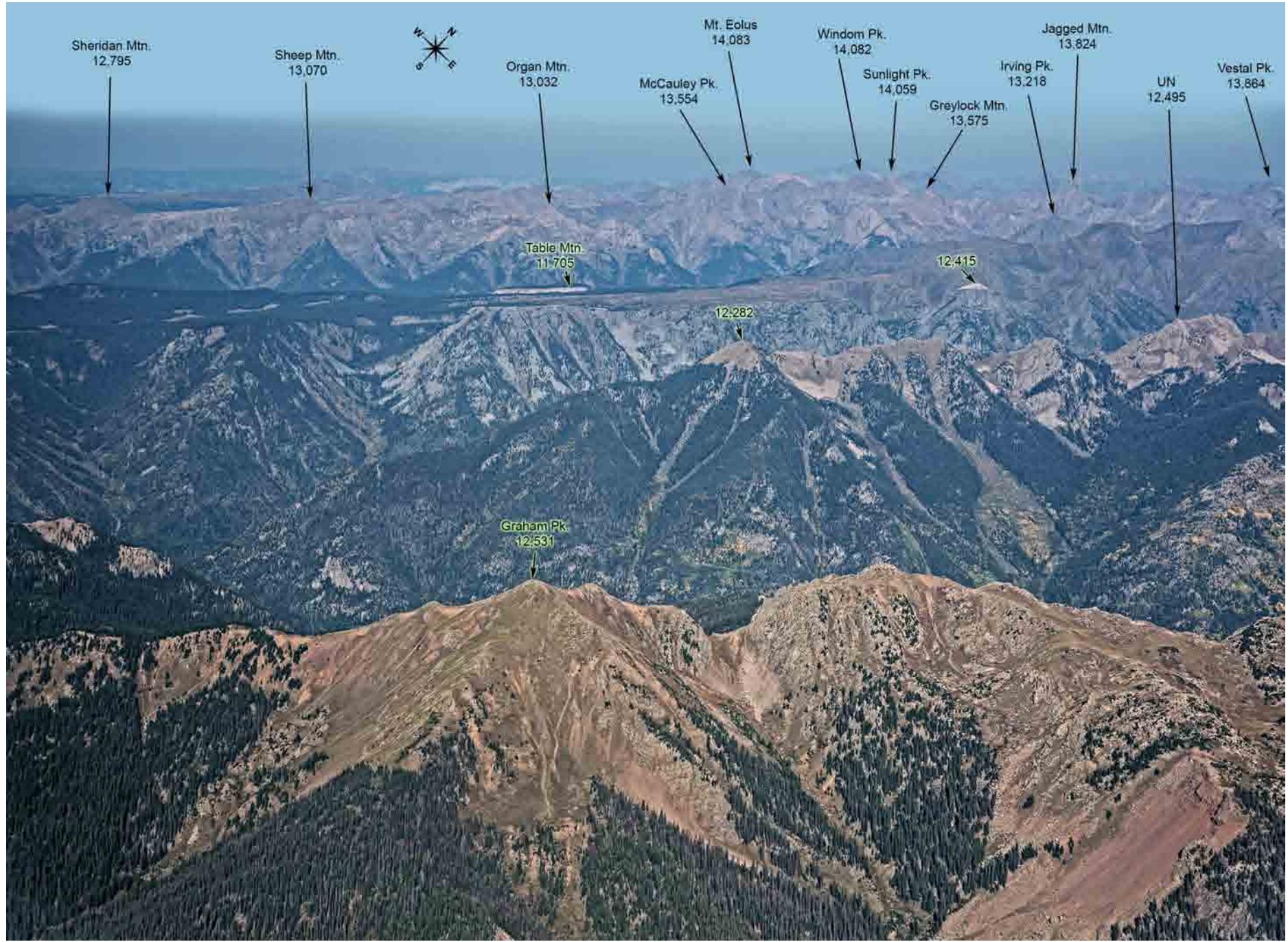


Photo s48. Graham Peak viewed from southeast.

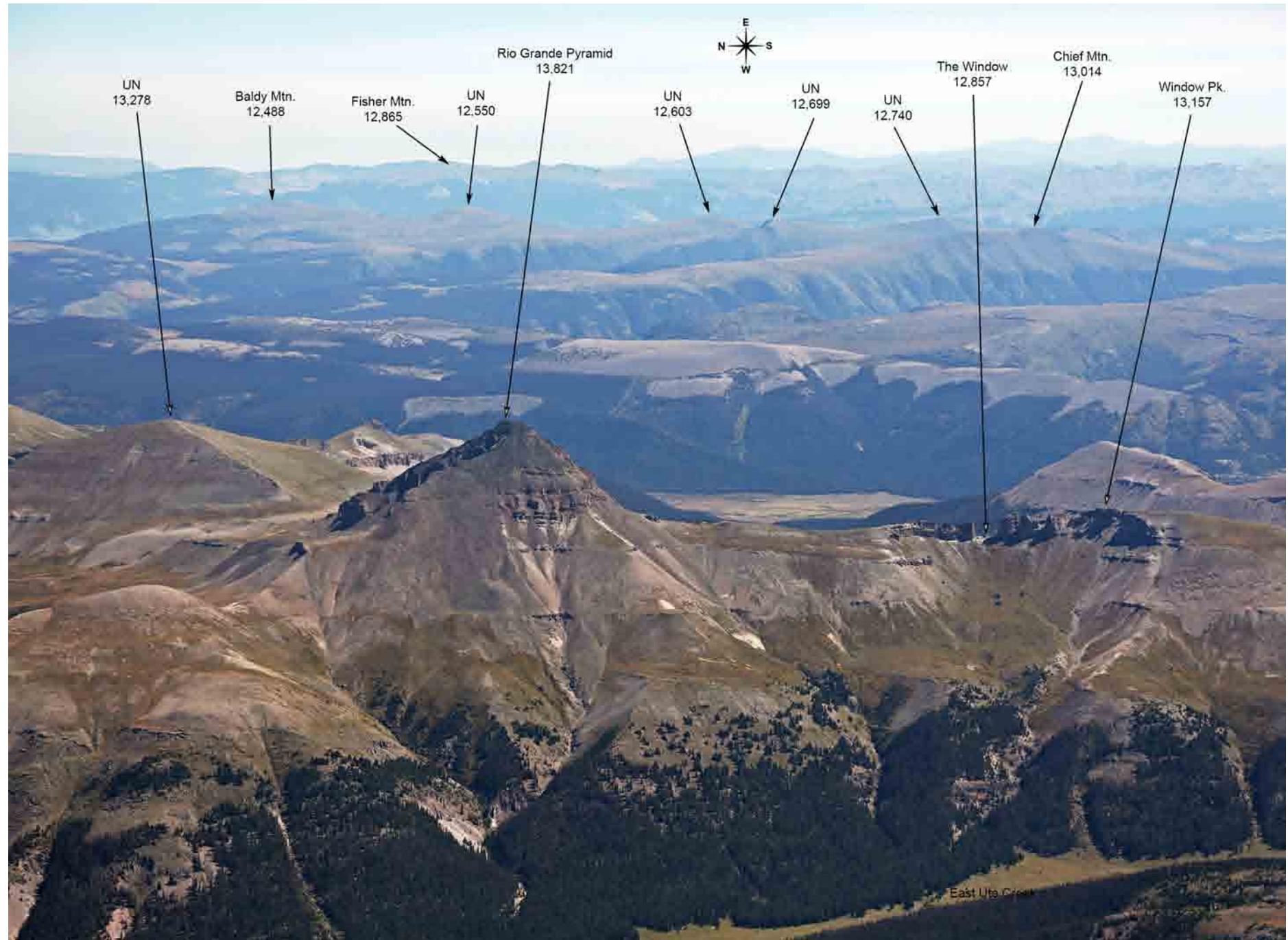


Photo s49. Rio Grande Pyramid and the Window viewed from west.

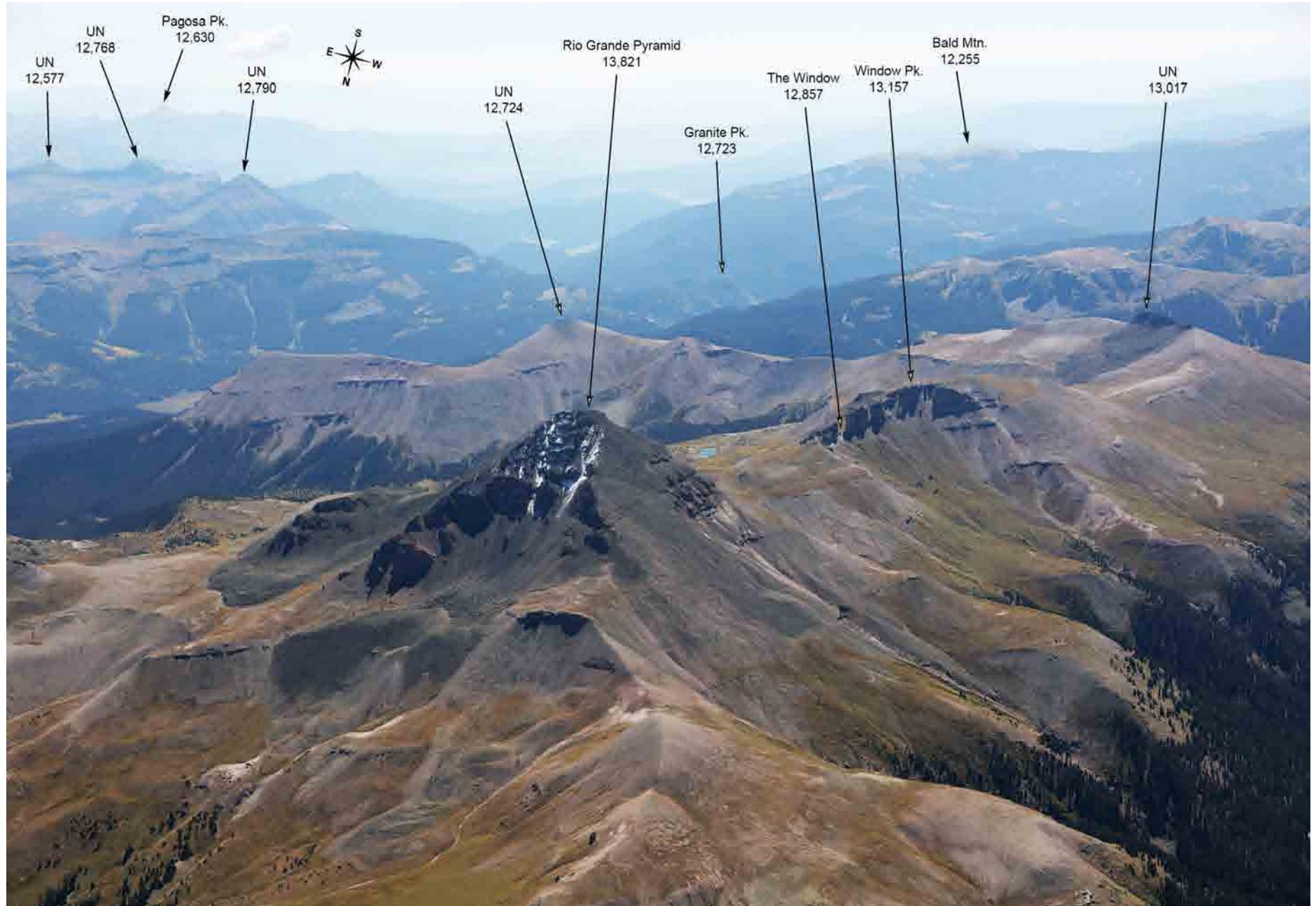


Photo s50. Rio Grande Pyramid viewed from north. Colorado's 97th highest mountain in the middle of nowhere. Class 2 climb and ten miles hike one way is the shortest and the easiest route, which is still very strenuous.

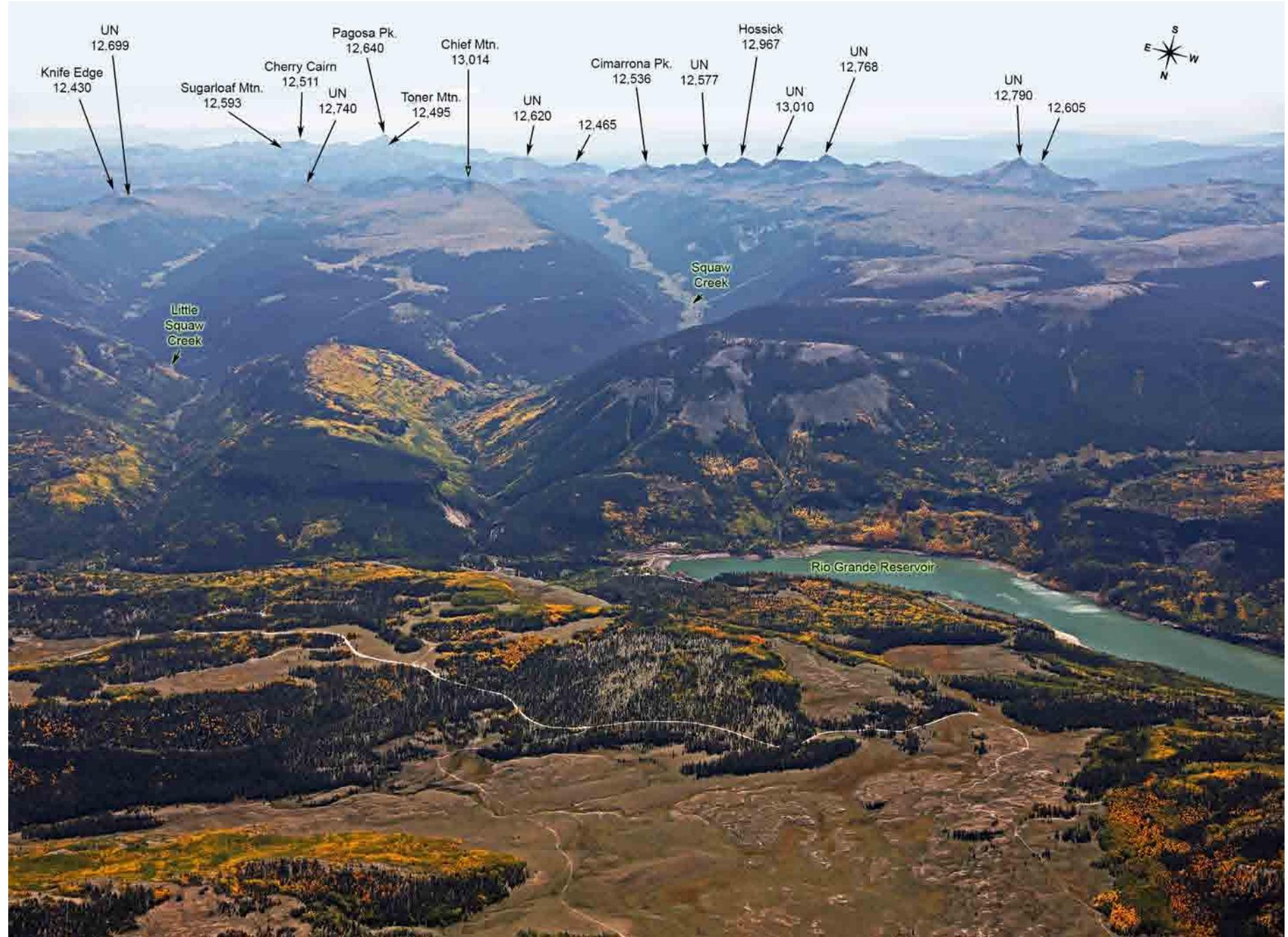


Photo s51. View of Chief Mountain from the vicinity of Rio Grande Reservoir.

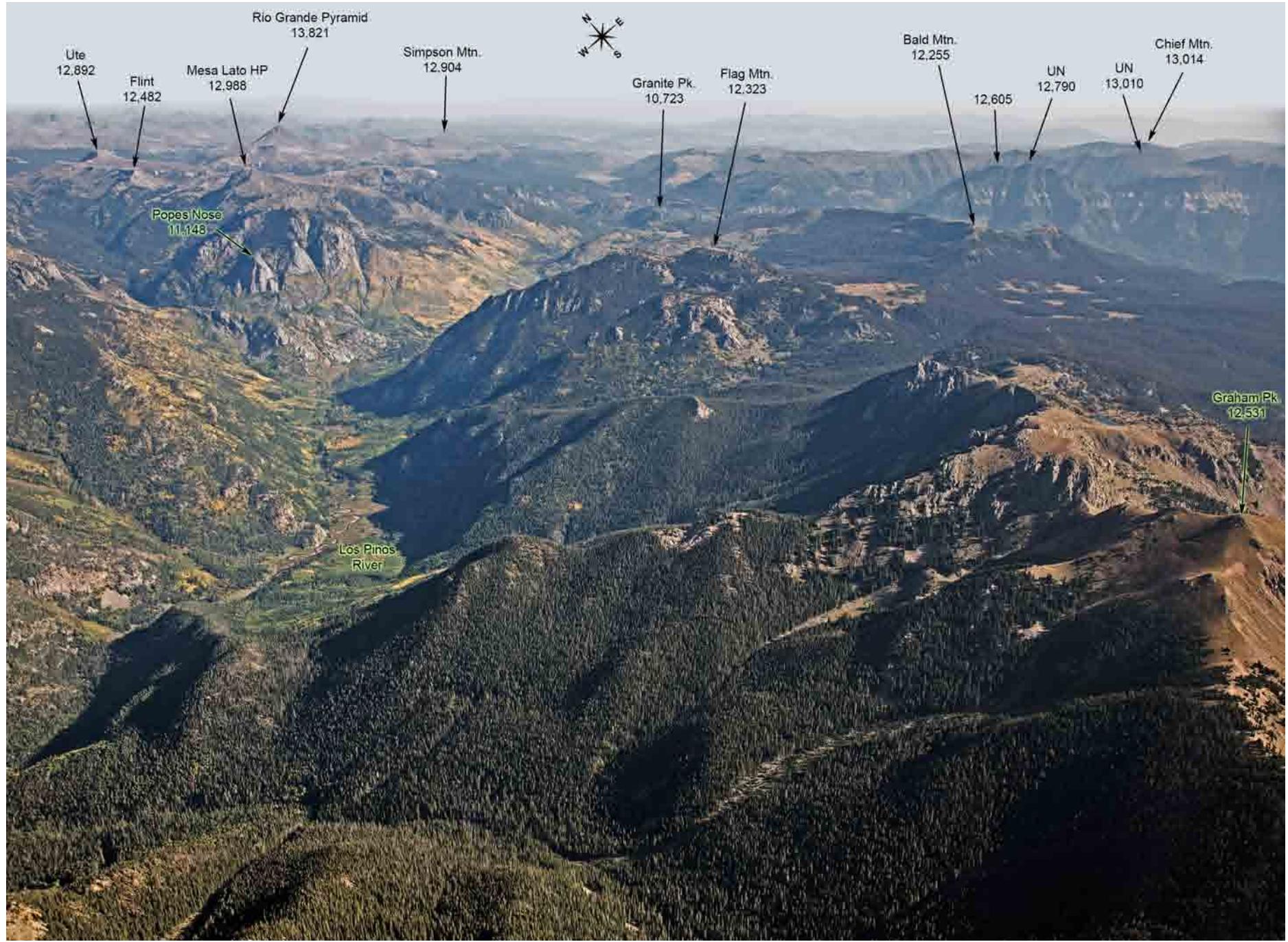


Photo s52. Graham Peak and Los Pinos River Valley viewed from southwest.

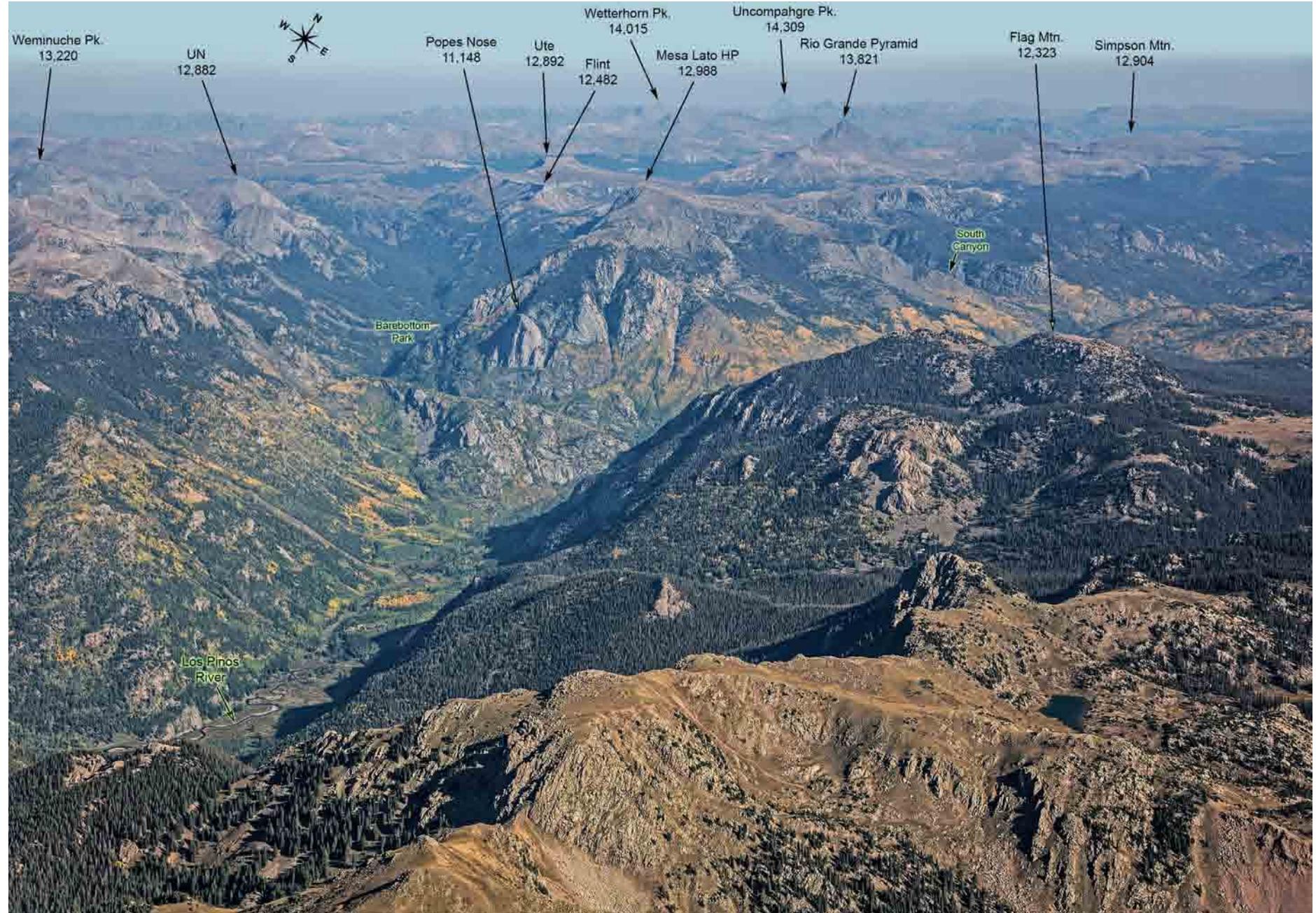
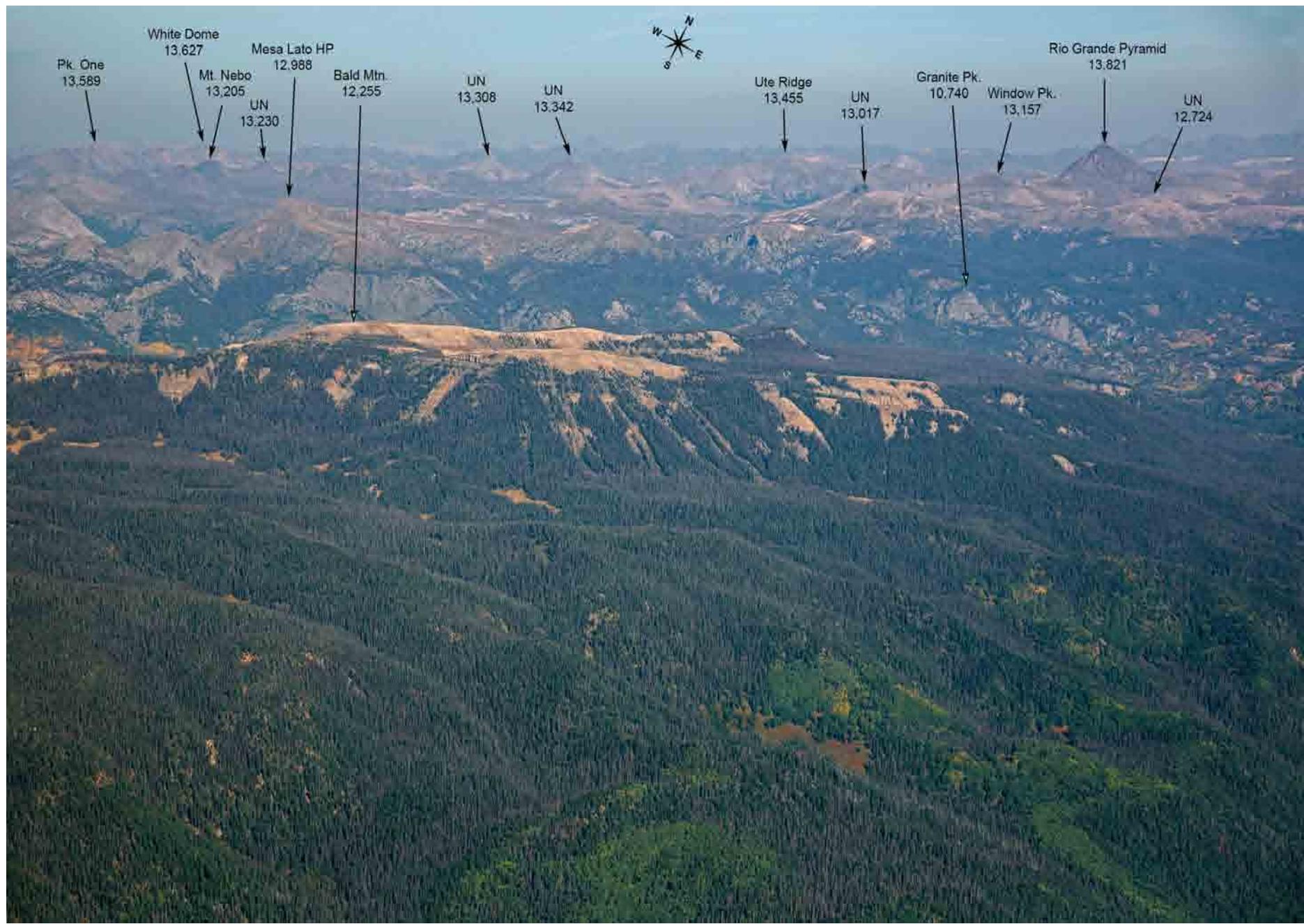


Photo s53. Flag Mountain and Mesa Lato viewed from southeast.



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13,627
Mt. Nebo
13,205
Mesa Lato HP
12,988
Bald Mtn.
12,255
UN
13,308
UN
13,342
Ute Ridge
13,455
Granite Pk.
10,740
Window Pk.
13,157
Rio Grande Pyramid
13,821
Pk. One
13,589
UN
13,230
UN
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UN
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Photo s54. Bald Mountain and Mesa Lato viewed from southeast.

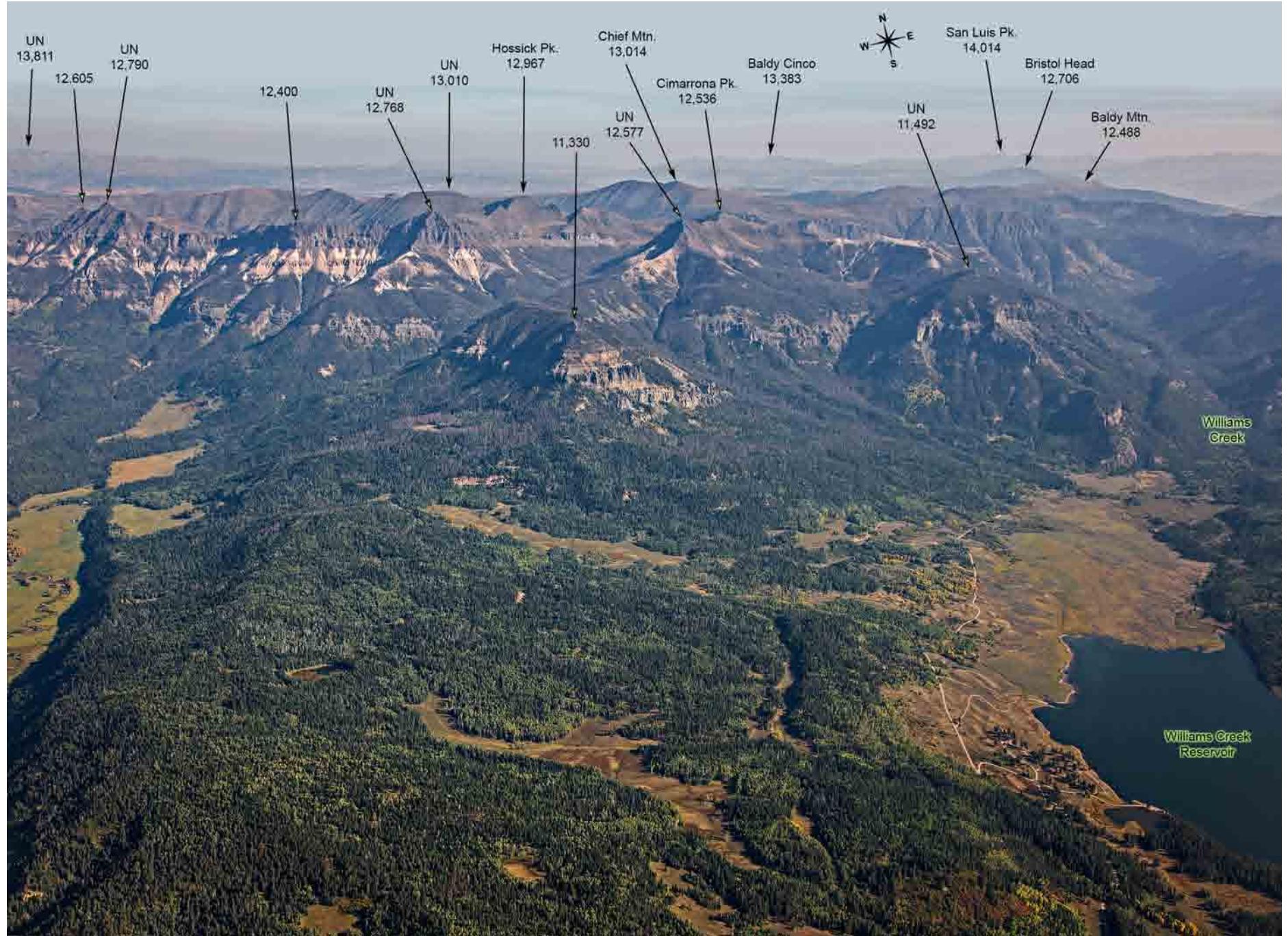


Photo s55. Cimarrona Peak and the nearby mountains.

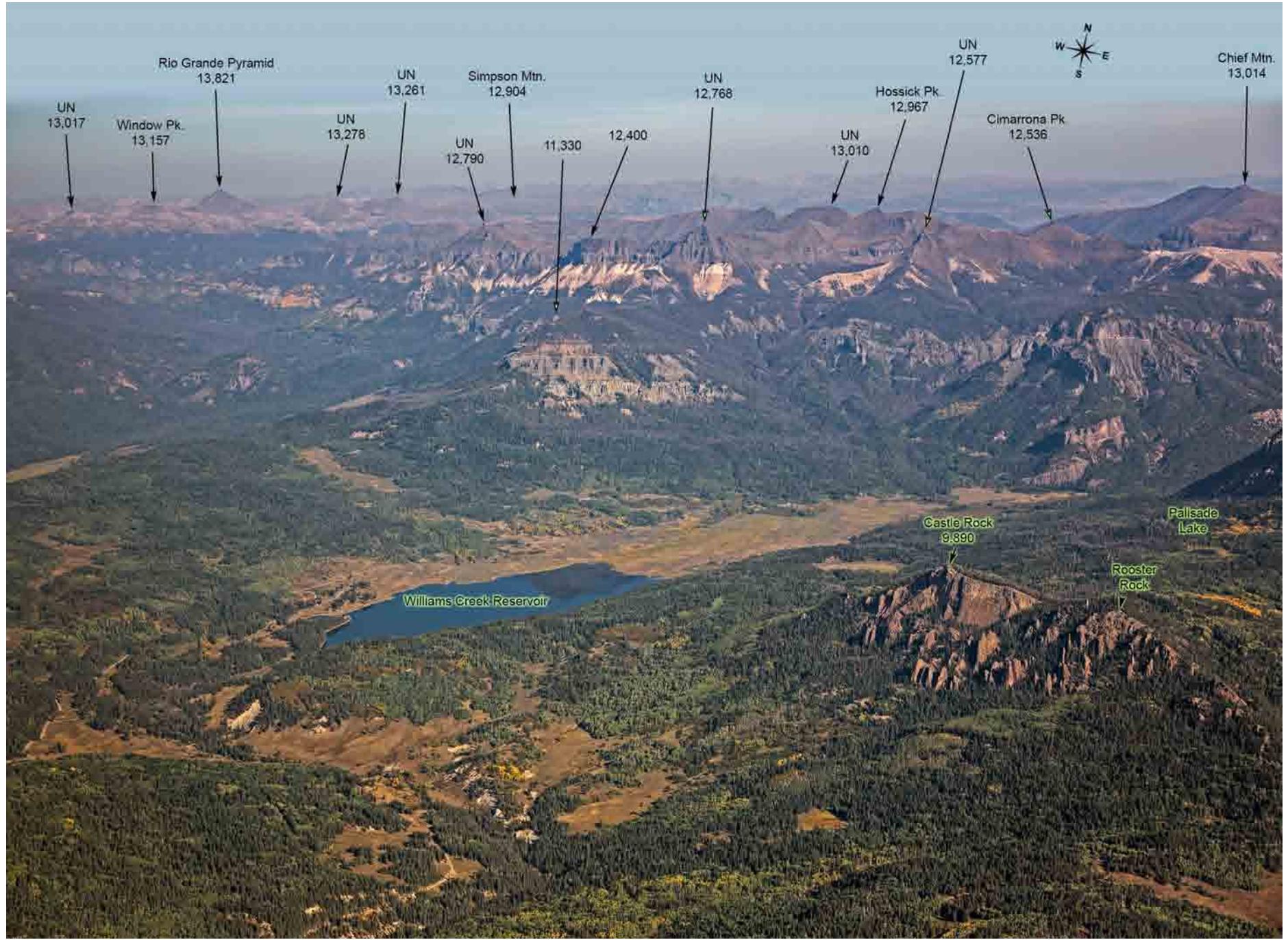
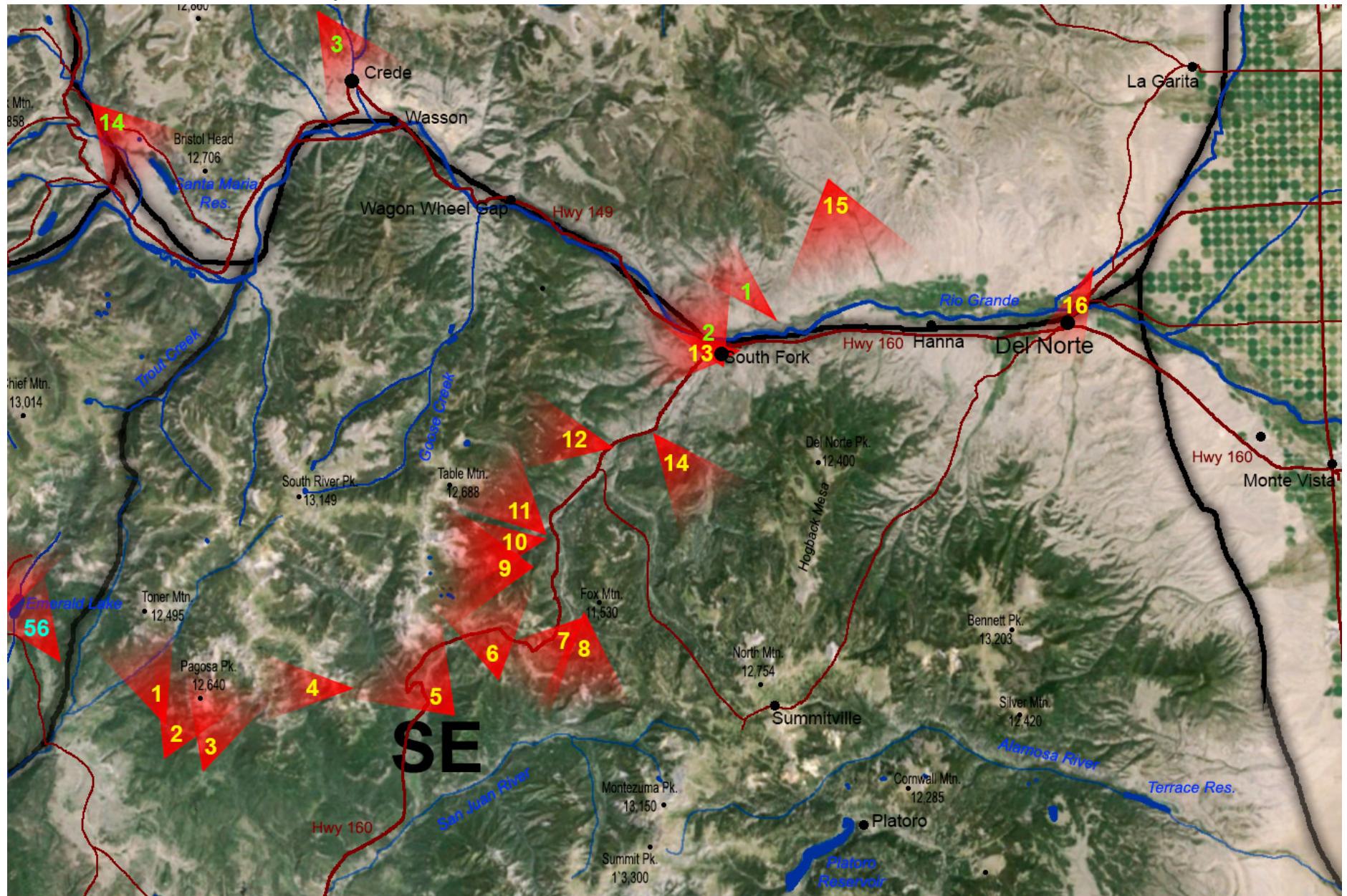


Photo s56. Mountains northwest of Williams Creek Reservoir.

Section SE: The Southeast, Mountains East of Trout Creek and South of Rio Grande



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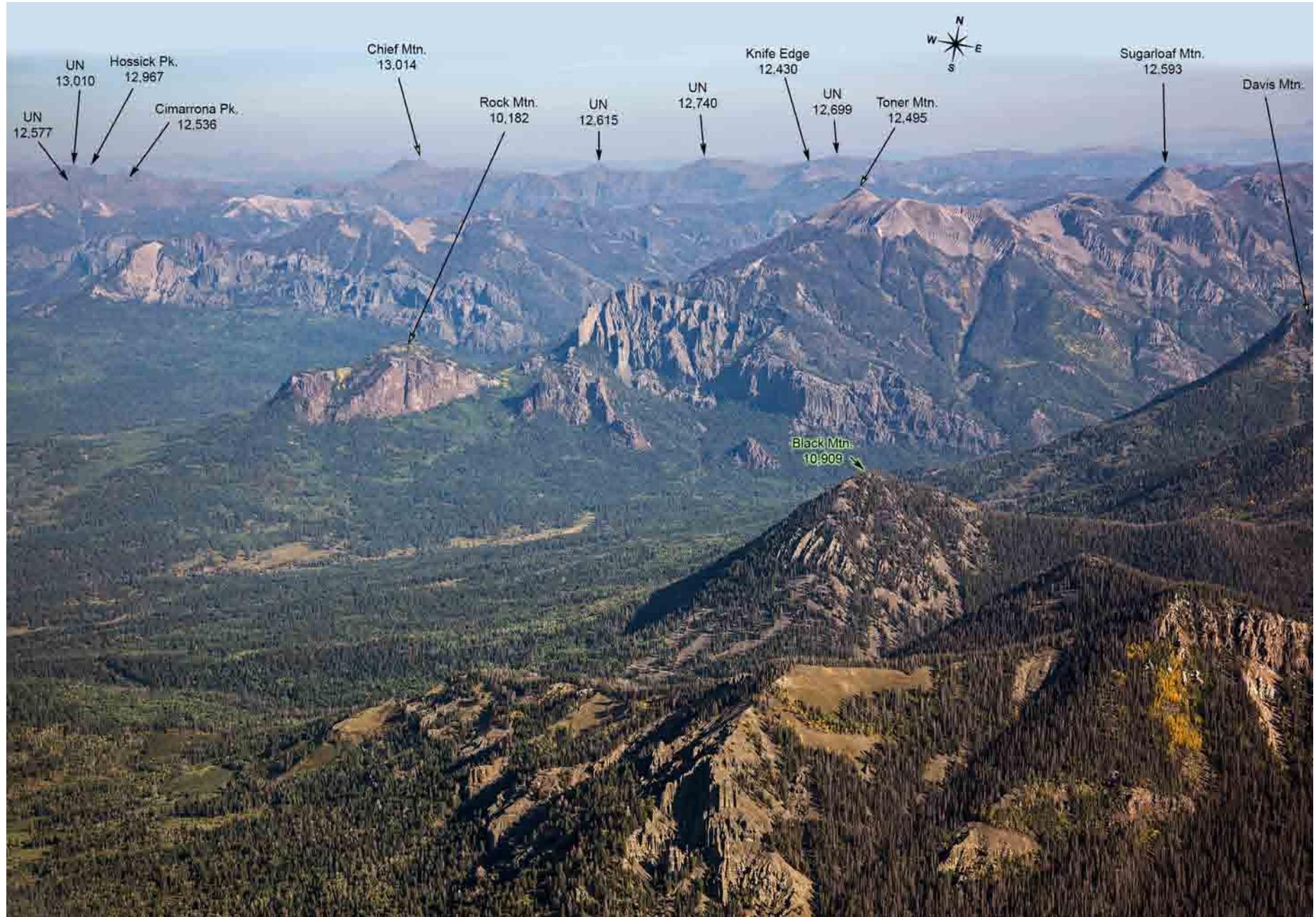


Photo SE1. Toner Mountain with Chief Mountain in the background.

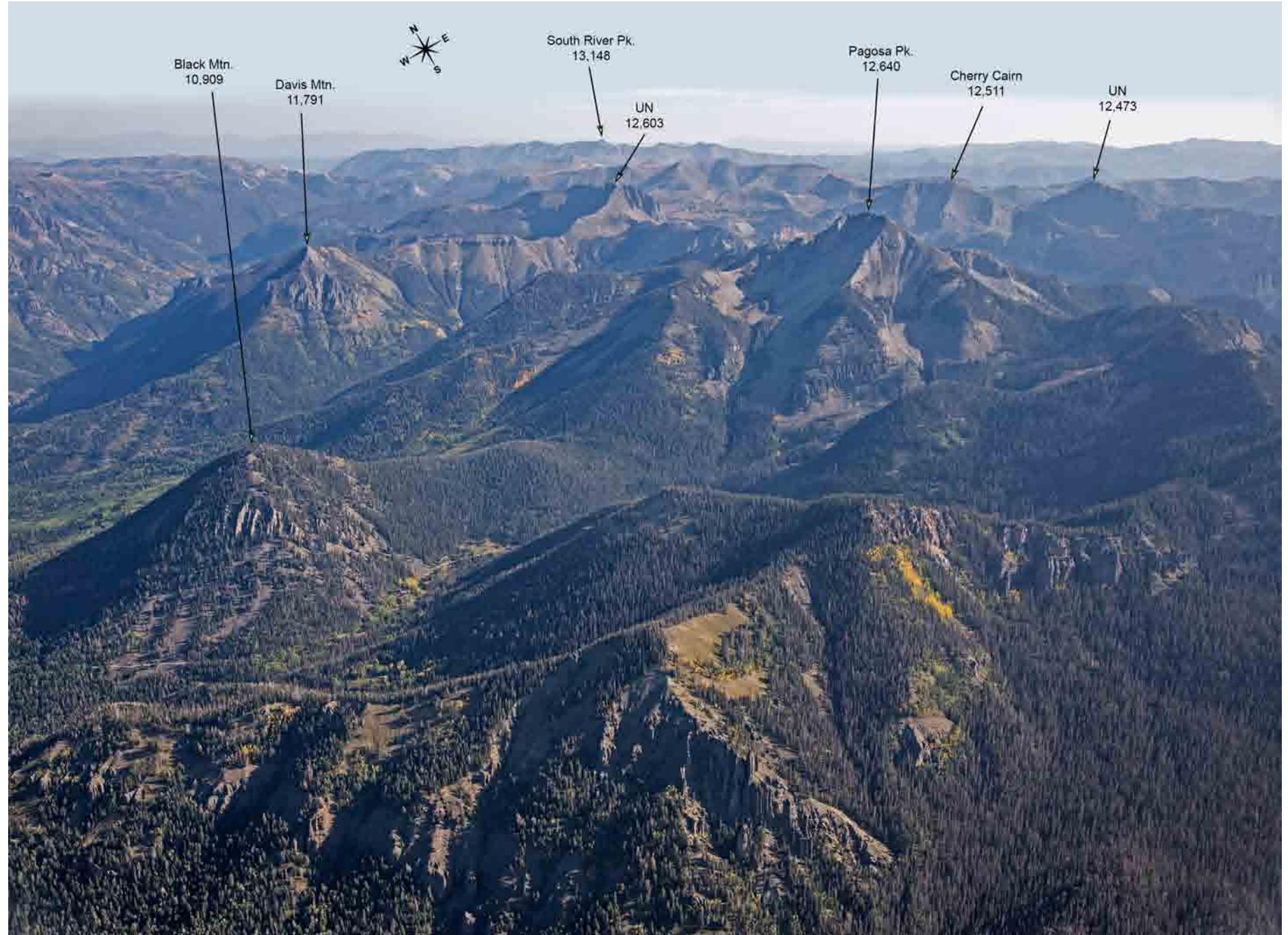


Photo SE2. Pagosa Peak is the highest mountain close to Pagosa Springs.

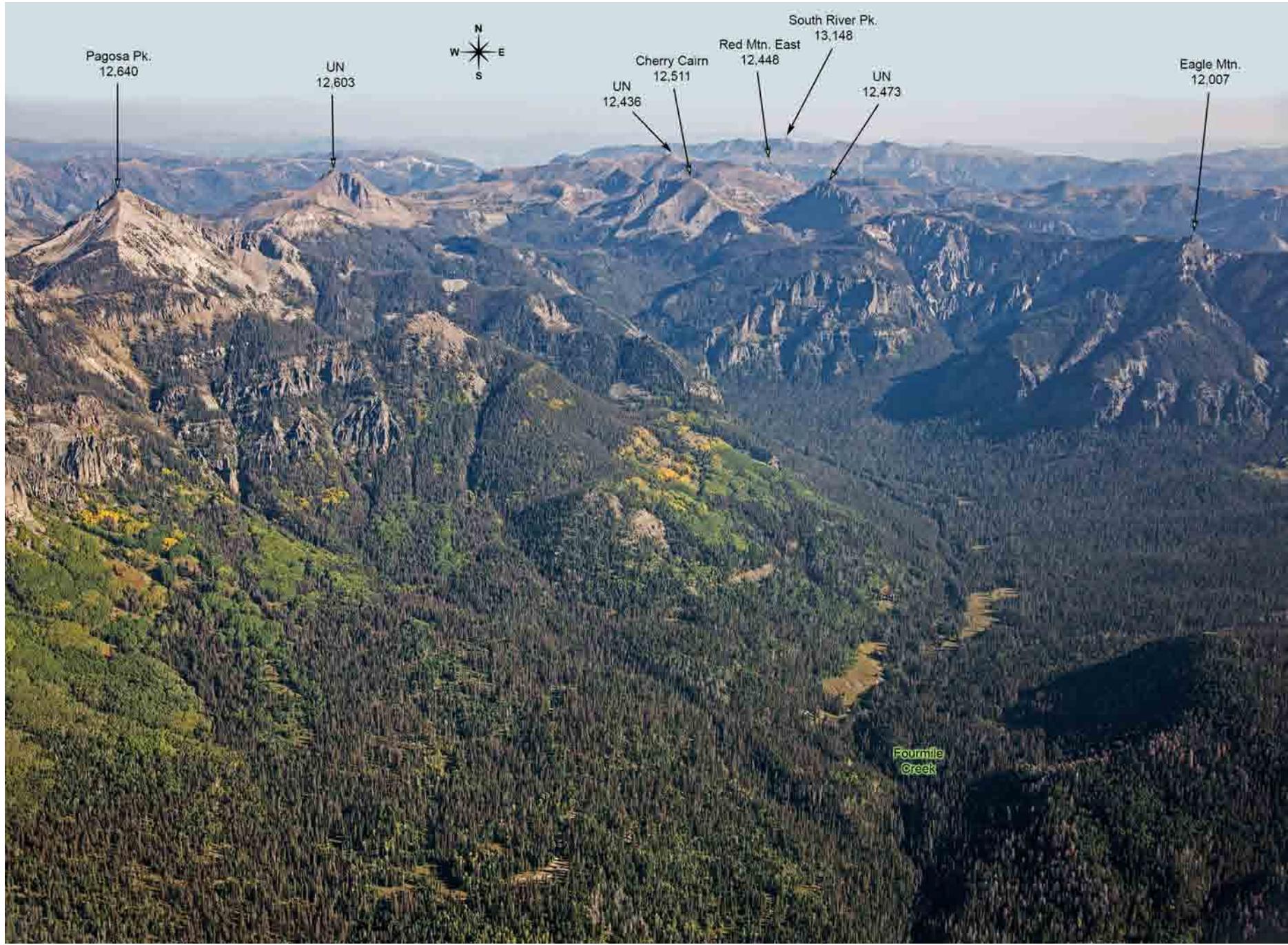


Photo SE3. Pagosa Peak and Eagle Mountain viewed from south.

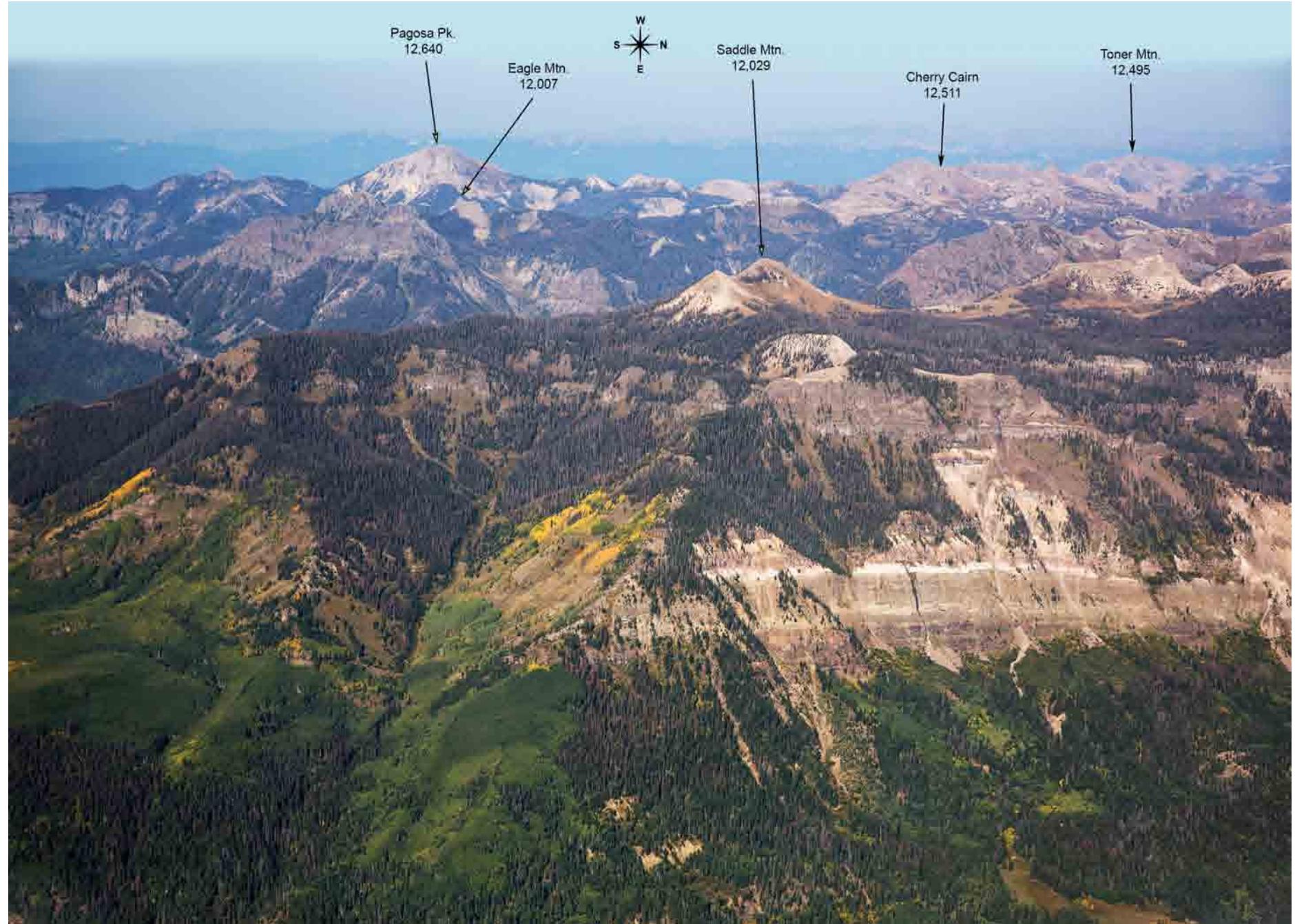


Photo SE4. Saddle Mountain viewed from east.



Photo SE5. Highway 160 climbs to Wolf Creek Pass on the slopes of Sheep Mountain.



Photo SE6. Wolf Creek Pass.



Photo SE7. Wolf Creek Ski area.

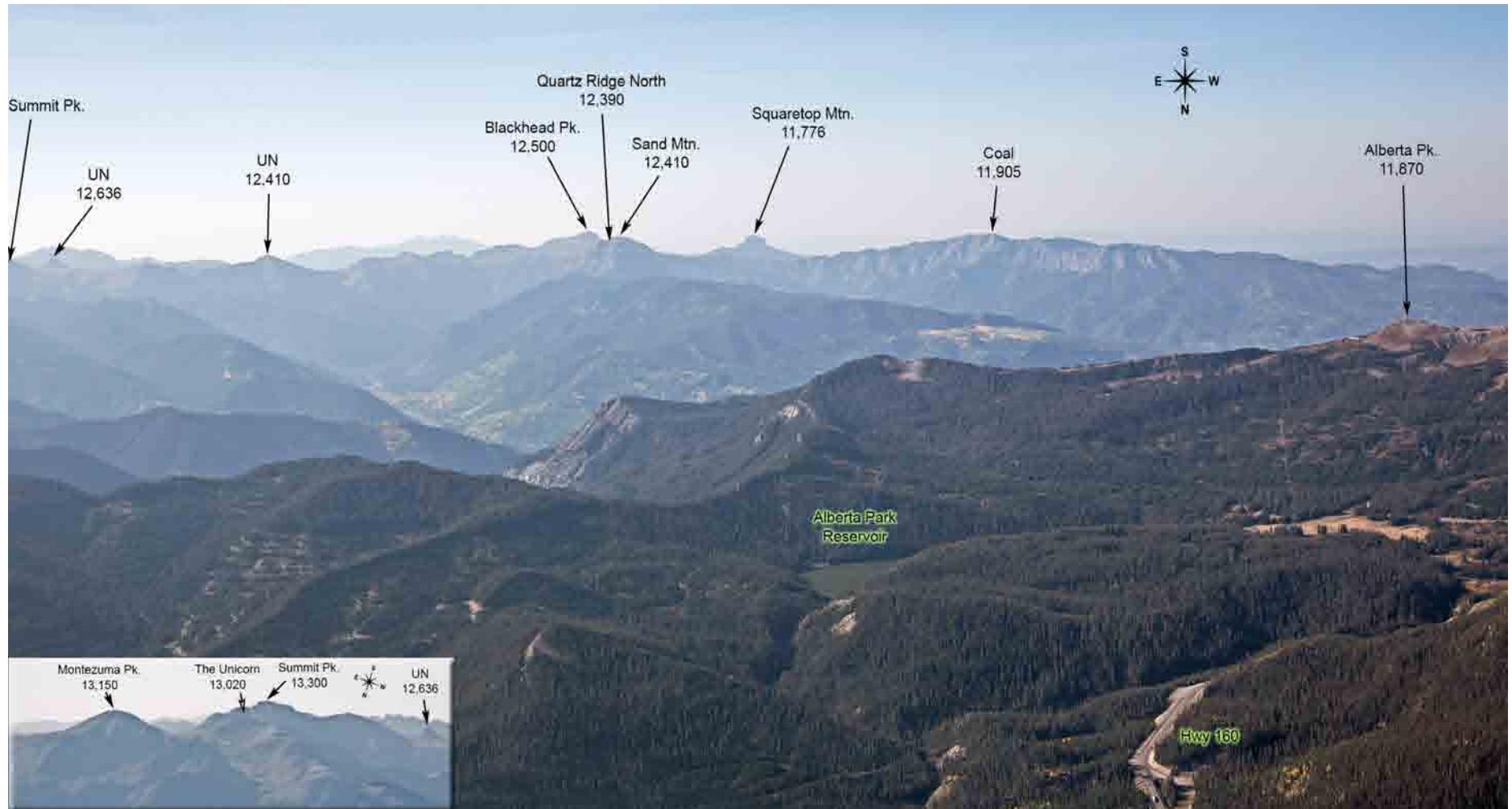


Photo SE8. East side of the Wolf Creek Ski area and San Juans of Southern Colorado.

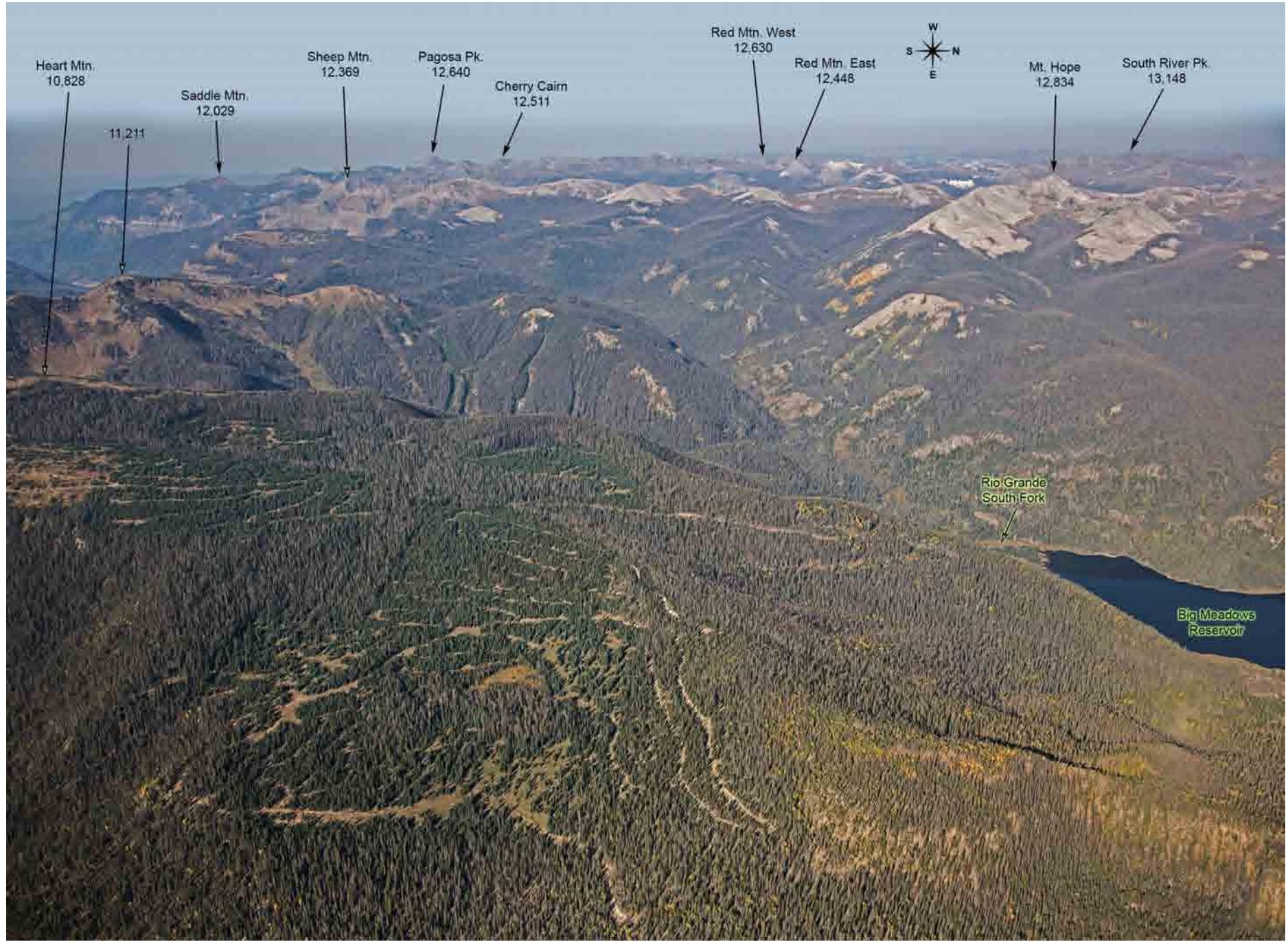


Photo SE9. View from above Highway 160, four miles north of Wolf Creek Pass, towards west.

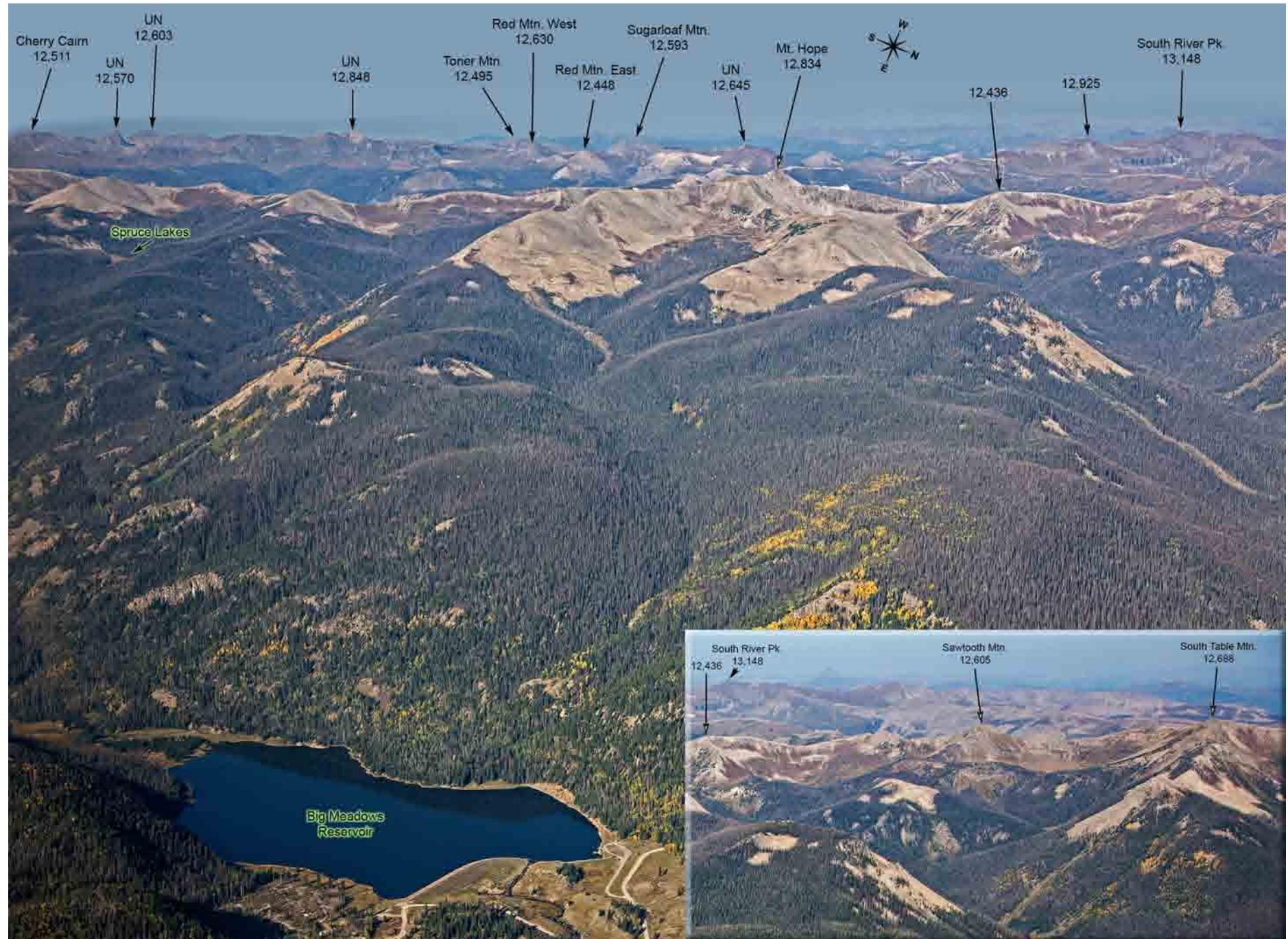


Photo SE10. Mount Hope and the ridge to Table Mountain, that continues north is shown on the insert and the next photo.

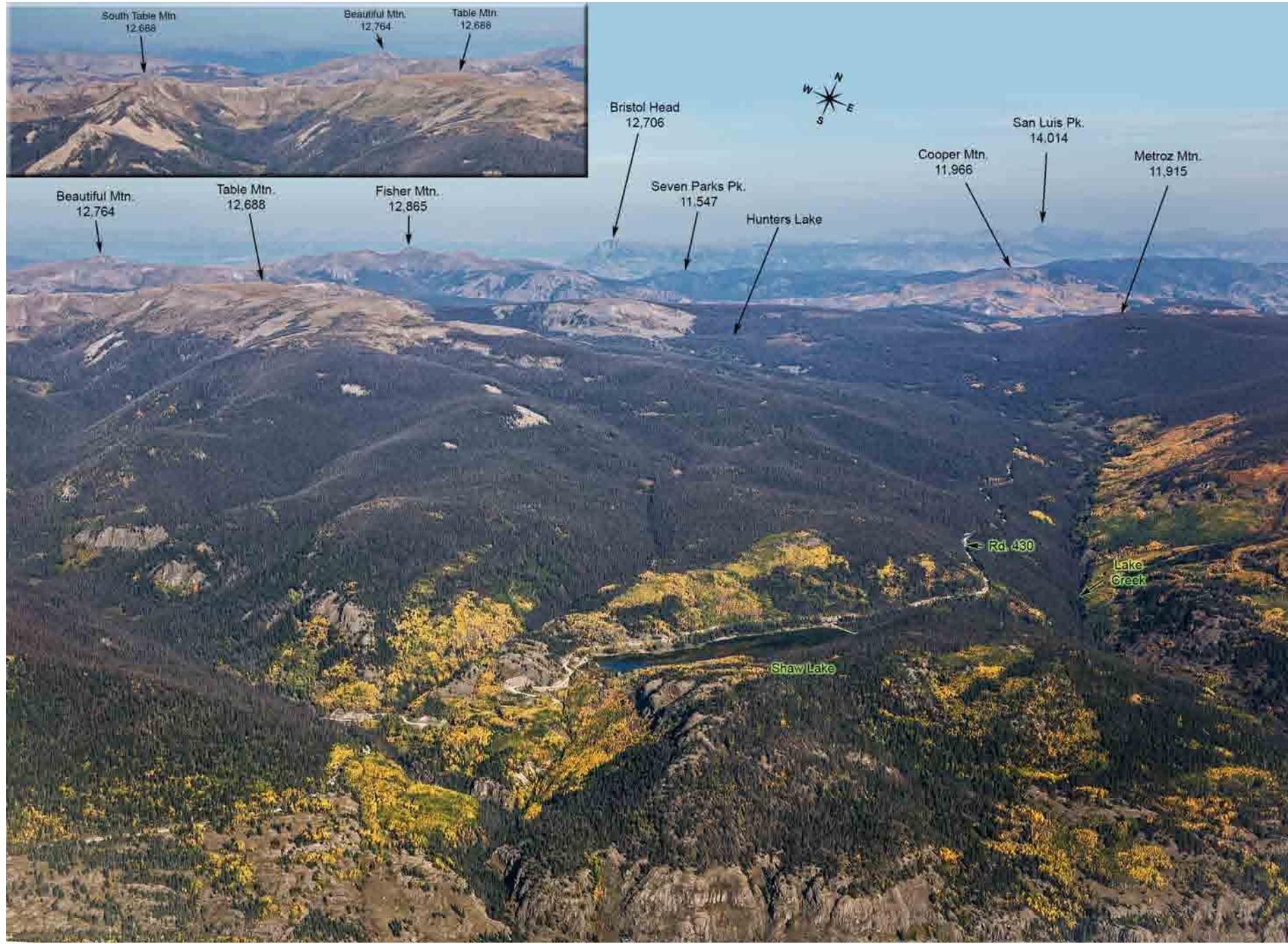


Photo SE11. Table Mountain and Shaw Lake.



Photo SE12. Metroz Lake and Metroz Mountain to the west of it.

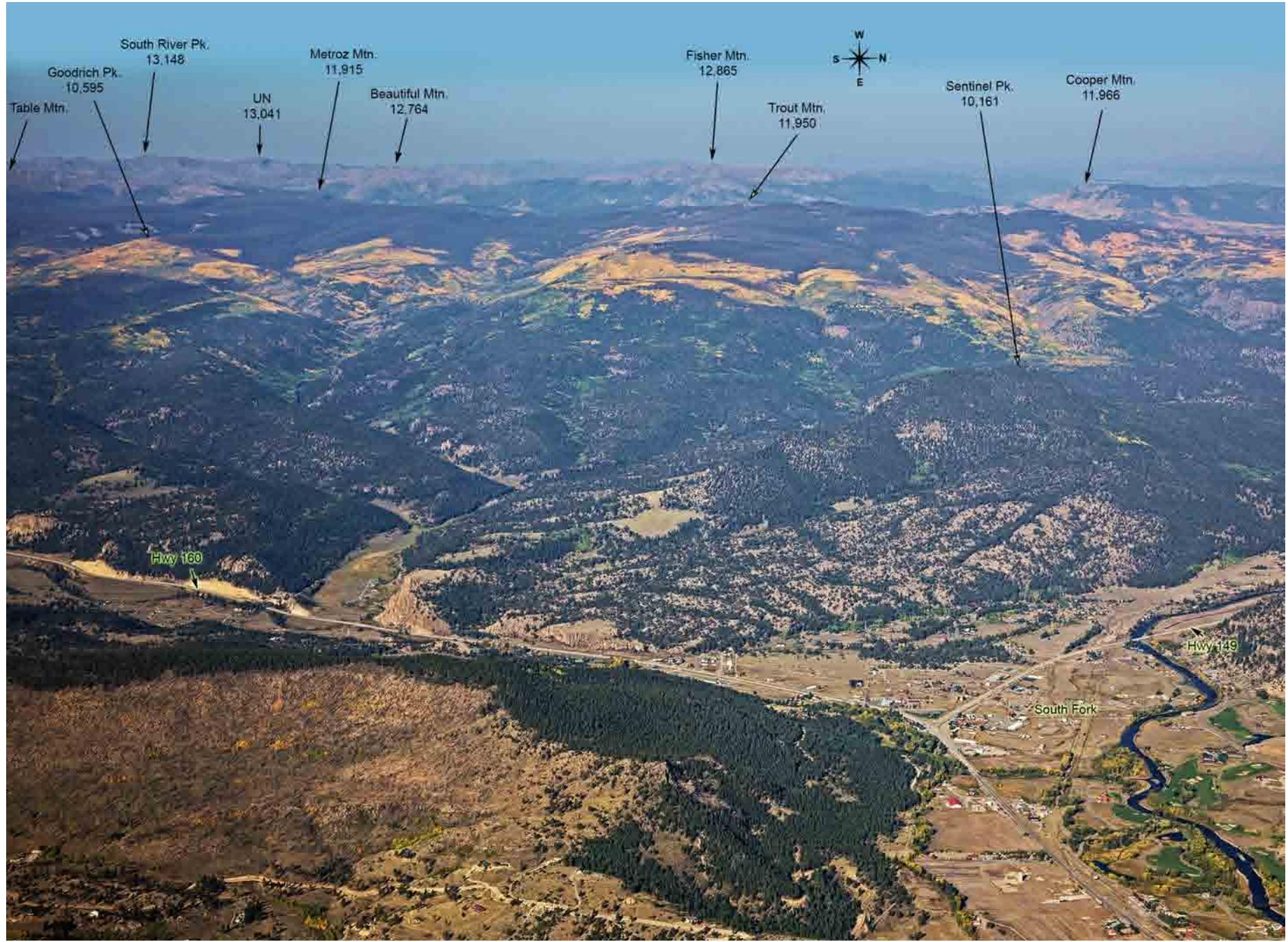


Photo SE13. Mountains near South Fork.



Photo SE14. Beaver Creek Reservoir south of South Fork.

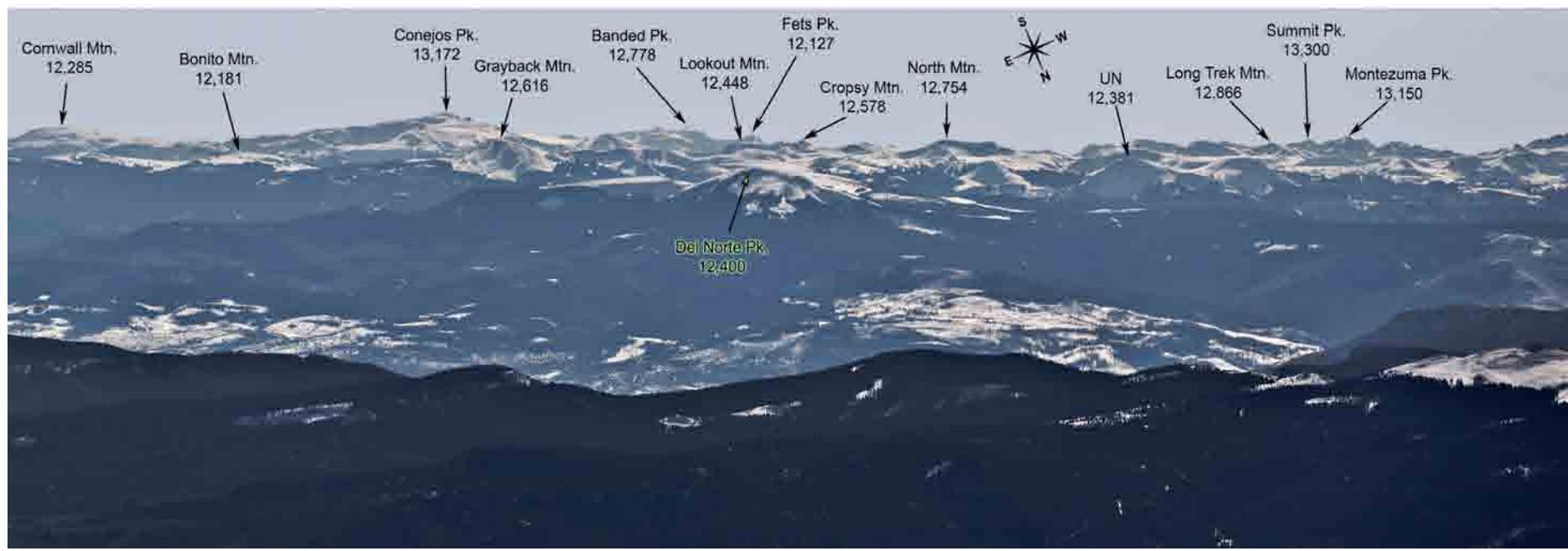
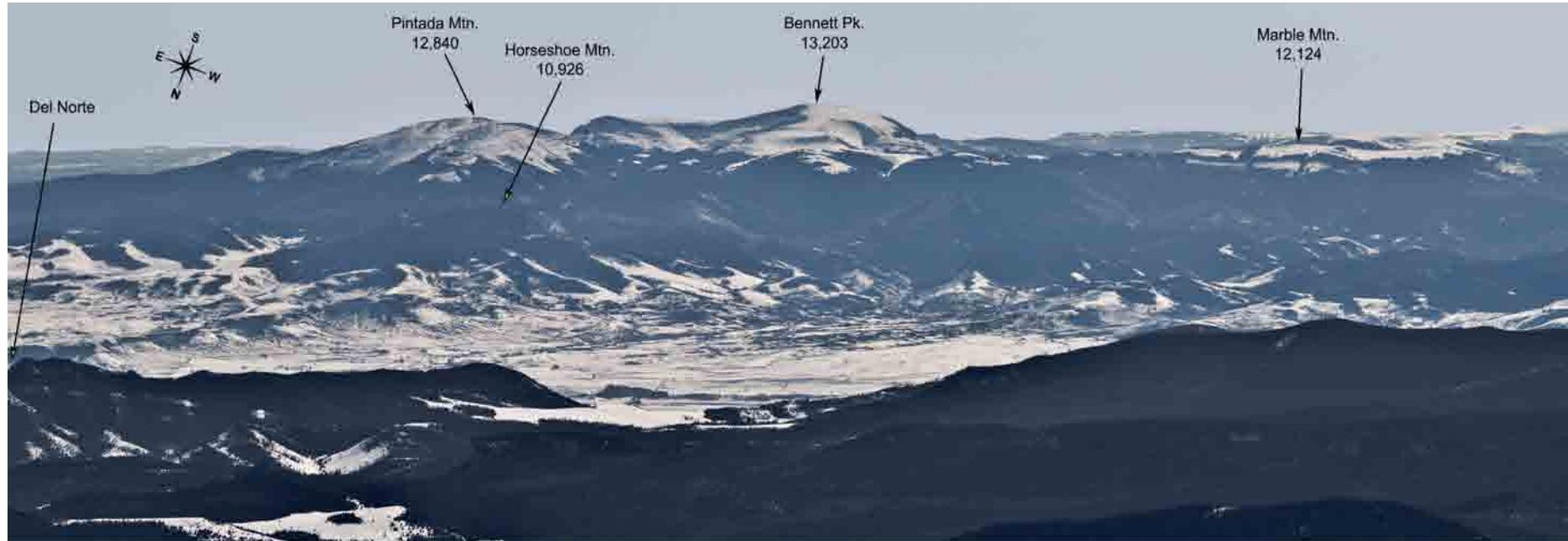


Photo SE15. South San Juans panorama made 8 miles west-northwest of Del Norte.

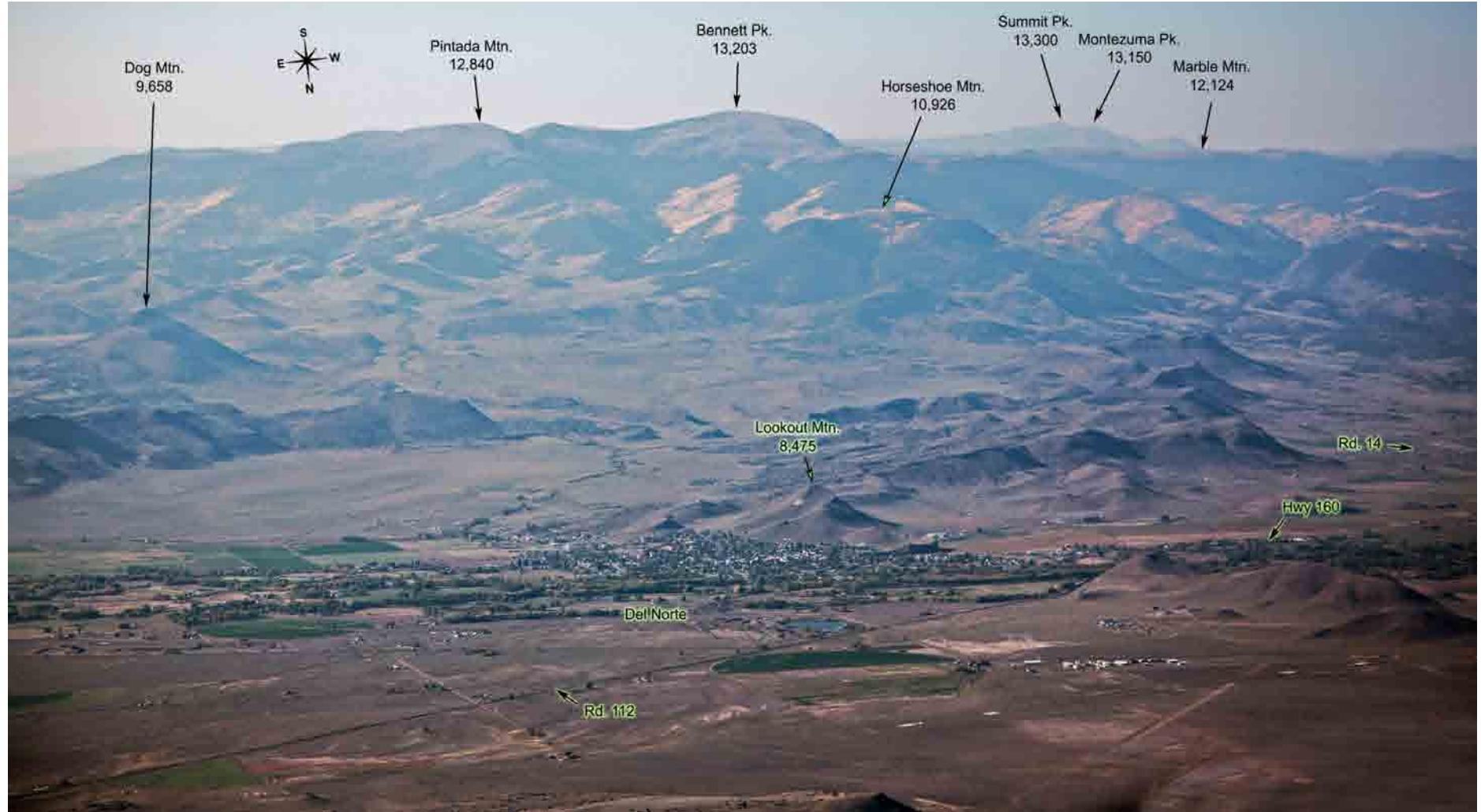
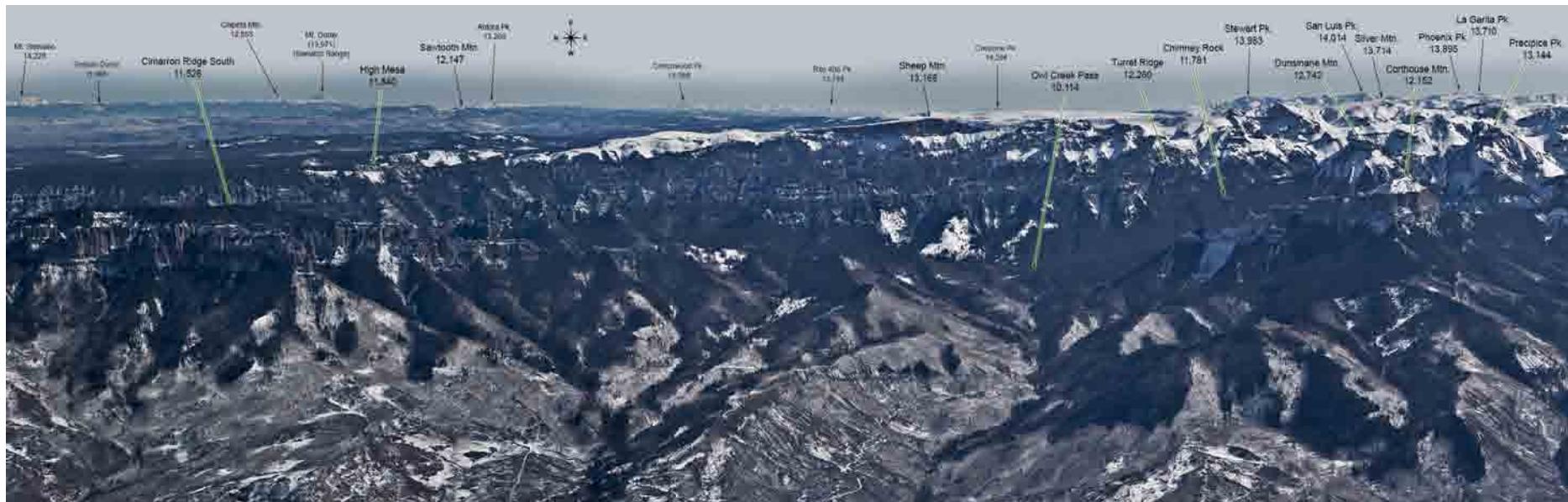
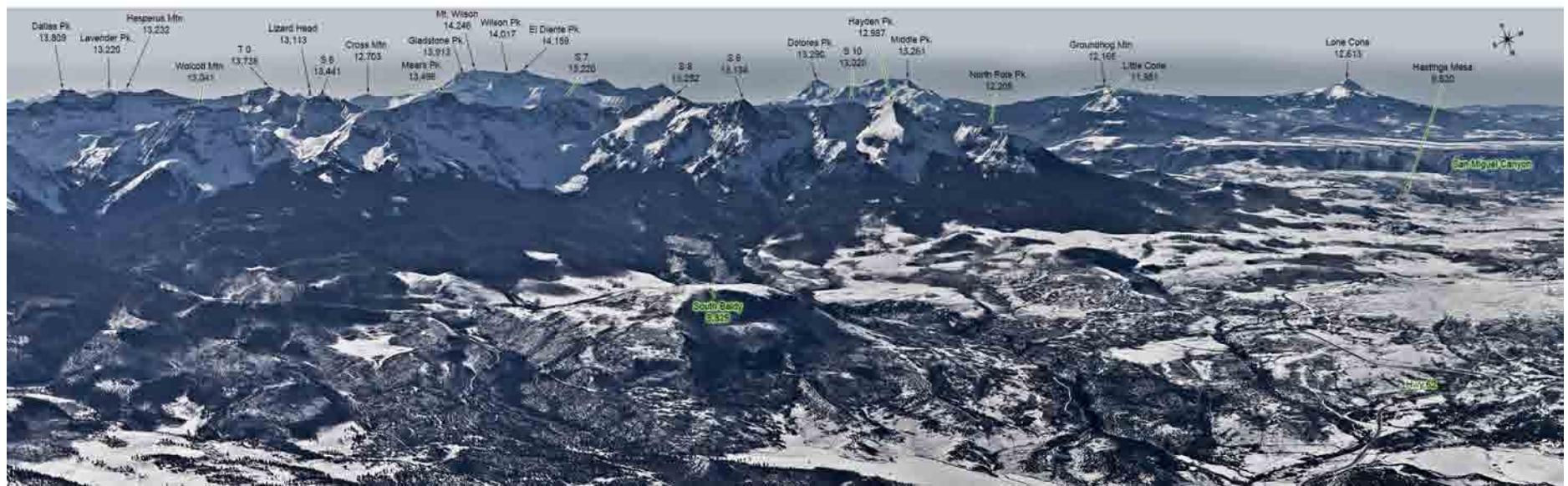
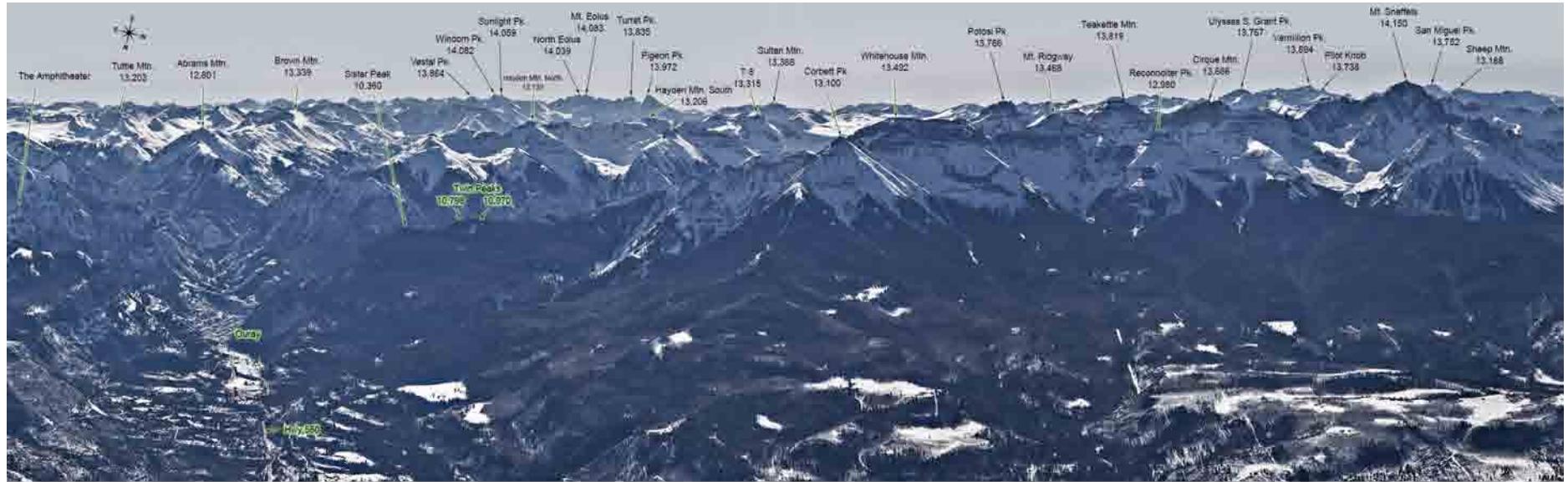


Photo SE16. Mountains near Del Norte.

Panorama of San Juan Mountains



Winter panorama of San Juan Mountains made about 10 miles north of Ouray. Part 1 and 2 of 4.



Winter panorama of San Juan Mountains made about 10 miles north of Ouray. Part 3 and 4 of 4. All San Juan 14ers are indicated on this photo.

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